

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



4th October 2024

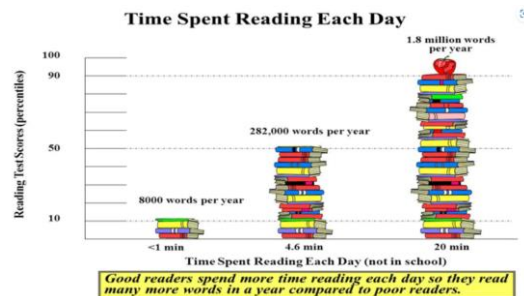
Sarah Jane's reflection on the week...

In this month's newsletter, I'd like to highlight the incredible importance of reading to young children. Research shows that reading to your child from an early age has a profound impact on their language development and future academic success. Did you know that children who are read five books a day hear over 1.4 million more words by the time they are 5 years old than those who aren't? Even reading just one book a day exposes them to around 290,000 words before they start school!

Reading not only builds vocabulary, but it also helps children access learning across all subjects. The ability to understand and engage with texts enables them to explore the world around them, tackle new concepts, and solve problems. A strong foundation in reading opens doors to all areas of education, laying the groundwork for academic achievement. I encourage all families to make reading a daily habit—whether it's a bedtime story or an afternoon adventure, every book counts toward shaping your child's future.

It was wonderful to see so many of our Year One parents attend this week's phonics workshop led by Hafsa and Shireena. Phonics teaching is a new concept and a new way of teaching for many of our parents who were taught how to read very differently. We use a programme called Read, Write Inc and we know it is successful because it enables our pupils to become strong readers. In July 2024 our phonics screening pass score for the year 1 cohort was 93% which is incredible, the national average was 79%. Well, done to the Year 1 team for last academic year for these fantastic results!

Some interesting statistics....



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The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Elephant Class have been learning...

Elephant Class has shown great resilience and determination this week, exploring the key sites of the Great Fire of London while the English weather drizzled! A special shout-out to all the parents who accompanied us on this trip, as their resilience and determination deserve recognition as well. The children loved dressing up as 1666 residents, acting as history detectives, and practicing code writing with quills. Their knowledge deepened in our history lesson when we discussed the ineffective methods used at the time to stop the fire. Ask your child if they can remember what they were!

In English, we started reading *The Goose That Laid the Golden Egg* by Aesop, learning that fables teach valuable lessons. Mikaeel observed, "The moral is you should be happy with what you have." The children encountered new words like *tumbledown*, *encrusted*, and *triumph*, and enjoyed exploring their meanings.

In our Writing unit, we focused on poetry and descriptive language. The class explored various poems and shared their personal responses. Together, we wrote a poem titled *Ode to My Grandad*, which we look forward to sharing with you at the **Year 2 Poetry Performance on 17th October**.

In Art, the children experimented with different types of lines to express mood and thoroughly enjoyed using charcoal for the first time, practicing their smudging skills. This will help them create artwork with a greater range of expression.

We look forward to seeing you at the **Year 2 Reading Workshop on Monday!**



**STARS OF THE WEEK
FOR DEMONSTRATING:**

Being Active

ELEPHANT CLASS



Frederick for actively demonstrating knowledge and curiosity about the Great Fire of London.

Ram for being active and showing enthusiasm in his learning by creating and sharing his own poem.



Tiger and Blue Whale Class learning this week...

This week Tiger class had a wonderful time reading "Brown bear, brown bear what do you see" ! Tiger class learned about all the animals that are in the story and all children took part playing with them and making the order of the story! In Maths we learned about capacity and measure and had a fantastic time using balancing scales to find out heavy and light!



This week blue whale class have been exploring their sense of sight. By delving into their topic book 'Brown bear' they have followed his journey and have been retelling the story through their role play. As a collaborative project, blue whale and tiger class have also been busy building a cave for brown bear. They used recycled materials to create their version of a cave. Mikhail said, "I hope brown bear will like his new home" while Arianna said, "This cave can fit brown bear and all his friends!" The children also celebrated Rosh Hashanah this week, which was a lovely way to end the week as they learnt about how Jewish people celebrate the start of a new year.



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Blue Whale Class Superstars:

Mishel: for being an active listener and comforting others when they are feeling down.

Arianna: for being an active thinker when discussing capacity in maths.

Tiger Class Superstars:

Laila for always being respectful towards peers and adults and helping everyone!

Samuel for always using respectful language and helping peers and adults.



Lion Class have been learning...

