



Weekly Newsletter Friday 2nd February 2024

Message from the Headteacher

This week the assembly theme was **Care** and **Respect**, two of our WD Values. We reminded children of the importance of treating each other kindly. Words can hurt and they can leave a child feeling sad and excluded. It's timely to remind children of the importance of kindness; and the importance of seeking an adult's support if you are feeling sad.

Stars of the Week



Zainab Nursery - she has grown in confidence and has really enjoyed reenacting the story of the three little pigs
Noah Yr 3 for showing commitment and a really positive attitude in all areas of learning.
Arifa Yr 5 for having a really positive attitude, trying her hardest in all areas of learning; as a result Arifa is a true all rounder!

Attendance

N- 85%
 R- 98%
 1- 92%
 2- 87%
 3- 87%
 4- 99%
 5- 95%
 6- 94%

Well done to **Yr 4** for achieving 99% and **Reception** for achieving 98% .Please can all parents ensure children are in every day.

Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

I can add detail and description to my sentences to help people understand what I am saying.

Please encourage children to explain their ideas clearly by adding lots of detail.

Circle Time Theme

This week's assembly was about two of our WD Values: **Care and Respect**.

Big Questions children may have discussed in class:

- How do we learn to show respect?
- Can you tell if a person is good or bad by the way they look?
- What does it mean to show care to others?
- How do we show care for the planet and animal life ?

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>

Reminders from Siobhan

1) **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.
 2) **Tower Hamlets Creative Writing Competition** All children Y1-6 should have brought home a leaflet with details on. The theme is **Discover**.
Task: Write a story in no more than 500 words or a poem no more than 25 lines long.
<https://towerhamlets-sls.org.uk/getwriting/>
 Closing date: end of term.
 Entries can be sent directly using eform on <https://towerhamlets-sls.org.uk/getwriting/> or brought into school for teachers to email/ post.

Meet Imogen from THEWS Coffee Morning

Please come and meet Imogen, our new THEWS worker. She has taken over from Sophie. Imogen will be at Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7th February 9:00 am.

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.

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**. The closing date is **16 February 2024**.

Application guidance

For guidance on completing an online application, please see Appendix B of the **Starting Nursery in Tower Hamlets 2024** brochure. The closing date for nursery applications is **16 February 2024**. All applications submitted before this date are considered equally, and are not processed on a first come first served basis.

Important dates

Spring term 2024

Wed 7th Feb - Meet Imogen in Coffee Morning 9:00 am
Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb Half term holiday
Tues 5th March Parent Conferences
Thurs 7th March World Book Day
Wb 11th March 11th Ramadan starts
8th March- Science week
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

Ragged School Museum

Please see below for the Ragged School Museum poster with half term activities.

Swimming Lessons

Please see the poster below advertising swimming lessons at York hall pool in Bethnal Green in February half term. Use the website details below to find out more.





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](#)

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.

Uniform Stall

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

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](#)

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.

Fathers and Male Carers

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

Changes to school PE kit Years 1-6

In order to make sure that we maximise the time children are active in PE lessons we would like your child to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days and remain in their PE kit for the day. They can wear their school jumper/cardigan on top of their kit in colder weather. **See letter below**

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 - Wadeson Street, Cambridge Heath, London, E2 9DL

Tel: 020 7364 7935

Collingwood - Buckhurst Street, London, E1 5QT

Tel: 020 7364 0539

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](#)

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.

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.

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.

THs Cricket Opportunity

Please see below for a cricket opportunity for children 10+; the organising club is **MCCF**. Club for girls - Yr 5+Yr 6 Club for boys - Yr 6

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.](#)

Parents of Yr 1 Children

If children arrive after the gate has shut, please bring them to the office and say goodbye to them. They can then go up stairs on their own. This is good for their development of independence.

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



SWIM SCHOOL SHORT COURSES

York hall Leisure center
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Foundation- (4yrs+) 09:30-10:00am
10:00-10:30am
10:30-11:00am
11:00-11:30am

Visit better.org.uk/swimming-lessons
for more information



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YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN OUR MCCF HUB IN TOWER HAMLETS (BOYS)

- **VENUE:** Mulberry Stepney Green College [E1 4SD]
- **DATES:** **Thursdays, 6:30-8pm (U14s), 8-9:30pm (U16s)**
Trial: 1st Feb. **Sessions:** 8th Feb, 22nd Feb, 29th Feb, 7th March, 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 18th April, 25th April, 2nd May.

ELIGIBILITY

- Aged 11-16
- Attend a state school
- Committed to putting 100% effort into all training sessions
- Does not currently play in a County Team



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APPLY

Thinking about it? Email the Hub Manager for more info:

Mahbubul via mahbubul.alam@hotmail.co.uk

Ready to go?
Scan the QR code and register your interest by:

25th January 2024

WHAT IS AN MCCF CRICKET HUB?

MCC Foundation (MCCF) runs a network of more than 120 cricket Hubs serving some 4,000 young players across the UK. Our Hubs provide free-to-access coaching and match play for state-educated cricketers aged 11-16.

- Have fun whilst being supported to reach your full potential on and off the cricket pitch
 - 10 weeks of high-quality intensive cricket coaching during the winter
 - Match play and talent ID opportunities over summer
 - Cricket+ including S&C, mental health and nutrition support
 - Completely **FREE** to attend

info@mccfoundation.org.uk



YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN OUR MCCF HUB IN TOWER HAMLETS (GIRLS)

- **VENUE:** Mulberry Stepney Green College [E1 4SD]
- **DATES:** **U12s and U16s Sessions**
Times: 5-6:30pm
Date: 1st Feb, 22nd Feb, 29th Feb, 7th March, 14th Mar, 21st Mar, 28th Mar, 4th April, 11th April, 18th April

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GRAND UNION ORCHESTRA AT THE RAGGED SCHOOL MUSEUM FEB 2024

FREE CREATIVE, HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

10th Feb Parents & children under 10 - 1:30 to 4:30

17th Feb Parents & children 10 and up - 1:30 to 4:30

23rd March Adults and families - 1:30 to 4:30



FREE CREATIVE, HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

Join Grand Union Orchestra musicians journeying in music to Bangladesh, Africa, the Caribbean and the East End!

Learn about their instruments, sing their songs, discover how their music travelled to London from around the world. No skills or experience required. Bring an instrument if you play one or a song from your childhood!

Places limited so sign up here

<https://raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk/grand-union-orchestra/>

Ragged School Museum, 46-60 Copperfield Road, London E3 4RR

