

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.

Sarah Jane's reflection on the week...

This week, our school has been focusing on the value of Respect, a cornerstone of our community here at Wood Wharf. I have seen many beautiful examples of this value in action as our children continue to grow and develop. When conflicts arise, I've been proud to witness children solving disagreements with one another, choosing respectful language and actions to resolve issues.

It's also truly heartwarming to see how they understand that learning is not about being perfect but about making mistakes and supporting each other through them. When someone stumbles, their peers are quick to encourage them, showing kindness and respect as part of the learning journey.

In our school, respect is the foundation of how we interact—with one another as children, with staff, and between adults and children alike. It is the lens through which we approach everything we do, and it creates a safe and nurturing environment where everyone can thrive.

As Aretha Franklin once said, "Respect is what we need to make it in this world." And this week, we've been living that truth in every corner of our school.



28th March 2025

To celebrate our focus on respect, I would like to share a special acrostic poem:

R – Respecting how different we are,
E – Embracing cultures, traditions, and beliefs,
S – Supporting each other through mistakes,
P – Practicing kindness every day,
E – Encouraging one another to grow,
C – Caring for all members of our community,
T – Treating everyone with dignity and love.

Perhaps you could make an acrostic poem using one of the other school values?

As we celebrate the value of respect, we also acknowledge that this weekend marks a very special time for many of our families as they celebrate Eid. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the strength and commitment of our staff members who have been fasting during this sacred time. I hope that all our families have a blessed and joyous time with their loved ones.

Eid Mubarak to all of those who are celebrating!

Thank you for being such an integral part of our wonderful school community. Let's continue to support one another with respect and kindness, building a stronger, more connected school for all.

Blue Whale and Tiger Class have been learning...

This week in Tiger Class, we have been busy rehearsing for our year group play, *The Gingerbread Man*. The children have been practicing their loud voices and getting into character, and it has been a lot of fun for everyone involved! Alongside this, we've also been reading and retelling the story of *The Little Red Hen*. To help with this, the children have created their own story map and come up with actions to accompany the words, making the retelling even more engaging.

In Maths, the focus has been on finding pairs and groups of numbers that make ten. Using Numicon, the children have enjoyed exploring different combinations and eagerly sharing their discoveries with the adults in class.

To top off a wonderful week, the children have also been working on creating special secret cards for the grown-ups in their lives. While the details are a surprise, we can't wait to see their faces when the cards are revealed!



What a wonderful week it has been! With the sunshine making an appearance, the children have been making the most of their time outdoors. Their imaginations have been running wild as they role-played beach adventures, splashing in the water and creating memories in the fresh air.

Excitement has also been building as Mother's Day approaches! The children have been busy all week preparing heartfelt surprises for their loved ones. From handmade cards to touching poems and even delicious sweet treats, every creation has been made with love and care. We can't wait for these special gifts to bring smiles to all the amazing mums and caregivers!

Another highlight of the week has been rehearsals for *The Gingerbread Man*! With the big performance on Thursday 8th May, the children have been working hard to perfect their roles. The countdown is on, and they are thrilled to showcase their talents to family and friends. We're sure it will be a fantastic show!



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

Vihaana- For showing respect towards our classroom resources and putting things away in the correct space.

Arthur- For showing respect by following our classroom charter.

Sidiksha for radiating and spreading respect and kindness in all that she does.

Ethan for always showing respect to the classroom resources and for setting such a good example

Elephant Class have been learning...

This week has been full of exciting events in Elephant Class!

In RE, we revisited the story of Passover from last term and engaged in a thought-provoking debate. Children made persuasive arguments about whether Moses should continue to follow and trust God or give up his fight against Pharaoh, leaving the Jews in slavery. It was wonderful to hear compelling reasons on both sides, showing how deeply the children considered their arguments. Additionally, the children confidently retold the Easter story and identified key Christian symbols like the cross, representing Jesus’ sacrifice, the tomb for his resurrection, and the candle as a symbol of Jesus as the light for Christians.

Our learning about debate extended beyond the classroom with a memorable trip to the Houses of Parliament! The children explored the historic building, including the King’s Robing Room, and learned how its colours represent the House of Commons (green), the House of Lords (red), and the monarchy (gold). They asked thoughtful questions, explored feely bags to identify mystery objects, and even put the steps of making a law in order. A big thank you to the parents who joined us—your support made this experience unforgettable!

In English, we are preparing to write recounts of our trip to the Houses of Parliament, building on the skills we used for our Museum of Docklands recounts. This week, the children have been busy planning their writing and will create their independent recounts next week.

