



Weekly Newsletter Friday 1st December 2023

Message from the Headteacher

This week I am particularly proud of the children at WD. Last week we had visitors from other schools watching our CUSP practice. They were very impressed with what they observed. This week we have been observing lessons as part of our monitoring cycle. Children's oracy skills were strong, behaviour was calm and focused and children enjoyed their learning.

Stars of the Week



Nuhad - Nursery for following the routines and class rules,
Mufassir Yr 3 for pushing himself and impressing staff with superb history learning.

Attendance

N- 94%

R- 89%

1- 98%

2- 95%

3- 95%

4- 99%

5- 98%

6- 99%

Well done to **Yr 1.4,5&6** for achieving 98 or 99% attendance last week.

School Council Film Night

Yrs 4-6 6th December
3:30-4:30

Please return your ticket letter promptly to guarantee tickets.

We hope that KS1 children enjoyed their event. We are very grateful to Sumayya and her team for organising both movie nights.

Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

I can politely build on the views of others:

'Building on that, I'd like to add...

Please help children to think about how to have a discussion in a polite and respectful manner, listening to the contributions that others' make and adding to or challenging their ideas.
It's quite a skill!

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](http://WilliamDavis.WraparoundCare)

Online Safety

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.

Congratulations

Well done to the Felix Project Team. The food distribution project was inspected by Tower Hamlets Environmental Health last Friday November 24th. The team was awarded a five star rating. Well done!

Festival of Triangles

Please see Siobhan or Annika if you would like to help out with our **Winter Festival of Triangles**. We really appreciate all parental contributions and help. The theme is a repeat of our festival a few years ago. We are celebrating triangles.

What an opportunity to think **creatively and in triangles!** Food, decorations, jewellery..

InCommon Charity Donation

Yr 4 children currently participate in a Community Ambassador project for the elderly at the Sundial Centre. The Charity that organises these intergenerational projects, InCommon, has asked us to promote their fundraising event. All money donated between November 28th and December 5th will be doubled.

<https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a056900002RXtBzAAL>

E1 Parent Volunteer Course Spring Term

See poster below for more information. Information and Assessment session Thursday Dec 21st 9:30 am at Hague Primary School.

Healthy December

Please come and join Zarina, (parent volunteer and Healthy Eating Ambassador) every Wednesday during December for a Healthy Eating Coffee Morning.

Important dates

Autumn term 2023

Dec 13th 9:30 am Winter concert
Nurs- Yr 3

Thur 14th Dec - Winter Fayre/
Festival of Triangles

Wed 20th Dec Christmas lunch

Dec 21st 2-3 pm Y4 5 6+Woodwind
& Recorder concert

Fri 22nd Dec Christmas party,
Santa visits classes and last day
of term close 1:30 pm

Spring term 2024

Tue Jan 9th school starts

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb Half term
holiday

Thur 28th March school finishes
Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April

Easter holidays

Mon 15th April school starts

Monday 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

Yr 6 at the Tower Hamlets Book Awards

Yr 6 did exceptionally well at the THBA yesterday. Lots of prizes. More updates to follow.

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.



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](#)

Book Amnesty

Please return all school books to the class next week so that the book corners can be stored. There are lots of books missing.

POETRY BY HEART

Moonlit Apples (1917) John Drinkwater 1882 - 1937

At the top of the house the apples are laid in rows,
And the skylight lets the moonlight in,
and those
Apples are deep-sea apples of green.
There goes
A cloud on the moon in the autumn night.

A mouse in the wainscot scratches,
and scratches, and then
There is no sound at the top of the house of men
Or mice; and the cloud is blown, and the moon again
Dapples the apples with deep-sea light.

They are lying in rows there, under the gloomy beams;
On the sagging floor; they gather the silver streams
Out of the moon, those moonlit apples of dreams,
And quiet is the steep stair under.

In the corridors under there is nothing but sleep.
And stiller than ever on orchard boughs they keep
Tryst with the moon, and deep is the silence, deep
On moon-washed apples of wonder.

Evolving situation in the Middle East

We know that this time is complex for adults caring for young children. Please take time to read this Unicef guidance for parents about talking to children about conflict and war. [How to talk to your children about conflict and war | UNICEF Parenting](#)
Please talk to us if you are concerned about your child.

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.

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.

Sight and Hearing Tests

Please get your child's hearing and sight checked if you have concerns about them. Unfortunately our school nurse does not routinely screen children. School and parents need to work together to identify when a child can't see the board or hear class instructions. Please talk to your child and contact your GP or optician if you need to book a screening.

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](#)



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>

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.

Fathers and Male Carers

Fathers Football at Thomas Buxton Thursday mornings - see Russell. See poster below.

Parent Reader Needed

We have one volunteer who has started. Thank you!
We need another volunteer reader to work with a KS 2 child new to the country. Ideally this volunteer would read with the child daily 9:00-9:30. See Annika or Siobhan.

WhatsApp

School has moved to messages being delivered via WhatsApp instead of via text. Messaging will be purely to communicate information; there will be no reply facility.

Could parents save tel. no. **07383404730** as William Davis to their contacts.

Please see the office if you don't use WhatsApp

Uniform Stall

Look out for the monthly uniform stall on a Friday afternoon run by parents, Hoyam and Dilara



An OCN accredited course
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PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM

TUESDAYS

9, 16, 23, 30 January

6, 20, 27 February

12, 19, 26 March

9.30am- 12pm

Volunteer in E1 Schools

Information &
assessment session

Hague Primary School
Thurs 21 December 2023,
9.30am

Learn about

- the curriculum and how children learn
- teaching methods
- how to support learning
- how to keep children safe