Lion class have been working really hard in English this week. We have been writing simple sentences to describe a playground setting. Before writing, we orally rehearsed our sentences then used our phonetic knowledge to spell words to write. It was fantastic to see some children using adjectives and connectives such as 'and' to join ideas together. Amaara wrote 'I can hear birds singing and flapping.' Danial wrote 'I can see clouds and rain.'

Our unit this half term in RE is Who is a Muslim and what do they believe? We explored Islam and Aymane said "when they (Muslims) are talking about God, they call him Allah." Just as God is important to different people, we shared what was important to us personally. Dakota said "my mum and sister Mia because they do a lot for me." Aarav said "playing with my train tracks." Through discussion we discovered that there are many religions, and we talked about the importance of learning about different religions and showing respect to different beliefs.

In Art, we used our knowledge of shading, pencil pressure and lines such as cross hatching, dashes and curves to draw a Lion's face. Dev made great cross curricular links, making observations of the lines and shading used by illustrators of different picture books.

Another brilliant week filled with discovery, curiosity and great learning, keep it up!



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FOR DEMONSTRATING:
Being Active**



PANDA CLASS

Adi for regularly looking for opportunities to help others. He always asks to hold the door open for the class.



Mia for being an excellent helper in keeping our classroom safe and tidy.



LION CLASS

Helen- for asking questions and being curious in a range of subjects eg who is God and what does He do?

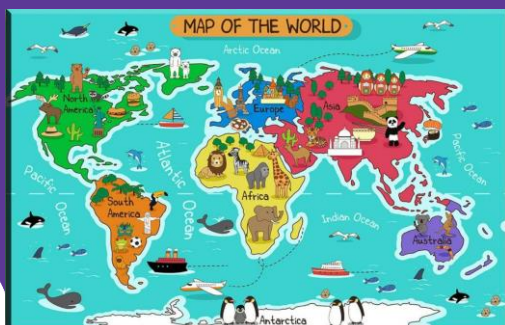
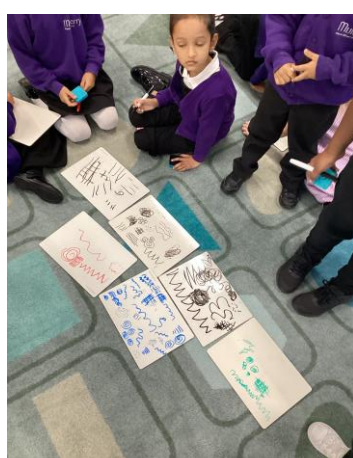
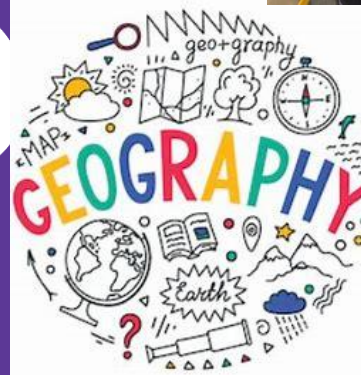
Ayman- for showing such enthusiasm during PE sessions and taking part in all of the games.



Panda Class have been learning...

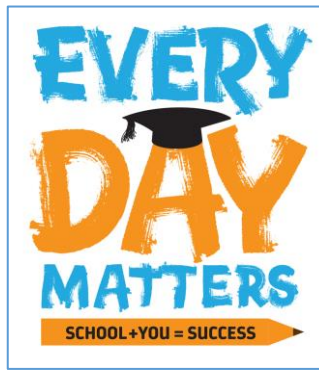
Panda Class have been working on the skills of teamwork. In our PSHE lesson, we discussed rights and responsibilities that allow us to work to our full potential. Pupils collaboratively came up class expectations that unite us as a class on our learning journey. Some ideas were 'We are kind, we work together, and we try our best'. I was impressed with the turn taking and listens skill during our class discussions.

In Maths, we have been investigating the concept of representation. Pupils have explored different ways to explore number. Numbers can be represented in different visual forms such as numerals, words, objects, and pictorials. We have also started to develop our subitising skills where pupils recall number representations without having to count out each item but thinking of strategies for quick number recall. Adi shared 'I know this represents 9 because it is 1 less than 10' and Aliah explained 'I know this 6 because I can see 5 counters and 1 more'.



UN Convention on Rights of a Child (UNCRC) - UNICEF UK





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:

- Tiger (97%)
- Elephant Class (97%)

SILVER Attendance goes to:

- Blue Whale (96%)
- Lion Class (95%)

Panda (93%)



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 | |
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| 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> | |
| <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</p> | |



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER...

