

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



7th February 2025

Sarah Jane's reflection on the week...

What an unforgettable week it has been! One of the absolute highlights was taking Elephant Class to the official opening of Mulberry London Dock, where they had the incredible opportunity to meet Her Majesty, Queen Camilla. I was so proud of how beautifully they represented Wood Wharf, showing confidence, respect, and enthusiasm. They even got to shake hands and say hello to royalty—an experience they will cherish forever! The celebrations continued with a party and a well-deserved trip to the ice cream van for a very big treat. It was wonderful to be part of the wider Mulberry community on such a special occasion.

I also had the joy of spending time teaching in Reception this week—Early Years learning is my passion, and it was a pleasure to be in the classroom, exploring, playing, and learning alongside the children. We were also delighted to welcome visitors from other Early Years settings in the E14 area. These visits are so valuable for professional development and building connections, and we look forward to visiting other settings in return.

This week, we focused on *Respect* as our school value, and it was inspiring to see it in action across the school. Our Year 1 classes demonstrated this beautifully during their visit to the Idea Store, where they took part in a wonderful storytelling session. It's always fantastic to see our children engaging with the wider community and making the most of the opportunities around them.

Alongside this, each class has been busy creating their **Connection Boxes** as part of our focus on **Children's Mental Health Week**. This year's theme, *Know Yourself, Grow Yourself*, has encouraged children to reflect on their feelings, strengths, and the things that help them feel connected. It has been wonderful to see their thoughtful contributions and discussions about self-awareness and personal growth.

On another note, I've noticed a lot of yawns and tired-looking children this week! January has certainly felt long, and with very little sunshine, many of us may be missing that all-important vitamin D. That said, getting enough sleep is absolutely crucial for children's healthy brain development and readiness to learn. Every child is different, but here's the general guidance:

- 3-5 years old:** 10-13 hours per night
- 6-12 years old:** 9-12 hours per night

If you're struggling with sleep routines, please do come and have a chat. We have a great resource—**THEWS**—who work with families on a range of challenges, including sleep.

And finally, Well done!. All classes are in the 90s for attendance this week!

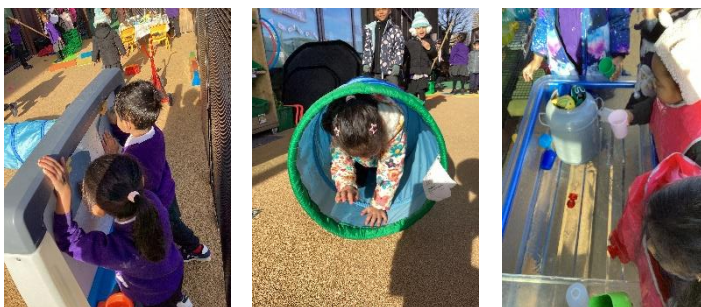
Wishing you all a restful and refreshing weekend!

Blue Whale and Tiger Class have been learning...

This week, the children have had an exciting and action-packed time outdoors, engaging in a variety of fun and creative activities. The children spent plenty of time playing with water, splashing, pouring, and experimenting with different containers. It was not only a sensory experience but also an opportunity for the children to practice coordination and develop their fine motor skills. They worked together to fill, transfer, and balance the water.

In the weaving station, the children had the chance to explore textures and colours, working with ribbons of various lengths to weave them through the gate. This task really helped to strengthen their fine motor skills, with each twist, pull, and loop offering valuable practice in hand-eye coordination and focus. The outdoor easel became a favourite spot for some, as they used it to create vibrant self-portraits. Each child captured their own unique features using a variety of colours and strokes. Some even used chalk to mark designs on the floor around the easel. It was wonderful to see the children reflecting on their own identities and expressing themselves visually, all while having fun with their peers.

The children have begun their winter forest boxes, diving into the project with enthusiasm. Their first step has been to paint their boxes a crisp white, creating a soft, snowy backdrop. Once the white paint has dried, they begin adding their winter pieces, using an assortment of materials to bring their forest scenes to life. We are excited for parents/carers to see the finished product.



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

Kaira- For showing respect by using please and thank you when talking to her peers.

Ismael- for being respectful towards his classroom charter and taking care of the resources.

Nadia for speaking respectfully to her peers and for respecting the classroom space by keeping it tidy

Sidvik for always using respectful language to others and displaying excellent manners, always saying 'please' and 'thankyou'

Elephant Class have been learning...

This week we gave a royal welcome to HM Queen Camilla at one of our newest Mulberry schools. Nikita gave the queen a very warm and confident handshake which he has told me he has learnt in his judo lessons! I'm sure the memories of the day and the occasion we'll be memorable in years to come.

In Maths, we've started exploring multiplication and division. The children have been identifying equal and unequal groups and using stem sentences to describe how many equal groups there are and how many items are in each group. This foundational knowledge will prepare them for understanding the times symbol, linking repeated addition with multiplication.

