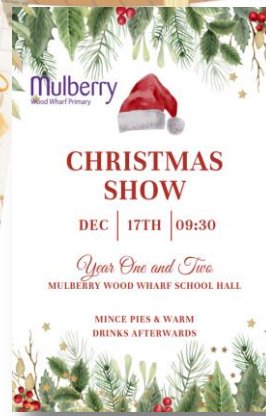


# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

## Sarah Jane's reflection on the week...

It has been wonderful to see how successful our recent parents' evening was. The atmosphere was so positive, and the feedback from parents has been brilliant. Thank you for taking the time to attend and engage with us—it means so much. I'd also like to thank our amazing staff for their dedication and hard work in making the evening such a success.

This term, I've been enjoying spending time back in the classroom each morning, teaching a phonics group. It's a great opportunity for me to stay connected to teaching and learning while gaining valuable insights. Next week, we have a *Read Write Inc.* development day planned. While our phonics teaching is already very strong, as shown by our phonics screening results, it's always good practice to review and refine so we can keep improving.

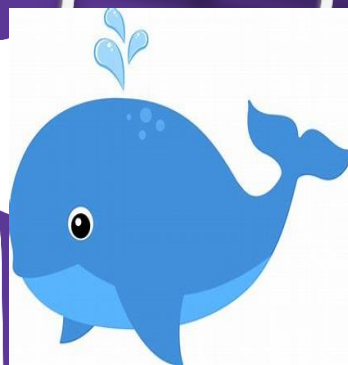
Looking ahead, we are excited about our upcoming festive performances! The Early Years Nativity will take place on Friday, 13th December, followed by the Key Stage 1 Christmas Show on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. We hope to see as many of you there as possible to celebrate the children's hard work and creativity.

Thank you for your continued support!



# Tiger and Blue Whale Class learning this week...

Tiger class had a great time this week! We read "Whatever next" by Jill Murphy and spend a lot of time talking about the bear and all the things we want to do if we travel to the moon. We explored part-whole models and the relationship between them during maths and had a wonderful time in our outdoor area.



STARS OF THE WEEK  
FOR DEMONSTRATING:

## Being Active

Blue Whale Class Superstars:

**Saya:** For her active listening in all class discussions.

**Aamilah:** for her active participation in group activities.

Tiger Class Superstars:

**Is'Haaq:** for his active learning and the fact that he kept on mentioning our story whilst playing in different areas

**Nami Kaia:** for her effort to actively write her name all by herself.

This week we have introduced 'Whatever next' as our new topic book. Many children are familiar with this book as it is a class favourite for story time. The children love to retell the story of baby bears journey to the moon. We have discussed the moon and planets within our solar system which has been a keen interest in blue whale class. Did you know that it takes mercury only 88 days to orbit the sun? We also explored star constellations and how beautiful some of them can look. The children attempted to recreate their own constellations. We look forward to exploring more facts about space on the upcoming weeks!

# Elephant Class have been learning...

This week in Elephant Class, we have been working on persuasive writing by 'magpieing' emotive adjectives for our invitations to the Mulberry Festival of Arts. We discussed how to entice readers with engaging word choices and created a word mat as a class to support our writing. Some of the children's ideas included *catchy songs, heartwarming poetry, and powerful artwork.*

In Maths, we explored relationships between numbers using part-whole models to create addition and subtraction number sentences. We practiced arranging these sentences into fact families, discovering that one part-whole model can generate four addition and four subtraction sentences.

In Science, we discussed how humans mature over time, focusing on independence. Dawud observed, "*The younger you are, the less independent you are.*" We compared activities babies can do independently versus those they need help with. Noa and Frederick noticed that elderly adults sometimes need help too. We also investigated the question, "*Are the oldest children in the class the tallest?*" By lining up by birthdates, we learned that height doesn't always relate to age—it's also influenced by diet and genetics.

Finally, Isaa proudly shared how much he's improved at playing the ukulele. I'll pop in next week to hear the musicians at work and share more updates!



STARS OF THE WEEK  
FOR DEMONSTRATING:

**Being Active**

ELEPHANT CLASS

Younus

Being active and participating enthusiastically in his maths lessons.

Mikael

For being active in lessons and showing amazing participation every day this week!



# Panda Class have been learning...

Panda Class have been learning about the parable of The Good Samaritan in RE (Religious Education) and we have been discussing ways we can be kind and how we can offer help to others in our community. Lea shared 'you can offer someone a drink if they are your neighbour' and Baishi said 'you can help people when they are stuck and visit them if they are sick'.

This learning also developed onto our PSHE on 'What is Bullying?' The children looked at photographs of different scenarios and discussed what behaviours needed to change and what they would do if they saw it happen. It was very important to understand that bullying is something that occurs **Several Times On Purpose**.

In English, pupils have been writing their own instructions. They included features like **a title, you will need subheading, bullet points and imperative verbs**. Valentino wrote about making pizza, Xavier wrote about making a trap using a box and Aliah wrote about making an ice cream dessert. They all used imperative verbs such as: **roll, cut, pour and put**.

In History, the class also enjoyed sharing their photos of the services in our community. We had a selection of selfies from supermarkets, cafes, restaurants, the vets, hair dressers and the library. Pupils were able to recognise what modern shops looks like and will be ready to compare these to shop in the past next week. Thank you for sending in the photos.



## STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING:

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### PANDA CLASS

Aliah for being helpful and keeping our learning space safe.

Evika for politely greeting her peers.

### LION CLASS

Siyuan for his excellent punctuality coming to school and for the fantastic piece of instructional writing he completed.

Max for being a joy to teach and a huge well done for being such an active learner in phonics!

