



Weekly Newsletter Friday 23rd February 2024

Message from the Headteacher

It is good to see that most children are back to school this week. It is extremely important the whole community works harder to raise attendance as it has dropped again in the last 2 months. This means that families must book their holidays outside of the term time. The government and Ofsted are very concerned about low attendance and the impact on children.

Stars of the Week



Idris Bin Shah Nursery for excellent role play and use of story language during independent learning time.
Dawud Yr 3 for showing great care and fantastic collaboration - being a super buddy for a new child in school and in class..

Attendance

N- 80%

R- 97%

1- 93%

2- 89%

3- 88%

4- 88%

5- 94%

6- 95%

Well done to Yr 4 and 5 for achieving 99% and Yr 1 for achieving 98%.

Parent Conferences Tuesday 5th March

Please collect your children at 1:30 pm on Tuesday 5th March. Parents will be invited to meet their children's teachers during the afternoon. The office will organise appointments this week.

Important dates

Spring term 2024

Tues 5th March Parent Conferences 1:30 pm school closes
Thurs 7th March World Book Day Dress Up day
8th March- Science week
Wb 11th March 11th Ramadan starts
Thur 28th March school finishes Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April

Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

I can use actions and gestures to support what I am saying.

Please encourage children to gesticulate to support their communication in formal contexts.

Circle Time Theme

This week's assembly was Wildlife Big Questions children discussed in class related to the theme:

Celebration of the living world/ the Animal Kingdom

-If you could be an animal what would you be and why?

-Can you think of two contrasting animals and two similar animals?

-Which animal would you want to protect from extinction and why?

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 complete to discuss expectations and confirm the agreement.

BT Offer

Please see below for information about a BT Broadband offer. Contact the school office if interested and eligible.

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.

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.

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.

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

Family Homework World Book Day

Well done to all children and families who worked together on the World Book Day Family Homework. WE have seen some fantastic creative work based on books read by children.

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**.



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](#)

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.

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 - 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.

Free 12 Months BT Broadband Offer for Eligible Families

In support of our digital inclusion goal, we are delighted to announce, in partnership with BT, Connecting Communities, Swanlea School and Tower Hamlets that we are now able to offer 800 families free broadband for 12 months. This offer is valid for a limited time.

BT FREE Broadband, tariff details and eligibility:

- 12-month contract
- 36mpb of speed
- Unlimited data
- 700 minutes of calls

To qualify parents will need to be:

- New BT/EE customers
- Receive of one the following benefits:
 - Universal Credit (all claimants)
 - Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
 - Employment and Support Allowance, Jobseeker's Allowance, or Income Support.

Schools to forward parent information to Zelda at THs.

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

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](#)

William Davis Primary School

To be the best you can be