In PSHE, the children began an exciting group challenge: designing their dream gardens. Working collaboratively, they've been listening to each other's ideas, assigning roles, and encouraging one another to create projects they are proud of. It's been heartening to see their teamwork in action. Special mention goes to Maria for her kindness in supporting her teammate with compliments on their work. The final designs will be completed next week, and we can't wait to see the results!

Just a quick reminder—next week, our home project is due. We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful personal reading river journeys the children have created!



**STARS OF THE WEEK
FOR DEMONSTRATING:**

Respect

ELEPHANT CLASS

Elijah

For respecting your learning needs and completing class work independently.

Malcolm

For showing respect for their own learning by working hard to improve their reading fluency and comprehension.

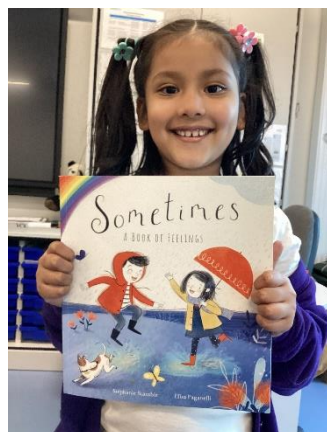


Panda Class have been learning...

Pupils have enjoyed exploring different instruments with their music Teacher, Tom. They have developed skills on playing percussion instruments to make a tune. Boom wackers and African drums were some popular choices. The children practiced turn taking and their listening skills to create music as a class. Tuneful music filled our corridors as they played together as a school community in class.

There was much excitement as pupils worked on their artwork. Pupils explored a variety of methods to create texture on a patterned surface. They first used oil pastels to draw their repeated patterns using vibrant colours. Next, they used wool to create different layers and textures. The process was very sticky as they used PVA glue, but the class are extremely proud of their final outcomes.

Year 1 celebrated National Storytelling week by visiting the Idea Store and meeting Minnie Wilkinson. They loved listening to her stories and engaging in the creative workshop.



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Respect

PANDA CLASS

Liyana having empathy and sharing her understanding of emotions by making a book recommendation for Children's Mental Health Week.

Aliah for respecting her right to a good education by taking part in home learning and proudly sharing her work in school.

LION CLASS

Khaled- For being respectful by always showing exemplary behaviour in class. Well done!

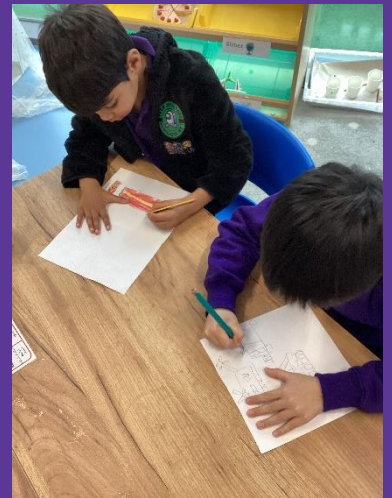
Rayyan- for using and taking care of his resources.

Lion Class have been learning...

This week in Geography we learnt about two different types of trees called deciduous and evergreen trees. We know evergreen trees keep their green leaves all year, even in winter! Whereas the leaves on deciduous trees change colour and fall off during the winter months. During the weekend when you are out and about, keep your eyes open as you'll be able to spot lots of deciduous and evergreen trees!

In Art we continued with our exploration of wool. First, we created a patterned surface with coloured pastels drawing lots of marks such as zig zags, dashes, dots and swirls. Then we created texture over the patterned surface using wool. Next week we will create a self portrait combining award-winning our Art skills from the past few weeks.

Lion class had an amazing reading session at the Idea Store today. We met Minnie Wilkinson an award winning author and enjoyed listening to her stories. Reading is absolutely magical, we hope you have a magical weekend!





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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxxHqq_e8l0

<https://www.royal.uk/news-and-activity/2025-02-04/the-queen-opens-mulberry-academy-london-dock>

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**EVERY
DAY
MATTERS**
SCHOOL + YOU = SUCCESS



Dates for your diary:
13.02.25 – Positive parenting workshop at 2.30pm
14.02.25: End of half term

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.

GOLD Attendance goes to:
SILVER Attendance goes to:
BRONZE Attendance goes to:

Lion – 94.4%
Panda – 94%
Elephant – 93%
Tiger – 92%
Blue Whale – 90%



PSHE – RHE Parent workshops

Monday 3rd Feb: 3.45pm-4.30pm

Thursday 13th Feb: 9.00-10.00am

Tuesday 11th Feb: 5.00-5.45pm

Thursday 27th Feb: 9.00-10.00am

Tuesday 4th March: 5.00-5.45pm

Well done, we are all in the 90s, lets go for 97% next week!

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned