



Weekly Newsletter Friday 1st March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Please make sure that you note all of the activities in the week ahead. On Tuesday all parents and carers are invited to meet the class teacher to discuss their child's progress. This will be the last formal opportunity before the end of the year. Please make sure that you attend to find out how you can support your child to do their very best for the rest of the year.

Stars of the Week



Tasnim Reception for trying her best to use Fred Fingers to spell. She has become more confident writing cvc words.

Eijaz Y3 for his focus and calm manner in football matches against other schools.

Attendance

N- 87%

R- 92%

1- 98%

2- 96%

3- 95%

4- 93%

5- 94%

6- 90%

Well done to Yr 1 for achieving 98% !

Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

I can choose words carefully to help people what I am saying.

Please encourage children to think about their word choice carefully in order to add meaning.

Circle Time Theme

Next week's assembly will be about World Book Day.

The Big Questions children to be discussed in class relate to the theme:

-If you wrote a book, what would it be about?

-Can you think of a journey which would make an exciting adventure story?

-Think of a relative or friend and then decide what their favourite book is and why.

-If you went on a long journey, what three books would you pack and why?

Ramadan Fasting

During the month of Ramadan we request that children who wish to fast, manage this at weekends or during the holidays. If children in Yr 6 want to fast parents must meet with Annika or Charlotte to discuss expectations and confirm the agreement.

Parent Conferences Tuesday 5th March

Please collect your children at **1:30 pm on Tuesday 5th March**. Parents will be invited to meet their children's teachers during the afternoon. The office will organise appointments this week.

Reminders from Siobhan Dress up day for World Book Day Thursday 7th March.

The theme: is Journeys so why not dress up as an explorer, scientist, astronaut or any character who goes on a journey in a book.



Poetry Slam Yr 4

We are **really proud of Yr 4** for their excellent performances at the Tower Hamlets Poetry Slam this week. **The class won the overall prize for best Group Poetry performance.**

BBC Live Stream Event

National Numeracy have asked William Davis School to host the **BBC live streamed National Numeracy Day** event on May 22nd.

They state:

We will kick start the day with a livestream event from a school's assembly hall and have between 30 and 60 children from different ages joining the event.

In order to find out if parents would be happy for children to take part in principle we will send a **WhatsApp poll**. Responding won't guarantee your child a place, but will indicate parent support for the event.

Important dates

Spring term 2024

Tues 5th March Parent

Conferences 1:30 pm school closes

Thurs 7th March World Book Day

Dress Up day

8th March- Science week

Wb 11th March 11th Ramadan starts

Thur 28th March school finishes 1:30 pm

Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April

Easter holidays

Mon 15th April school starts

Mon 6th May bank holiday

Mon 27th May- Fri 31st May half term holiday

Mon 17th June school closed Eid Al-Adha

Friday 19th July school finishes

Family Homework World Book Day

Well done to all children and families who worked together on the World Book Day Family Homework. WE have seen some fantastic creative work based on books read by children.

Tower Hamlet Education Wellbeing Service

We have a new THEWs worker, Imogen, who will meet and work with parents and with groups of children. Please see Annika if you have concerns about your child's **behaviour or anxiety**.



Uniform

We have noticed that many children are coming to school in the wrong uniform. Please check the website and ensure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform and PE kit.

<http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/uniform.html>

Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is our joint responsibility. Make sure that you have parental controls in place; and that you know the sites and Apps that your children use. Check the school's online safety policy on the website. [Safeguarding and Child Protection - WILLIAM DAVIS PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

Sweets and Snacks

Please can I ask parents to help us promote healthy eating habits. If you want your children to have a snack at home time - **bring some fruit or a bagel**. Please avoid sweets, crisp etc that are high in sugar and fat. Please encourage water or milk.

Extended Leave Gentle Reminder

Parents should not book holidays during term time. Holidays should be booked during the school holiday to limit missed education. If you want to discuss extended leave this must be done with the headteacher once the Extended Leave form has been completed. Extended leave should be for emergencies only.

Please note that **Ofsted** is taking a careful look at **school attendance** as it has dropped significantly after Covid at a local & national level. It's really important that we work together to ensure attendance is at least 96% across the school.

Nursery Application Deadline

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 and you would like a nursery place for September 2024, you must apply online via the [admissions portal](#).

Application guidance

For guidance on completing an online application, please see Appendix B of the [Starting Nursery in Tower Hamlets 2024](#) brochure.

Parent Sessions

Coffee Morning on Wednesdays 9-10 am in the Parents Rm run by Yasmin- all welcome
Toy Library Thursdays Hoyam and Dilara
Felix Food Project Friday 2:30-3:30 run by Yasmin, Hoyan, Muna. We are very grateful for the time and energy that our parent volunteers offer the school.

Families can collect community cupboard items from the following Children & Family Centres in the North West Locality.

Meath Gardens - 1 Smart Street, Bethnal Green, London, E2 0SN

Tel: 020 7364 0349

Mowlem - Wadson Street, Cambridge Heath, London, E2 9DL

Tel: 020 7364 7935

Collingwood - Buckhurst Street, London, E1 5QT

Tel: 020 7364 0539

Birthday Celebrations

Although we have stopped our custom of parents sharing birthday sweets in the playground at hometime, please be reassured that we still sing and give children a sticker and pencil when they celebrate their birthday.

Is My Child Too Ill for School?

Please refer to these NHS guidelines when thinking about whether your child can go to school.

We need to reduce unnecessary absences from school.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Cost of Living Crisis

Please have a look at this website for information on how Tower Hamlets plans to support families affected by the cost of living crisis.

[Cost of Living package worth nearly £6million](#).

Magic Breakfast

Children are welcome to come into school for breakfast on a daily basis. Staff prepare toasted bagels or cereal and milk. Children must be in between 8:00 and 8:30 to be served breakfast.

Reading for Pleasure

Are you a member at the Whitechapel Ideas Store? Why not join this weekend and be a regular visitor to borrow books for you and your children.

Check out the website:

[Idea Store Whitechapel](#)

CHARGES

Reminders:

In order to replace books lost at home we will charge £5 for lost books.

EYFS parents will be charged £3 / term for perishable items.

Repeated late pick ups from ASC will incur an increased fine- see the **Charging and Remissions Policy** on the website

WD Wrap Around Care

Wrap Around Care (childcare) is available for all children.

Contact Bhumi or Ridhwan on the admin email if you want to book sessions. All information is on the website: [William Davis' Wraparound Care](#)

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To be the best you can be

