

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



21st March 2025

Sarah Jane's reflection on the week...

At Mulberry Wood Wharf, our focus this week has been on *Being Active*. This isn't just about being physically active and staying healthy, although that is important too. It's about being active in the mind and actively making a positive change in the world around us.

We see examples of this every day from our children. Whether they're actively problem-solving, negotiating, or contributing to class discussions, they are engaging with the world around them and making an impact. It's also evident from our pupil leaders, such as our Rights Ambassadors, Eco Champions, and Kindness Crew, who work hard to bring about change at a community level. These initiatives allow pupils to see that their efforts really matter and can make a difference, and they have 'The Right to be Heard'

Our Rights Ambassadors are leading change in the playground by listening to their peers and designing solutions that reflect their views. The Eco Champions are ensuring we responsibly recycle and keep our environment litter-free, both within the school and in the surrounding local area.

The Kindness Crew helps everyone to choose kindness, even when faced with difficult situations.

A special mention goes to our Year 2 Elephant Class, who are taking things to the next level. Next week, they will be visiting the Houses of Parliament, a place where national and global change happens.

It's so important to me that throughout their primary years, our pupils understand that they have the power to make positive change. Just like our country, Mulberry Wood Wharf is built on the principles of democracy and respect. Just this week Year 1 have been learning about inspiring figures such as Mary Anning and David Attenborough, and they learn about other key figures all through their primary years – through this our pupils can see how small actions can lead to bigger changes.

At Mulberry Wood Wharf, we believe every child has the potential to make a difference. What small change will you make today?

Blue Whale and Tiger Class have been learning...

The children had a fantastic time celebrating St. Patrick's Day, embracing the festive spirit with creativity and fun. They made colourful hats using traditional Irish colours, proudly wearing their green, white, and orange creations as they joined in the celebrations. Lively Irish music filled the room as they danced joyfully, moving to the rhythm with big smiles on their faces.

Alongside the festivities, the children also practiced their phonics sounds, eagerly taking turns pretending to be the teacher and pupil. This interactive approach worked wonderfully, as they helped each other learn new Set 3 sounds, making learning both enjoyable and effective.

Lastly, the children also practiced their cooking skills by making delicious pitta pizzas. They carefully used their cutting and spreading skills to prepare their pizzas, enjoying the hands-on experience and the homemade taste of their delicious creations.



STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING: **Being Active**

Adam- being an active participant in our singing practice for our play the gingerbread man.

Irie- for her active thinking and problem-solving skills.

Dennis – For actively learning in the classroom environment, always involving others in his ideas and creations.

Yusra –For always actively contributing to class discussions and if someone needs help with sharing an idea, Yusra shares on hers!



Elephant Class have been learning...

In Design and Technology, the children have been learning about the properties of materials, focusing on absorbency and water resistance. To support this, we carried out an exciting investigation inspired by the question: *What are the properties of waterproof paper?* The children tested four different types of paper—plain paper, kitchen towel, foil, and newspaper—to discover how they reacted to water droplets. They carefully observed and recorded their findings in their books.

We then extended this learning by experimenting with ways to make newspaper waterproof. Each child tested wax crayon, oil crayon, chalk, and felt pen to see which created a barrier between the paper fibres and the water. Their conclusions showed that wax and oil crayons were the most effective! Using these tools, the children designed and waterproofed their own origami newspaper hats, combining creativity with scientific thinking. Look out for the photos of their proud creations in their books!

In Maths, Elephant Class has been learning about length and height. We explored measuring with both non-standard and standard units, discovering that centimetres can be shortened to “cm” and learning the fact that there are always 100 centimetres in 1 metre. The children practiced estimating distances and were excited to find out that our school hall is 19 metres long, with Mikaeel making the closest guess! Using this knowledge, we compared and ordered various heights and lengths.

Why not explore measuring at home this weekend? Will you use standard or non-standard units? A big thank you to all parents who attended meetings this week. It was wonderful to celebrate your child’s progress and achievements. A reminder that our trip to the Houses of Parliament is on **Tuesday, 25th March**—children should arrive at school by **8:30am**. This promises to be a memorable experience!



STARS OF THE WEEK
FOR DEMONSTRATING:
Being Active

ELEPHANT CLASS

Nurudeen	For using movements and actions to communicate clearly during PE lessons.
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Ram	For bringing so much positivity and happiness to the classroom every day.
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Panda Class have been learning...

Panda class have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Sir David Attenborough. They have been learning about his life and achievements. They explored his work on wildlife documentaries and his efforts in conservation. The pupils were amazed at how he has inspired the world to take care of our planet and how to protect wildlife and their habitats.

In Maths, Pupils have been learning about measurement. They measured objects using non-standard units like paperclips and cubes. This hands-on approach helps them understand measurement and comparison, building foundational skills in estimation and spatial awareness. Measuring with items like paperclips and cubes encourages creativity and understanding of flexible measurement. Pupils continued to measure object with a ruler to find measurements.

Pupils have learnt about the different animal groups and are able to compare classification of animals using a Venn diagram. Pupils have been looking at similarities and differences. This week has been full of sparking curiosity and a love for discovery, and it has been wonderful to see pupils engaged in their learning. Well done Panda Class.



STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING:

Being Active

PANDA CLASS

Nairah for being proactive in getting herself ready to learn.

Xavier for asking thoughtful questions to further his learning.

LION CLASS

Aymane: For being active in the playground and helping children learn new games.

