

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



10th October 2024

Sarah Jane's reflection on the week...

This October, we're proud to celebrate Black History Month, a time to honor the incredible contributions of Black individuals throughout history and across the world. In line with our school's values of **being active, respect, resilience, creativity, community and kindness**, we've been exploring stories and lessons that broaden our understanding of the diverse world around us.

Our Year 1 pupils will be inspired by the remarkable story of **Mary Seacole**, learning about her bravery and compassion as a nurse. The children will learn about how Seacole showed incredible **resilience** in helping others, even in difficult times, which connects with our value of **kindness**.

Our Year 2 pupils have been captivated by the story of **Dr. Mae Jemison**, the first African American woman to travel into space. They are exploring how Dr. Jemison's determination and hard work reflect our values of **being active** in pursuing goals and showing **resilience** in overcoming challenges. Her journey has encouraged our children to think about their own aspirations.

Meanwhile, our Reception class has been enjoying the book **Handa's Surprise**, a vibrant and engaging story from an African village. Alongside their reading, they've been creating stunning artwork that reflects the colors and culture of the story's setting. This has helped them to embrace **creativity** while learning to **respect** different cultures and perspectives.

As we reflect on these stories, we're reminded that Black History is an essential part of our shared history. By learning about these incredible figures, our children are developing an understanding of diversity, empathy, and the importance of living by our school values every day building our wonderful **Community**.

We look forward to seeing how these lessons continue to inspire our pupils throughout the month and beyond.



Have a lovely weekend.

Sarah Jane

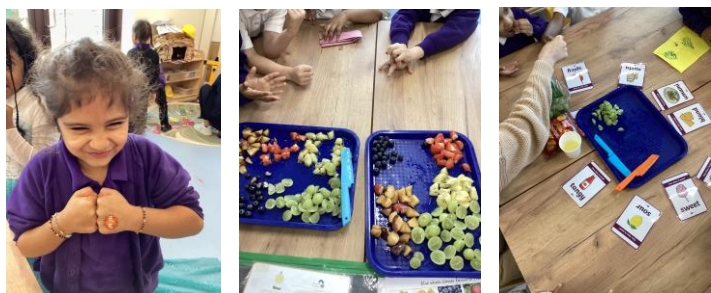
Tiger and Blue Whale Class learning this week...

This week Tiger class had an amazing time learning about "The very hungry caterpillar". We read the story, learned about the lifecycle of the butterfly and explained what a healthy meal looks like. During maths we focused on patterns, and we all made our own patterns using objects and colours. We also talked about Black History Month and used African patterns to make necklaces.



This week blue whale class have been focusing on their sense of taste. By linking their topic book 'The very hungry caterpillar, the children have been exploring their sense of taste by trying different foods from the story. Children have been expanding on their vocabulary by describing how the food taste and makes them feel. Is'haaq said, "the lemon is making my body shake like an earthquake," While Nina said, "Strawberries are so delicious!" We thought it would be interesting to see Blue whales' favourite fruit, so we tallied everyone's favourite fruit on a table. It turns out that Strawberries won by a mile!

We have also been celebrating black history month where we unpicked culture, heritage, and traditions. It was lovely to see the children get stuck in with things such as Kente cloth making. It supported them with their fine motor skills and also gave them knowledge about the Asante culture in Ghana, Africa. We are excited to learn more in the upcoming weeks.



STARS OF THE WEEK
FOR DEMONSTRATING:
RESPECT

Blue Whale Class Superstars:

Aadhya- for showing respect towards her teachers and classmates. Aadhya is always kind to everyone.



Iris- for showing respect toward school classroom and equipment .



Tiger Class Superstars:

Nadia for bringing such brightness into the classroom with her positive outlook on everything she takes part in



Everett for always laying respectfully and always taking others' ideas into account.



Elephant Class have been learning...

It has been another busy week in Elephant Class! In English, we have been exploring different versions of *The Hare and Tortoise*. This helped us understand that traditional tales can be told in various ways, with different vocabulary or characters, but the main character, key events, and moral remain the same. The children practiced reading fluently as a class, using micro-pauses. Ram said, "The micro-pauses help me know when to breathe."

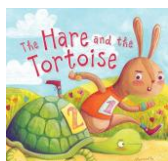
Next, the children practiced retelling the story using our story map as a guide. They worked hard to speak in full sentences and make sure their sentences built on one another. Many children "magnified" interesting vocabulary they heard from the stories listened to in their retellings. I'm really looking forward to reading their recounts of *The Hare and Tortoise*. Perhaps your child could retell the story at home this weekend!

The children also deepened their understanding of the third person and past tense. Avyaan wrote "The lion jumped on the buffalo and gobbled it up" and Medina observed, "*The Hare and Tortoise* is written in the past tense because lots of words had -ed at the end."

