



Weekly Newsletter Friday 19th April 2024

Message from the Headteacher

We hope that you had a relaxing holiday together and enjoyed Eid celebrations. Welcome back to the summer term. This is an important term. Children work to achieve the goals set at the start of the year; and we manage end of year rituals. Please remind children to work hard and do their best in school and at home with their reading and homework.

Stars of the Week



Elian Nursery for working really hard at writing his name.

Malikah Yr 3 for improved concentration and excellent attitude to learning.

Haniya Yr 5 for great contributions in reading, Roots of Empathy and music

Class Eid Party

Thank you to all parents who contributed to the occasion by bringing in food from home.

Important dates

Summer term 2024

Wed 24th April Yr 3&4 Book Club

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

Friday 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.

Attendance

N- 93%

R- 89%

1- 96%

2- 89%

3- 93%

4- 96%

5- 99%

6- 95%

Well done Year 5 achieving 99%

Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

I can speak politely to all adults and children phrases such as:

'Good morning...' *'Please'*

'Thank you' *'Excuse me'*

Please encourage children to be polite when talking to other children and to adults.

Circle Time Theme

This week's assembly was about **our Easter Holidays and the celebration of Eid.**

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

-What made the holiday special for you and your family?

- How did you celebrate Eid?

-What do we need to remember when we start a new term and what do you want to achieve in this final term of this year?

New School Social Worker

We have a new team member, Shanaz, starting soon. She is an experienced social worker; & will work with our families on a Tuesday morning. Please see Annika if you would like to be referred.

Medical Appointments

Please can parents and carers provide office staff with evidence of medical appointments when taking children off site. They will be expected in school before & after their appointment.

Family Homework

Our FHW this holiday had two themes:

★ Science- Time

★ Autism Awareness

Thank you to families who supported their children to complete family learning.

Parent Eid Event

We have agreed to host a parent Eid event on Tuesday 7th May at 2pm. It will be held in the school hall.

Nomination for a Tower Hamlets Civic Award

We nominated **Hoyan** for a THs Civic Award for her voluntary role in running our Felix Project school food distribution project for parents on a weekly basis on Friday afternoons. We are proud of Hoyan's commitment and outstanding service to the school community and beyond.

Although we weren't successful this year due to a high number of nominations, we want to say **well done to Hoyan and her dedicated team of parent volunteers.**

End of Year Family Trip

Please keep **Thursday 11th July** free for a whole school family trip. We hope that all parents or carers can attend. At the moment the venue is Victoria Park as it is low cost and accessible for all.

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.

BBC Live Stream Event

Parent Sessions

Coffee Morning on Wednesdays 9-10 am in the Parents Rm 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.

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.



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](#)



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

It is likely to be children in Yr 3-5 who are invited to participate. 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.

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](#)

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.

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

Physical Activity

Guidelines for under 5s

See the poster below for guidelines on how to keep your under 5s healthy and fit.

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.

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.

Physical activity for early years (birth – 5 years)

Active children are healthy, happy,
school ready and sleep better



BUILDS
RELATIONSHIPS
& SOCIAL SKILLS



MAINTAINS
HEALTH &
WEIGHT



CONTRIBUTES TO
BRAIN DEVELOPMENT
& LEARNING



IMPROVES
SLEEP



DEVELOPS
MUSCLES
& BONES



ENCOURAGES
MOVEMENT
& CO-ORDINATION

Every movement counts

Aim for at least
180
Minutes
per day
for children 1-5 years



PLAYGROUND



JUMP



CLIMB



MESSY PLAY



THROW/CATCH



SKIP

Under-1s

at least
30 minutes
across the day



OBJECT PLAY



DANCE



GAMES



PLAY



TUMMY TIME



SWIM



WALK



SCOOT



BIKE

Get Strong. Move More. Break up inactivity

UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines, 2019