



## Weekly Newsletter Friday 8th March 2024

### Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to parents who have supported the school over the past week: attending Parent Conferences, completing Ofsted surveys and helping children prepare for World Book Day. It has been a great week! We understand that Ramadan will most likely start on Monday 11th March. We wish our Muslim families well during this month of fasting and prayer.

### Stars of the Week



**Mehreem in Reception**- she is always eager to learn new things and is always looking to expand her learning.

**Mariha Yr 2** for asking good questions, always being polite and always trying her best.

### Attendance

N- 85%

R- 90%

1- 100%

2- 98%

3- 86%

4- 97%

5- 91%

6- 97%

Well done to Yr 1 for achieving 100% !

### Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

*I can summarise my thoughts about a big idea in clear sentences:*

*'I think...'*

*'This lesson we learned...'*

Please encourage children to to summarise their learning in clear sentences.

### Circle Time Theme

Next week's assembly will be about Science Week.

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

-Think of a scientific question about the world we live in that you would like the answer to?

-What does it mean to think like a scientist?

-Fill the gap with something you are curious about. How does .... work?



### Parent Conferences

Thank you to parents and carers who supported Parent Conferences by attending and talking about their children's learning with their teacher. Please follow through on any agreed actions.

### Parent Survey

Please complete and return the Ofsted survey which we always distribute at this time of year. If you didn't receive a survey please collect one from the office.

### World Book Day.

Thank you to parents and carers who supported children to dress up for World Book day. Children had a lot of fun.



### 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.

### BBC Live Stream Event

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

Thank you to parents who responded to the WhatsApp and Google Forms survey.

80% of parents who responded supported children participating in the event so we have agreed to hosting the event. Letters will go out nearer to the time to confirm which children will be involved. Parents will be able to opt out if they don't want their child to be filmed.

### Important dates Spring term 2024

**11th -15th March**- Science week

**Wb 11th March** 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 1:30

### 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.

### Reception Parents

Thank you to parents who took time to accompany the Reception class to the Museum of the Home. It is much appreciated.



## 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.

## 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](#)

## 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](#)

## 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.

## 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