In Art, the children enjoyed expressing the mood of different types of music through lines in their sketchbooks. This will help us next week when we create artwork inspired by *Waves* (2021) by Beth Krommes. In PSHE, we finally found Jigsaw Jo, thanks to Ria's lost poster! We talked to Jigsaw Jo about what it feels like to belong to Elephant Class and other groups the children are part of. Sophie excitedly shared, "I belong to a ballet group!"

In Maths, we applied our partitioning knowledge to solve number sentences using part-whole models and place value charts. We learned that zero is an important digit because it holds a place for a value. We then moved on to reasoning where different numbers should be placed on a missing number line. Nikita said, "I know 57 is one more than 56 because seven is one more than six."

Children have thoroughly enjoyed engaging and getting to spend more time listening to stories selected to celebrate Black History Month. Our favorite so far is *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o, and the children were inspired by listening to the *Sulwe* song.



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

ELEPHANT CLASS



Nurudeen for respectfully following his timetable and for taking part in his piano lesson exploring the sounds of the keys



Mehek in maths for listening well in maths and respecting her right to an education



Lion and Panda Class have been learning...

This week in Maths, Lion Class have been finding one more and less than a given number. We used our fingers and a range of concrete resources to practise these skills. We are learning to explain our answers for example 'I know one more than 5 is 6 because I'm adding one more.'

In PSHE Lion class explored what it meant to feel proud of their achievements and how we would show it. We thought about some examples of the times we have felt proud and recorded our ideas. Ashvik wrote "I feel proud when I read books."

The adults are proud of the way Lion class learn, look after our resources and tidy up our classroom!



Panda class have enjoyed exploring the emotion of proud in PSHE. The children shared examples of moments they felt proud. Idris said 'I felt proud when I moved to the big pool for my swimming', Mia said 'I felt proud when I learnt how to ride my scooter' and Florence shared 'I feel proud when I learn to spell a new word'. Children have shown lots of kindness while listening and turn taking to share their ideas.

In Maths, we have been learning to recognise numbers that are one less and one more up to ten. Pupils have used ten frames and number lines to support their maths learning. Some children enjoyed using cubes to represent numbers and then took 1 away to explain one less and added one more cube to explain one more. Panda class have enjoyed using a range of maths resources to scaffold their learning.

Next week are our poetry performances and we are excited to share our performance. We hope to see you there!



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FOR DEMONSTRATING:
RESPECT**



PANDA CLASS

Mabel for always choosing kind words when talk to her peers and grown ups.

Siyana for being a great talk partner and participating in sharing of ideas.



LION CLASS

Noah: For always showing respect to everyone in the class by listening to them and having polite conversations.



Natalie: For showing respect by being kind and helping others.



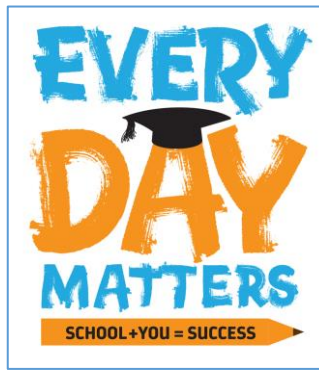
Premier Wraparound have been busy...

At the Premier wraparound club, the children have been having lots of fun exploring their creativity and sharing their favorite activities! Here are some highlights from this week:

- Saya & Mana:** Saya had a great time building a vending machine with her sister. Mana added that she loves creating fun things and coming up with new ideas with her sister.
- Adi:** Adi's favorite thing is food! He was excited to make a menu so he could go home and play restaurants with his brother, Dev.
- Everett:** "My favorite thing to do at the club is creating new things!" Everett also shared how much he loves showing his creations to his mum.
- Nadia:** Nadia loves eating snacks with her friends and spending time together during club activities.
- Idris:** During Space Week, Idris shared that he loves building rockets and dreams of flying in space when he grows up.
- Henrique:** Henrique enjoys using his imagination to be different characters and playing fun games with his friends.
- Malik & Nadia:** These two had a fantastic time playing a new game together, taking turns and sharing in the fun.

The club continues to provide a space for imagination, learning, and fun! Keep an eye out for more exciting activities next week.





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%)
- Panda (97%)

SILVER Attendance goes to:

- Elephant Class (94%)
- Lion Class (96%)

BRONZE Attendance goes to:

- Blue Whale (92%)



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.



Let's get to school on time, come on... you can do it!!

Starting the day with their peers is essential for our children, as it helps them feel included in the morning welcome and allows them to transition smoothly into their learning. We understand that lateness can sometimes happen due to unforeseen circumstances, and we appreciate your efforts in getting your children to school promptly. However, frequent late arrivals can cause disruption, not only for the children who miss out on the start of the day, but also for the office staff who then need to take them to their classes. This takes away valuable time that is better spent supporting the school community in other ways. Punctuality is not just about getting to school on time – it's an important life skill. Teaching our children the value of being on time helps them develop good habits that will serve them well throughout their lives, whether in future education, work, or other responsibilities. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in ensuring your child starts their day on time, ready to learn and be part of their class community.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER...

15th October – Year 1 poetry performance

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



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!



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



COMMUNITY NEWS

