

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



27th September 2024

Sarah Jane's reflection on the week...

This week, I have had the joy of spending time in the classrooms and seeing the incredible learning taking place. Here are some of the highlights:

Phonics and Early Reading

In our phonics and early reading sessions, I watched as children sounded out new words, matched sounds to letters, and confidently read simple sentences aloud. The classrooms were buzzing with excitement, and it was heartwarming to see the children supporting each other, celebrating every little success along the way.

Elephant Class – The Great Fire of London

In Elephant Class, the children were deeply engaged in learning about the Great Fire of London. I saw them exploring new vocabulary like “flammable” as they discussed why thatched cottages played a role in the fire. The children were fascinated by how houses were built in the past and were eager to share what they learned about the materials that made those homes vulnerable. It was wonderful to see and hear their enthusiasm and know they will have a brilliant trip next week at Bakers Hall learning even more about this historic event!

Panda and Lion Class – Classifying Materials

During my visit to Panda and Lion Class, I saw children exploring different materials, sorting them into groups, and learning new vocabulary like “transparent” and “absorbent.” They were excitedly handling various

objects, testing them, and talking about their properties with such confidence. It was wonderful to hear them using scientific terms as they made discoveries together and seeing their curiosity come alive through these discussions.

Tiger and Blue Whale Class – Exploring the Senses

In Tiger and Blue Whale Class, I watched as children explored their senses in a unique way—by creating a Humpty Dumpty out of real eggs. They were carefully observing, touching, and even listening to the sounds the eggs made as they experimented. The children were fully engaged, and the atmosphere was filled with laughter and wonder as they navigated their way through this hands-on challenge.

Value of the Week: Resilience

Our value of the week was resilience, and I saw this quality in abundance! Whether it was managing the frustration of not going outside due to rain or tackling a tricky task, the children demonstrated a positive attitude and kept trying. They found ways to stay active and cheerful indoors, showing true resilience until the sun finally returned.

It's been a fantastic week of learning, and I am so proud of how our children continue to embrace challenges and support one another. Thank you for being part of this wonderful journey, have a lovely weekend!

Lion and Panda Class have been learning...

In Panda Class, this week we have been fascinated about the 7 continents. The children are enjoying reading maps and recognising the different continents. Liyana created her own book titled 'All About Asia' where she drew animals that are from Asia. Using an atlas, she also found out that the 'Giant Pandas and Bengal Tigers live there'. What wonderful research using a secondary source.

In English, we have started looking at a setting descriptions. Children learnt that a setting is where the story takes place. We sorted our favourite storybooks based on their settings. The class have also been orally rehearsing their descriptive sentences. They have used the strategy of 'say it and repeat it' to help remember their sentence before writing it down. We can't wait to start writing our simple sentences next week! As a class we discuss the daily weather each morning. This week the children have used vocabulary like 'cloudy, sunny, rainy, warm, chilly' to describe the weather. It's a wonderful idea to talk about what clothing is weather appropriate as we explore our Science topic on Seasons. Well done for another week of fun learning.



Lion class have shown so much resilience this week as we have continued to introduce more subject specific learning each day alongside play and provision which is an important element of learning here at Wood Wharf. As well as this, the children have seamlessly transitioned into their Read Write Inc (RWI) Phonic groups, remembered their key adult and rooms to learn in. Amazing!

In English, we started the week off by reading and listening to the story Beegu, by Alexis Decon. We talked about all the different settings Beegu went to. We started describing a playground setting using our senses, thinking about what we could see, hear, touch and smell. Next week we will put these ideas together and write simple sentences.

Lion Class are building on their knowledge of the seven continents in Geography, by learning about the five oceans that surround them. We have learnt some catchy songs to try and remember the names of the continents and oceans (we love singing)!

Well done, Lion Class for all of your efforts and learning this week!



**STARS OF THE WEEK
FOR DEMONSTRATING:
RESILIENCE**

PANDA CLASS

Nairah for being resilient in overcoming big emotions and trying your best

Florence for making new friends and settling into a new school life and taking a keen interest in the school values.



LION CLASS

Mysha- showing resilience when Fred talking words to write in English.

Raphael- for showing resilience when changing into PE kit and trainers.



Elephant Class have been learning...

Elephant Class has been working on their understanding of numbers up to 20 by representing them with objects, writing numerals, and spelling the number words. We've also explored the concept of 'unitizing', grouping objects in tens to make counting easier, as it helps to clearly see the number of tens and ones.

In PE, Ridwan has been teaching the children techniques to improve their running speed. They practiced teamwork and sportsmanship through relay races, encouraging each other to do their best.

In PSHE, we met Jigsaw Jo, our guide for Year 2. This week, we shared our hopes and fears for the year ahead. The children showed empathy by discussing what fears Jigsaw Jo might have about starting school. Noa said, "Jo might be worried he has no friends," and Sophie added, "He might find the work difficult." As a class, we discussed ways to help Jigsaw Jo feel more comfortable and ease his worries.

Unfortunately, due to the weather, we had to reschedule our outdoor volleyball session. More details will follow next week. On Tuesday we will be attending a Great Fire of London trip and on Thursday we will start our Parent Reading Morning all start. We hope to see you there!



Class Charter

1. We will listen carefully to our teacher and each other.
2. We will use kind words and be helpful to everyone.
3. We will take care of our classroom and our things.
4. We will try our best in all our work and have fun learning.
5. We will be safe by following the rules.



**STARS OF THE WEEK
FOR DEMONSTRATING:
RESILIENCE**

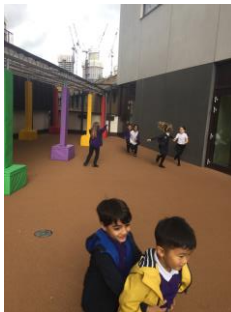
ELEPHANT CLASS



Chloe for showing emotional resilience and choosing strategies that supported her to feel calm and have a better day.



Malcolm for showing a resilient mindset when spelling words in his writing.



Tiger and Blue Whale Class learning this week...

This week Blue Whale class have been busy getting creative with their collaging and making beautiful pieces of art. The children worked collectively to make a blue whale by gathering different materials and fabrics that were blue and white. They then collaged the pieces together and created a humongous whale. The children have also been building humpty dumpty's wall, by gathering pieces of Lego and printing them onto strips of paper. Irie said, "I'm going to build the tallest castle, and humpty will never fall off again!" To keep Humpty safe the children also created safety harnesses so that if he did fall, he would not crack. They carefully thought through what material would be the most durable, and which material would not keep poor old humpty safe. We can safely say, bubble wrap did the job.



This week Tiger class had an amazing time: we have learned how to sort objects during our carpet time in Math's and then searched in Tiger class to find out different ways to sort objects: by color, shape, and size. On Thursday afternoon we had out special ICT time where we learned how to use apps to create music and like every Friday, we had Jigsaw Jenie visiting us to talk about our feelings in our PSHE lesson. All the children took turns explaining to Jigsaw Jenie how they felt: 'I am excited and really happy to play in Tiger class and have all my friends' said Laila.

Personally, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all Tiger class parents and staff members welcoming me at Mulberry Wood Wharf. We are going to have a fantastic year together!



STARS OF THE WEEK
FOR DEMONSTRATING:
RESILIENCE

Blue Whale Class Superstars:



Nina- For her resilience in her phonics writing. Nina has persevered to form her letters correctly.



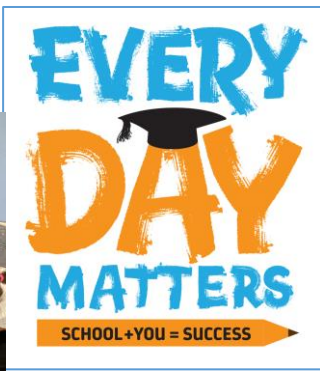
Robert- for his resilience and will to keep going when drawing his self-portrait.

Tiger Class Superstars:

Jenna for her resilience and her 'keep going and trying' more approach during phonics and through the day continuously trying to form our sounds.

Sidvik for coming back to his self portrait and drawing it again to make sure all of his face features are exactly how he wants them.





Mulberry Wood Wharf attendance 2024-25

Going for Gold together!