# Lion Class have been learning...

This week in Science we learnt about the properties of materials. We used words such as bendy, stretchy, hard, soft and stiff to describe objects. We learnt that some materials were opaque and others were transparent.

In Maths, Lion class have been finding all the different variations for the same number. We call these number bonds. For example, we can say

$$0 + 6 = 6$$

$$1 + 5 = 6$$

$$2 + 4 = 6$$

$$3 + 3 = 6$$

$$4 + 2 = 6$$

$$5 + 1 = 6$$

$$6 + 0 = 6$$



I wonder if you could find all the variations for the number 8? Try it using the systematic order shown above.

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening this week. Your efforts and insights are valuable and support the children to make progress in their learning. Have a wonderful weekend!



**Mulberry**  
Wood Wharf Primary

**Open events 2024/2025**  
Come and discover the very best education in our safe, fun and vibrant school.

**OPEN MORNINGS**  
Thursday 26th September  
Thursday 24th October  
Thursday 7th January  
10am – 11am

**OPEN EVENINGS**  
Wednesday 25th September  
Wednesday 23rd October  
Wednesday 27th November  
Wednesday 9th January  
4pm – 5pm

**LOCATION**  
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary  
20 Brannan Street  
London, E14 9ZR

Please visit our website or scan the QR code below to register online. We look forward to seeing you soon!

0208 713 0183  
www.mulberrywoodwharf.org  
@mulberrywww

Please register online to secure your place!

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**Mulberry**  
Wood Wharf Primary

**OUR OFFER**

- Strong relationships with families and outstanding pastoral care
- Qualified, first class teaching
- A broad menu, fully resourced school, with access to leisure facilities in the area development
- A creative and inspiring curriculum, offering exciting and fun topics combined with robust academic rigour so every child achieves their best
- Strong partnership and parenting enrichment offer through the local Mulberry STEM Academy and other supporters
- Regular trips and visits
- A strong commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion
- Excellent and after school club/playing around care
- A school at the heart of the community

**OUR VALUES**

- Respect
- Kindness
- Teamwork
- Resilience
- Confidence
- Communication
- Leadership
- Empathy
- Perseverance
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Curiosity
- Openness
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Part of the Mulberry

**EVERY DAY MATTERS**

SCHOOL + YOU = SUCCESS



# 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:** SILVER Attendance goes to- Lion (96.3%) Tiger (96%)
- BRONZE Attendance goes to:** Blue Whale (93%) Elephant (94%) 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.

**Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME**

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

**GET OUT AND ABOUT**  
If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do the most thing to getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

**TRY A TIMED TRIAL**  
When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

**GO DIGITAL DETOX**  
Challenge yourself and your family to take a time off from screens. Doing online things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

**LEAD BY EXAMPLE**  
Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

**AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES**  
Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone' zone.

**HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY**  
As a family agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to become more on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

**BE MINDFUL OF TIME**  
Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Considering how much time you spend on potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

**PARK PHONES OVERNIGHT**  
Set up an overnight charging station for every mobile device – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

**SWITCH ON DND**  
Research shows that 'do not disturb' or 'do not interrupt' settings can help reduce notification levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're ready to be busy.

**TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK**  
Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

**SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS**  
When you're with friends, try not to automatically crush phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

**WIND DOWN PROPERLY**  
Try staying off phones, consoles, or other tech, leaving company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

Meet Our Expert: **DEVICE BOX** (The National College)

National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

Twitter: @nationalonline\_safety | Facebook: /nationalonline\_safety | Instagram: @nationalonline\_safety | LinkedIn: /national\_online\_safety

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## Dates for your diary:

- 25 Nov: Flu Vaccination (2<sup>nd</sup> round)
- 27 Nov: Y2 offsite visit
- 1 Dec: Advent calendar starts on website
- 2 Dec: Reception costume workshop
- 4 Dec: Y1 and Y2 carol singing at John Lewis
- 6 Dec: Meet the Expert 3: Nutrition
- 13 Dec: Reception Class Nativity
- 17 Dec: KS1 Christmas Show
- 18 Dec: Xmas party day
- 19 Dec: Xmas pantomime
- 20 Dec: End of term (school closes at 1pm – NO CLUBS/NO WRAPAROUND)

**Our school is an anti-bullying school**

**CHOOSE RESPECT**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

### Resident Funding Priorities in this area.

Up to £2000 per project

What you told us

- Mental wellbeing, social connection and loneliness
- Information sharing
- Families
- Activities for young people and children
- Physical activity
- Bringing community together
- Activities for children and teenagers
- Healthy and affordable food
- Language & skills development
- Community safety & outdoors
- Creative arts
- Employment support

If you have a project idea, call Amy on 07759711534 or email amy.jones154@nhs.net

### Walk Champion and Walk Leader Training

Train to support or lead new group walks in Tower Hamlets

- Learn about Route planning
- Walk ideas
- Group safety
- Risk assessments
- Recruitment and membership

**Wednesday 27th November**

Walk Champions 09:30 - 12:30  
Walk Leaders 09:30 - 16:30  
Lunch provided

Bromley by Bow Centre, St Leonard's Street, E3 3BT

Contact: polly.jarman@bbbc.org.uk / 07760 843 545

Sign up here:

### Funding Opportunity for Residents

Turn your health & wellbeing idea into a community project

- Share your passion
- Gain new skills
- Empower Community

Free workshops available in October and November to support your idea. See funding themes on the back. Find out more, register now! Funding from January 2025

For all residents living in Old Ford and Devons Road (Bromley by Bow)

Register your interest: amy.jones154@nhs.net 07759711534