

Weekly Newsletter Friday December 4th 2020

Message from the Headteacher

We are finishing this busy week once again with lots to manage in relation to covid. We appreciate the patience of families and the clear communication about children's symptoms and test results.

This week I have been impressed with children in Years 2-6 who have completed their first letter to the elderly as Community Ambassadors. The letters and drawings will be sent to a care home for the elderly; I am sure that they will bring joy!

Star of the Week



Zaynah Yr 1 was chosen to be Star of the Week because she works so hard; and she is very supportive of other learners. Well done!

Attendance

Nursery-53%
Reception- 89%
Yr 1- 87%
Yr 2- 96%
Yr 3- 91%
Yr 4- 97%
Yr 5- 95%
Yr 6- 98%

Year 6 with 98% - well done!

Tower Hamlets Book Awards

Well done to Esther, Jannat and Nusaybah (Yr 6) for being amongst the winning entries for the THs Book Awards Art Competition. Children created their own piece of artwork based on their favourite book.



Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai was voted the winning book of the Tower Hamlets Book Award 2020. <https://www.towerhamlets-sls.org.uk/thba20/#:~:text=Tower%20Hamlets%20Book%20Award%20Grand,finale%20to%20receive%20the%20news>

Tower Hamlets Mayor's Christmas Card Competition



Well done to Esther (Yr 6) for designing the winning Mayor's Christmas card. https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/News_events/2020/December_20/Young-creatives-design-council-Christmas-cards.aspx

Wrap Around Care

All wrap around care (before and after school care) is shut until 17th December due to low staffing.

INSET Day

The school will take an INSET day on Monday January 4th 2021. School starts Tuesday January 5th. We will use the INSET day to revisit key WD Teaching and Learning & Behaviour systems with the staff team.

Important dates

Autumn term

Wed 16th Dec - Xmas lunch

Thur 17th Dec - Xmas party

Fri 18th Dec school finishes

Mon 21st Dec- Fri 1st Jan 2021
Christmas holiday

Spring term

Mon 4th Jan 2021 INSET day

Tue 5th Jan 2021 start of term

Feb (date tbc) Curriculum + RSE mtg for parents

Mon 15th Feb- Fri 19th Feb -half term holiday

Fri 26th March - school finishes

Mon 29th March to Fri 9th April
2021 Easter holidays

Summer term 2020-2021

Mon 12th April 2021 school starts

Mon 31st May- Fri 4th June 2021
half term holiday

Thur 22 July 2021 school finishes
(3 INSET days still to be confirmed)

Raffle Prizes

We can't run our normal WD Christmas Fayre due to covid, but we can run a raffle. Please send your unwanted + new gifts for the raffle by Mon 14th December.

Felix Project

Felix Project will run this Friday from 2:15-3:15 pm in the parents room.

Please follow the Covid rules.

<p>WD Wrap Around Care</p> <p>Are you working or studying? Do you need child care in the morning or after school?</p> <p>WD Start the Day 8:00-8:45 & WD Play 3:30-5:45 are now open and running only for children of parents who need wrap around care.</p> <p>Please let the office if you want to book your child in: admin@williamdavis.towerhamlet.sch.uk or phone the school: 020 7739 1511</p> <p>Charges: WD Start the Day £1 for non FSM & no charge for FSM children. WD Play (1 hour/ 2 hours) £5/ £8 Yrs Rec-Yrs 6 £7/£10 Nursery</p>	<p>Flu Vaccination</p> <p>If you have refused the flu vaccination due to faith/ vaccine content reasons, the flu injection is now available which does not contain gelatin.</p> <p>To book an appointment please send a message to 07908908415 with your child's full name, DOB, class, school and vaccine preference (nasal spray or injection)</p> <hr/> <p>Poetry By Heart</p> <p>Emily Dickinson is one of America's most significant poets; she wrote 1800 poems, most discovered after her death. She wrote on several important themes including "nature".</p>	<p>Big Question of the Week</p> <p>How do children best learn what is right and what is wrong?</p> <p></p> <p>This week at William Davis staff and governors have reflected on the impact of our WD Behaviour policy. We have begun a discussion about how children learn to behave well socially. Do they learn best from sanctions or rewards? We have talked about Restorative conversations and how important it is for children to tell the truth; accept responsibility for the actions they have taken; and think for themes how to repair the harm done.</p>
<p>Parents Reading Videos</p> <p>Charlotte has prepared three videos which are now on the school website. The videos support parents to help their children with early stages of home reading. Please check out the videos on the Parents tab: http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/reading-at-home.html</p> <hr/> <p>Parents View Zoom</p> <p>Hattie, a governor at WD, would like to meet some parents on zoom to discuss how the school can improve our local marketing attracting new families to the school.</p> <p>Please email Annika on admin@williamdavis.towerhamlet.sch.uk if you would be happy to participate.</p>	<p>Poetry By Heart A Bird Came Down the Walk by Emily Dickinson (1891)</p> <p>A Bird came down the walk: He did not know I saw; He bit an angle-worm in halves And ate the fellow, raw.</p> <p>And then he drank a dew From a convenient grass, And then hopped sidewise to the wall To let a beetle pass.</p> <p>He glanced with rapid eyes That hurried all abroad,— They looked like frightened beads, I thought; He stirred his velvet head</p> <p>Like one in danger; cautious, I offered him a crumb, And he unrolled his feathers And rowed him softer home</p> <p>Than oars divide the ocean, Too silver for a seam, Or butterflies, off banks of noon, Leap, splashless, as they swim.</p>	



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