Well done families, it is wonderful to see you all arriving on time.

This week:

GOLD Attendance goes to:

- Blue Whale (98%)
- Panda (97%)

SILVER Attendance goes to:

- Tiger (96%)

BRONZE Attendance goes to:

- Lion Class (94%)
- Elephant Class (94%)



Our **GOLD Class Attendance** are our classes who have 97+ attendance for a whole week

Our **SILVER Class Attendance** are our classes who have 95-97% attendance for a whole week

Our **BRONZE Class Attendance** are our classes who have 90-95% attendance for a whole week.

The Department for Education has amended their attendance expectations and processes for schools and families, and these came into effect from the **14th August 2024**. Schools have been sent the flyer below to share with families – this details the implications for absences including absences for the academic year.

The flyer below from Tower Hamlets details implications for families for absences including holiday absences for this academic year.

PENALTY NOTICES	
New National Framework for Penalty Notices for poor school attendance and unauthorised leave in term time are changing from 19 August 2024.	
<p>Per Parent, Per Child</p> <p>Penalty Notices will still be issued to each parent for each absent child.</p> <p>For example – 2 siblings absent for unauthorised leave in term time will result in each parent receiving two separate fines.</p>	<p>Term Time Leave: 5 consecutive days</p> <p>10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period</p>
<p>First Offence</p> <p>The first time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.</p> <p>(Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.)</p>	<p>Second Offence</p> <p>The second time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.</p> <p>(There is no reduction for any early payment.)</p>
<p>Third Offence</p> <p>The third time a penalty notice is issued, the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.</p> <p>Fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child, can be issued by the courts.</p>	

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTENDANCE SUPPORT SERVICE
 London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ
 Email: LETHAttendance&WelfareServiceAdmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk Telephone: 020 7364 3450



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER...

1st October – Elephant Class Offsite Trip

4th October – Professional photographer in school to take in action photos, smart uniform please

23rd October – NO CLUBS/PREMIER – Staff offsite from 15:45pm for Trust Event

25th October – Break up for Half Term Holiday

4th November – Return to school



New families... please keep an eye on your emails for a message from school ping, we may need to send you a copy of your log on details if you are not receiving anything. Once up and running, the app is very simple to use and has key information about the school at the click of a button!

Mulberry
Wood Wharf Primary

Breakfast menu

- Healthy Cereals
- Porridge
- Toast
- Spreads
- Bagels
- Crumpets
- Pancakes
- Fresh Fruit
- Beans on toast

Gluten Free
Dairy Free

Mulberry Wood Wharf is a nut free school and we have a whole school approach to allergy management. We offer a vast variety of choices for breakfast including gluten and dairy free options.

Please make sure you label all of your children's belongings to prevent them getting lost!

IN2SPORTS & LJ Fitness

POSTNATAL FITNESS

- new mums and babies
- one 45-minute session per week every Friday
- In2Sports - 40 Harbord Sq, E14 9QH
- 10:30 AM
- designed by Lisa from LJ Fitness
- IG: @lj_fitness_uk
- email: ljfitness.uk@gmail.com

GET 50% OFF YOUR FIRST SESSION

RISK-FREE GUARANTEE

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

ROBLOX is a popular online platform where users can create and play games. However, it poses several risks for children, including:

- CONTACT WITH STRANGERS:** Children can interact with people they don't know.
- ONLINE DATING:** Some games have features that allow users to find and chat with others.
- PUBLIC SERVICES:** Children can be exposed to inappropriate content or services.
- MONITOR SPENDING:** Children can spend real money on virtual items.
- DEALING WITH STRANGERS:** Children may be harassed or bullied.

Advice for Parents & Educators:

- GET PARENTAL CONTROL
- DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING
- PRIVATE SERVICES

Meet Our Expert: WakeUp Wednesday, The National College

COMMUNITY NEWS

Young V&A

Action!

Learn filmmaking skills at Young V&A

Mon 28, Tue 29, Wed 30 October
11.00-16.00 (Day 1) / 13.00-16.00 (Day 2 & 3)

Are you aged 11-14?

Join us at Young V&A this half term for three days of FREE workshops with professional film-makers from Chocolate Films.

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