I have been astounded at the creative and informative Amazon rainforest Home projects that I have seen from the children, I can’t wait to showcase them next week at our KS1 Showcase.

Finally, we wish you all a wonderful long weekend, and Eid Mubarak to those celebrating!

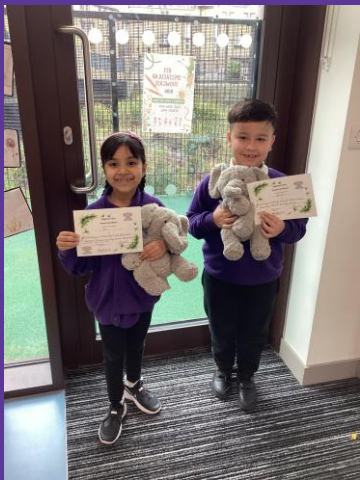


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Respect

ELEPHANT CLASS

Ria	For developing a respectful and persuasive argument explaining why Moses should continue to follow and trust God.
Adam	For always looking out for others and showing respect during play.



Lion & Panda Class have been learning...

This week in Maths we have been using scales to learn about weight and mass. We have used key vocabulary such as heavier, lighter and balanced to compare the weight of objects. Using this knowledge, we learnt about measuring the mass of an object using nonstandard forms. For example, the mass of a banana is 7 cubes, and the mass of a ball was 9 cubes. This meant that ball was heavier than the banana. We have moved onto learning about capacity and volume. Learning that capacity is how much something can hold, and volume is the amount it has in it. Children were confidently able to use the correct terms such as 'full, empty, half full, half empty' and demonstrate it.

In English Lion class children are becoming more confident writers. We have been using the think it, say it, write it strategy to write a retell of our key text 'Thank you Omu.' We will continue to use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters in our writing and remember to form our letters correctly.



Panda Class have been immersed in the delightful story of *Thank You, Omu*. They have been planning and writing their own retell of the story, focusing on sequencing events and expressing gratitude, just like Omu. It's been heartwarming to see their creativity and writing composition grow as they bring the story to life in their own words. Pupils are increasingly becoming confident to new rich vocabulary and phrases that they have heard in the story.

In Maths, our focus has been on understanding mass and comparing weights. The children have been using balancing scales and cubes to measure and compare the mass of different objects. This hands-on activity has helped them grasp the concept of weight in a fun and interactive way.

We have started to receive home projects this week and we cannot wait to see more next week. The long weekend would be a good opportunity to make sure your child has completed this and is ready to share next week.



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Respect

PANDA CLASS

Idris for showing great focus and respect for your tasks in DT.

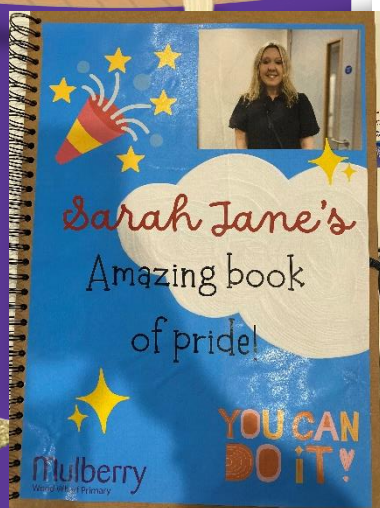
Valentino for showing a curiosity in learning about historical events and significant figures

LION CLASS

Amaara: Being helpful and tidying away resources in the classroom.

Dakota: For following instructions by listening carefully.

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



Ria received star of the week this week for Respect, and I also had the pleasure of watching Ria's practice performance in preparation for her Lamda Exam taking place this weekend. We wish you lots of luck from everyone at Mulberry Wood Wharf Ria, we know you will be amazing!

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:

Elephant – 98%

Tiger – 97%

Panda – 97%

SILVER Attendance goes to-

BRONZE Attendance goes to

Blue Whale – 91%

Panda Class –

Lion Class – 90%

Dates for your diary:

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)

30th June – Inset day – school closed



We want to hear from you!

Dear Parents and Carers

We're asking you to share your thoughts on how we communicate with you and promote our schools.

Your feedback will help us improve how we keep you informed about your child's school and how we share the fantastic work of our schools in the community.

Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey here: [Bit.ly/MST-TOWERHAMLETS](https://bit.ly/MST-TOWERHAMLETS)



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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".

SPLASH
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

FREE ENTRY!

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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