



Weekly Newsletter Friday 15th March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

We are aware that many staff members and families in the community are fasting due to Ramadan; We admire your commitment. Next week children will have an assembly based on the theme of Ramadan. The Circle Time Big Questions will explore the William Davis Value of "Commitment" as well as the significance of fasting & prayer for individuals who have a faith.

Stars of the Week



Nursery Bararkah for being a great friend to her new classmate. She has looked after them and encouraged them to play in all areas of the Nursery.

Yr 2 Alisha- for working hard on her spelling and reading at home.

Y6 Saiful for showing so much commitment to his learning this week. He's trying his best in all subjects and helping others too.

Attendance

N- 94%

R- 93%

1- 97%

2- 96%

3- 99%

4- 99%

5- 94%

6- 99%

Well done to Yr 3,4 and 6 for achieving 99% ! Well done to whole school- most classes are at or above 93%

28th March 1:30 pm

Last day of term & early finish

School finishes for the spring term on Thursday 28th March. We will close at 1:30 pm.

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.

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.

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](#)

Important dates

Spring term 2024

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

13th – 17th May SATs week Y6

13th – 17th May + 20th – 24th

May Y5 Swimming at Britannia 10-11

20th– 24th May Gorsefield Yr 6

Wed 22nd May National Numeracy Day-LIVE Streaming

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

Fri 7 June 8:30am – 12:00pm

Sports Day event Weavers Field

Mon 17th June school closed Eid Al-Adha

Fri 28th June 2:00 – 4:00pm

Summer fayre

Tue 9th July 2024 1:30 – 4:30pm

Open afternoon- handout reports

Thur 11th July Victoria Park Family Trip

Thur 18th July 2024 2:00 – 3:00 pm Yr 6 performance tbc

Fri 19th July school finishes 1:30

Nursery Aged Children

Please see office staff if you haven't registered your three year olds yet for Nursery.

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...'

'In 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 **Ramadan and Fasting**

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

-What does the word commitment mean?

-What do we learn by fasting or showing restraint?

-Why do people of faith pray?

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.

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

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.

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](#)

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

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](#)

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 [eadmissions portal](#).

Application guidance

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

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.