7th October – Year 2 Reading Workshop – 9am

17th October – Year 2 poetry performance

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



SchoolPing

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!

| | MON | TUES | WED | THU | FRI |
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| Sandwich Choice 1 | Egg Mayo with Salad Roll (6.5c) | Tuna & Cucumber Baguette (6.7, 6.8, 6.9) | Hummus & Roasted pepper Wrap (6.5c) | Cheese Salad Baguette (6.5, 6.6) | Cheese & Onion Pasty (6.5c) |
| Sandwich Choice 2 | Sweet chilli Vegetable noodles (6.5, 6.6, 6.7) | Cheese & Cherry Tomato Quiche With Mixed salad (6.6, 6.7) | Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad Roll (6.5, 6.6, 6.7) | Cajun Chicken Sausage & Potato salad (6.5c) | Sweet chilli Vegetable noodles (6.5, 6.6) |
| Potted Choice | Chicken Biryani (Mu) | Rocket & Basil Pesto Pasta (6) | Peri Peri Chicken & Rice (6.5) | Hummus with pitta sticks & Crudités (6.5c) | Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta salad (6.6) |
| A Little Treat | Fresh Fruit Or Fresh Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Or Fresh Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Or Fresh Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Or Fresh Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Or Fresh Yoghurt |

| | MON | TUES | WED | THU | FRI |
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| Sandwich Choice 1 | Turkey and Tomato N. Baguette (6.5, 6.6, 6.7) | Chicken Sausage in a Soft Roll (6.5, 6.6) | Chicken Mayonnaise and Salad Wrap (6.5, 6.6) | Egg Salad Sandwich (6.4, 6.5, 6.6) | Tuna Mayonnaise Soft Roll (6.5, 6.6, 6.7) |
| Sandwich Choice 2 | Coronation Cauliflower Wrap (6.5, 6.6, 6.7) | Cheese Salad Wrap (6.5, 6.6) | Vegan Chilli Mayo Pasta in a Soft Roll (6.5, 6.6) | Cream Cheese and Cucumber Soft Roll (6.5, 6.6, 6.7) | Cheddar Cheese Boomer Sandwich (6.5, 6.6) |
| Potted Choice | Tomato and Basil Pasta Pot (6) | Tuna Mayo and Sweetcorn Pasta Pot (6.5, 6.6, 6.7) | Chicken Balls with Stewed Rice Pot (None) | Penne Arrabbiata with Medium Chilli Pasta Pot (6.5) | Chicken Pasta Pot (6) |
| A Little Treat | Fresh Fruit Or Fresh Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Or Fresh Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Or Fresh Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Or Fresh Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Or Fresh Yoghurt |

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



'Have Your Say'

The council is developing a cohesion plan for the borough and they want to hear your thoughts.

We will be holding three events in October for everyone in the local community to attend.

- 4th Friday Youth Voice** - Call by 11 - 15 year olds. Come along to tell your views and join the committee. Places are limited.
- 10th Thursday Afternoon Tea and Chat** - Join us for sandwiches and cake at the Sewardbyng Gardens Orchard, E1 from 2-3pm.
- 1st Tuesday Tasty Bear Picnic** - Parents and carers with under 5s are welcome to come and join us at Rainier House, Wapping Lane from 12-1pm.

Come and Join us and help shape our Borough for the better!

Contact us for more information:
Email: info@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Call: 0207 7029161
Visit our website: www.societytalks.org.uk

Holiday Childcare October Scheme 2024

Information for professionals

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare October 2024 Scheme is open for bookings for all residents in the borough, and for vulnerable referrals.

Scheme dates.
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 (5 days).
Our scheme dates are based on the Tower Hamlets school holidays.
Booking closing date: 22nd October 2024 by 12pm or earlier once bookings are full.

Venue
St Anne's & Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School, Underwood Road, E1 5AW

Please support and share this information with families you feel may benefit from our scheme. To refer a child please complete our [referral form](#) and support the family to book following the steps on our [booking system](#).

More information can be found on our website www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs.

We will look forward to receiving your bookings.

Holiday Childcare Team
Parent & Family Support Service
Children and Culture Directorate
London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Holiday Childcare Scheme

Bookings now open

The Tower Hamlets Childcare Scheme offers Ofsted registered childcare.

Ages 3-13 years old

October scheme Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024 (5 days)

020 7364 0523
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs