



Weekly Newsletter Friday October 21st 2022

Message from the Headteacher

This week I had the privilege of going on the Yr 4/5 residential to Magdalen Farm in Somerset. We had a fantastic 3 days learning in a farm environment. The children had such a positive attitude and tried new food and activities. They learned about organic farming, planted trees, built rafts and fed the animals. We had fun!

Stars of the Week



Yr 1 Caleb for showing great improvement in his behaviour.
Yr 4 Maheera for being a great role model- working hard, showing care to other children and being a supportive talk partner.

Attendance

N- 81%
R- 87%
1- 95%
2- 97%
3- 89%
4- 99%
5- 97%
6- 98%

Well done to Year 4 who achieved 99%!

Parent Sessions

Coffee Morning on Wednesdays 9-10 am in the Parents Rm run by Yasmin- all welcome

Toy Library Thursdays 9-10 am run by Rubina and Amina. All are welcome!

Felix Food Project Friday 2:30-3:30 run by Amina, Yasmin, Hoyan, Muna

Important dates

2022-23

Mon 24th Oct- Fri 28th Oct half term holiday

Wed 2nd Nov 9:00 am Parent session Managing behaviour

Mon 7th Nov 9 am Yr 1; 3 pm Yr 2 parent curriculum mtgs

8th Nov 9 am Yr 3; 3 pm Yr 4 parent curriculum mtgs

14th Nov 9 am Yr 5; 3 pm Yr 6 parent curriculum mtgs

17th Nov ASB community mtg

Thurs 8th Dec 2:30 Winter Concert Yrs 4-6

Fri 9th Dec Winter Fayre 2:00 pm school will close at 2 pm

12th- 16th Dec Gorsefield Yr 6

Wed 14th Dec 9:30 Winter Concert EYU and Yrs 1-3

Wed 21st Dec- Tue 3rd Jan Christmas holiday

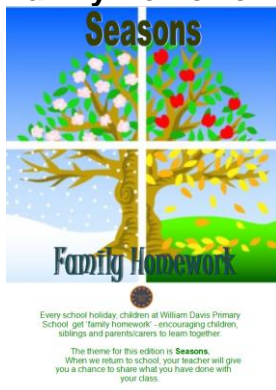
Mon 13th Feb- Fri 17th Feb half term holiday

Mon 3rd April to Fri 14th April Easter holiday

Mon 29th May- Fri 2nd June half term holiday

Friday 21st July date tbc last day of term

Family Homework



Please make sure that you complete 2-3 activities from the family homework Seasons ready for the return to school.

8:45 Reading Reminder

Please ensure that your children are in school as close to 8:45 as possible. Gates open at 8:40 most days.

This extra time in class is used for reading and changing books. We need all children in school to establish this whole school routine. We want all William Davis children to love reading.



Please see letter below from James Thomas and Steve Katahawa to Tower Hamlets parents.
Book Shed

WD Wrap Around Care

Wrap Around Care (childcare) is available for all children. Contact Forida on the admin email if you want to book sessions. All information is on the website:

[William Davis' Wraparound Care](http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/wraparound-care)

The after school provision is also used by children from other local schools.

Magdalen Farm

Yr 4 and 5 had a fantastic trip to Magdalen Farm in Somerset this week. They spent three days learning about farming and how to care for our environment. They behaved excellently and were an asset to the school! You can see the photos on the website:

<http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/magdalen-farm-blog.html>

Wed 2nd Nov 9:00 am Parent session Managing behaviour

Please join Sophie for her second session for parents; the theme is managing children's behaviour. All parents are welcome.

Nursery

Nursery had a wonderful trip to Hackney City Farm on Wednesday; the children really enjoyed meeting the animals and playing in the woodland. Thank you to the parents who attended.

Dad's Football Thomas Buxton

Frozen the Musical

We have managed to organise tickets for the matinee of Frozen on Wednesday 10th November. This trip will be parent-led with staff in support. Parents will need to be financially disadvantaged to apply for tickets. One parent per family will be able to attend with children. A letter will be sent out after half term.

Tescos

If you visit Tescos please look out for their charity display and vote for William Davis Breakfast



We have an exciting new Book Shed in the Parents Room. During the autumn term children can come and borrow a book and return it when finished. Please encourage your child to read an hour every evening; come and choose new books as often as you can manage to pop into the school Book Shed.



ESOL Classes

Please see Shahsita or Annika if you are interested in English classes; there are still spaces in the parent classes.

Secondary Transfer Year 6 -7 Transition

Please have a good read of the website page and transition booklet to be found at: https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/education_and_learning/schools/school_admissions/secondary_school_admissions.aspx

Please organise visits to schools that your child is interested in so that you can choose the right school together. dates are in the transition booklet.

We Need Your Help

Please nominate William Davis for a prize. Use the link below and we may win £1000 for new books. [WIN £1,000/€1,000 to help your school rebuild their library](#)

contact from parents to explain the absence.

Clothing

Please ensure children have clothing for the weather; coats when it is potentially cold or wet; trainers or shoes they can run in for the playground.

You are invited to join the **Dads Football Club** which runs every Thursday 9.00 – 10.45am at Thomas Buxton.

First Aid Procedures

Minor injuries (grazes, non impact nose bleeds) first aid will be recorded in the blue minor injuries log book.

Parents not called.

Injury to head, face, mouth first aid will be reported to head/ deputy, accident form completed for child to take home, teacher informed and parents informed by phone.

Injury to body or limbs first aid will be reported to head/ deputy, accident form completed for child to take home, teacher informed. Phone call home made if SLT advises.

Health Care Plans

If your child has a health care plan for a medical condition please can you ensure that school has an up to date copy from the GP.

Medicines in School

All medicines must be brought to the office to be registered and signed for with Florida. We cannot administer medicines without parental consent. We note two children this week with medicines brought in loose in a pocket or book bag. This is potentially dangerous and a safeguarding issue for children.

Absence Calls

We have a number of children who have been absent with no phone call from the parent. Please remember that parents must call the school to explain absence. School will escalate the absence to a safeguarding concern if we have no

Club. With your support we may be funded to buy new equipment.

School Website

Please check the website for updates and school information: <http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/> or speak to the school office.

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.

<http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/safeguarding-and-child-protection.html>

Support with Parenting

Please see Mima or Annika if you are concerned about your child's behaviour at home. Sophie (THEWs) has spaces for 1-1 sessions as well as group sessions.

Parent Volunteer Reading Help

Please see Annika if you would like to volunteer to support early reading in classes. You must have strong English literacy skills.

Parent Volunteer Class Trips

Please see Annika if you would like to volunteer to support class trips. It is always helpful to have 2-3 additional adults to support.



MANAGING BEHAVIOUR PARENTING STRATEGIES FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

AN INFORMAL REVIEW OF PARENTING STRATEGIES
FOR WILLIAM DAVIS PARENTS

FOR PARENTS WHO ATTENDED SESSION LAST
ACADEMIC WE CAN REVIEW THESE STRATEGIES AND
HOW YOU ARE IMPLEMENTING THEM AT HOME.

FOR ANY NEW PARENTS- PLEASE DO ALSO COME
ALONG AND WE WILL TALK THROUGH THE
STRATEGIES!

Wednesday 2nd November 9am

In person at William Davis Primary School

**Delivered by Sophie Joy- Education Wellbeing
Practitioner**

Bengali/Sylheti Interpreter will be present



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Dear Parents,

Working Together

We want to applaud the fact that **Tower Hamlets has some of the best schools in London.** The performance of our schools in Ofsted inspections is the best in London and nationally with **96% of our schools and setting judged as good or better by Ofsted.** **Your contributions as parents to these amazing inspection outcomes should not be underestimated.** The excellent quality of teaching and learning in our schools is due to school leaders and their staff wanting the best for your child both in terms of academic achievement and emotional well-being.

As we come towards the end of the first half term of this academic year, there are so many things to celebrate about our schools and settings including the support you have provided to our school staff to ensure your children's learning is exciting and effective.

Schools are central to our families and communities. Our schools have continued to work with families and their children throughout the pandemic and our schools have provided real community leadership working with children and families. This needs to continue as we come out of the pandemic.

We are rightly proud of our schools in Tower Hamlets and how we all put the interests of our children and young people first. School staff deserve to be treated with respect for their commitment and dedication to providing the best education for your children. We ask you to be respectful of each other when you are on school site, be mindful of your behaviour when you are in the school playground.

William Davis Primary School

To be the best you can be



We have come across rare incidents where parents' behaviour on school premises or towards school staff has been unacceptable. **Where such incidents are brought to attention of the local authority, they will be dealt with appropriately.** The local authority will support its schools to ensure the safety of your children and the staff in schools.

I hope you enjoy the half term break and thank you supporting your child's school do a great job.

Yours

James Thomas
Childrens Corporate Director,
Children and Culture
London Borough of Tower Hamlets

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Steve Nyakatawa
Director of Education
London Borough of Tower Hamlets

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