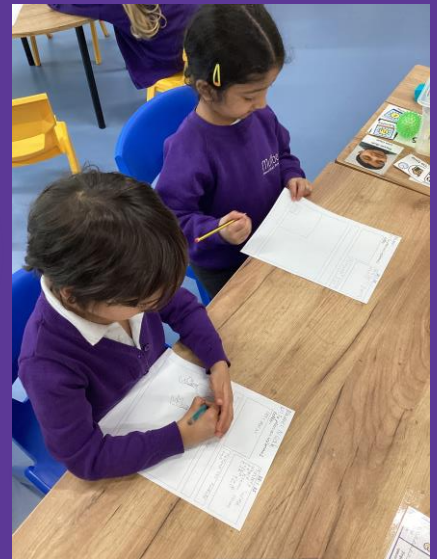
Mubarak: For being an active learner in English and working in a group to complete a story map.

Lion Class have been learning...

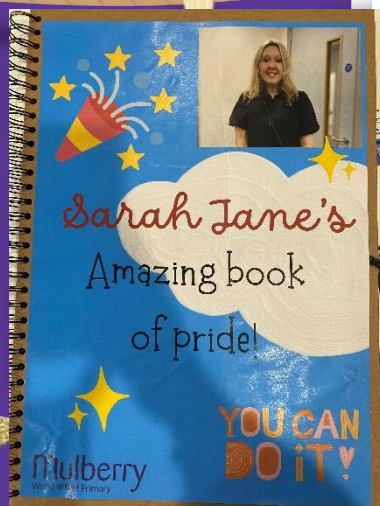
This week we were treated to amazing drama performances by students from Mulberry Girls School, who brought three traditional tales to life. We absolutely loved joining in with the performances and had so much fun First, part of the experience. The energy and creativity from the students made the stories even more exciting, and it was a great way to learn and enjoy some classic tales in a whole new way!

In Art we explored the skill of cross-stitching. First, we used a pencil to draw the initial letter in our name. We then poked holes using a pencil on our pencil markings. Finally, we use the needle and thread to create stitches that went all around our letter. We will use this skill of cross-stitching next week on different materials.

In our Maths lessons, we've been exploring length and height using non-standard units of measurement, such as hands and paper clips. This helps us understand the concept of measuring and comparing different sizes in a more hands-on way. After that, we learned how to use a ruler to measure objects accurately in centimeters (cm). We learnt that when measuring with a ruler, it's important to start at the 0 mark and count all the way to the end of the object to find its exact length or height. This way, we can understand how long or tall something is in a standard unit of measure.



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



I am proud to include some very professionally written invitations created by Elephant Class. They have been working on formal invites and have made their writing purposeful using some excellent vocabulary choices, inviting families to the showcase spectacular on the 1st April 2025 4-6pm. They were very persuasive, I will definitely be attending!

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:

Lion Class – 98%

SILVER Attendance goes to-

Tiger – 95%

BRONZE Attendance goes to

Blue Whale – 93%

Panda Class – 93%

Elephant Class – 93%

Dates for your diary:

Monday 24th March - 9am
phonics screening workshop for
Y1 parents - important!

Monday 31st March - school
closed for Eid

Tuesday 1st April: KS1 showcase
spectacular (after school event)

Thursday 3rd April: popcorn and
movie party for the top spring
attenders and most improved
attenders

Friday 4th April: Eid party day -
come to school dressed in party
clothes

Friday 4th April: school closes at
1pm. No clubs and no
wraparound

Tuesday 22nd April: school
reopens and wraparound restarts.
Dance clubs restart

Monday 28th April - school clubs
restart (timetable coming out
later this week)



Holiday Childcare Easter Scheme 2025

Information for professionals

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare Easter 2025 Scheme is now open for bookings for working parents' resident in the borough, and for vulnerable referrals. Non-working parents / carers are welcome to book places from 18th March 2025.

Scheme dates

Monday 7th to Thursday 17th April 2025 (9 days).

Our scheme dates are based on the Tower Hamlets school holidays.

Booking closing date: 1st April 2025 by 12pm or earlier once bookings are full.

Venue

St Mary & St Michael Catholic Primary School, Sutton Street, E1 0BD

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
Education Directorate
London Borough of Tower Hamlets

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SPLASH
(SPLASH Action for Employment)

JOB FAIR

10 companies attendance confirmed!
"It is never too late to be what you might have been".

SOUTH POPLAR & LIMEHOUSE ACTION FOR SECURE HOUSING

- 12noon - 3:30pm
Thursday 10th April
- Call us for more information
07813478891
- Location
St. Matthias Community Centre
113 Poplar High Street
E14 0AE
- Email
nip65@msn.com

WOMEN'S HEALTH & WELLBEING DAY

Empowering Women with Knowledge & Support

Join us for a day of learning, support, and wellbeing!
FREE ENTRY - ALL WOMEN WELCOME

Free Creche Available

FREE TALKS, ADVICE & SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Menopause
- Domestic Violence & Support Services
- Breast Cancer Awareness
- Diabetes & Healthy Living
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Cervical Cancer
- Chair-Based Pilates & Mindfulness

MONDAY 7 APRIL 2025
From 11:00 - 15:00
Doors open @ 10:45

THE WORKHOUSE
116 Poplar High St, London E14 0AF
Buses 15, 115, D3 - DLR Poplar

AND MORE

Private spaces available for confidential conversations
Advice stalls with expert guidance
Book appointments for ongoing support
Free creche so mothers can participate fully
Refreshments

To help us prepare for this event please scan the QR code and register
Don't worry you can still turn up on the day even without registering

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