



Weekly Newsletter Friday 26th January 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Honesty and Commitment are two of our WD Values. Honesty-we encourage children to tell the truth and to take responsibility when things go wrong. Things resolve more quickly when children can be honest about things that have gone wrong. Commitment- we want children to commit to their learning in class and beyond, doing their homework & attending clubs.

Stars of the Week



Zakariya Rec for being committed to following our class rules and always trying his best to answer questions during carpet sessions.
Tamira Yr 1 for always engaging in class discussions and being a great role model for her peers.
Musa Yr 5 for real application and enthusiasm with his writing.

Attendance

- N- 94%
- R- 95%
- 1- 98%
- 2- 91%
- 3- 81%
- 4- 96%
- 5- 84%
- 6- 94%

Well done to **Yr 6** for achieving 100% and **Reception** for achieving 99% ! Please can all parents ensure children are in every day.

Changes to school PE kit Years 1-6

In order to make sure that we maximise the time children are active in PE lessons we would like your child to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days and remain in their PE kit for the day. They can wear their school jumper/cardigan on top of their kit in colder weather.

See letter below

Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

I can listen and take turns with a partner or group without interrupting

Please encourage children to listen to their partner and try hard not to interrupt.

Circle Time Theme

This week's assembly was about two **William Davis Values: Honesty and Commitment**. In Circle Time children discussed these **Big Questions** based on Honesty and Commitment:

- Why is it important to be honest?
- Is it ever right to lie?
- Is it better to lie if the truth will hurt someone's feelings?
- How do you show commitment?
- Who do you know who shows commitment?

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.

Reception Application Deadline

Pupils usually start primary school in the September following their fourth birthday. If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 this will be from September 2024. You must make an online application for a reception place, **even if your child is already attending the school's nursery**.

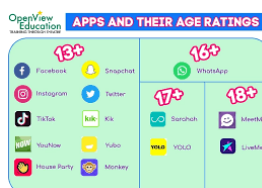
There is no automatic right of transfer from the nursery class to the reception class in the same school, and attending a nursery class does not give any priority for admission to reception class at the same school.

You must apply via the <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

New closing date for making applications is 1st February

Social Media

We have been made aware that a number of our older children in Year 6 are actively using Apps with a minimum age of 13. Please ensure that you are supervising your children's use of social media ensuring that the use is **age appropriate**. Please ensure that you are aware of what they are posting in the public and private chats. Check it's appropriate. We are concerned that children are using social media chats to discuss friendships and fallouts; this can cause problems in/out of school. We are concerned children are sharing personal details in public domains.



Important dates

Spring term 2024

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb Half term holiday
Tues 5th March Parent Conferences
Thurs 7th March World Book Day
Wb 11th March 11th Ramadan starts
8th March- Science week
Thur 28th March school finishes
 Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April **Easter holidays**

Mon 15th April school starts
 Monday 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

Swimming Lessons

Please see the poster below advertising swimming lessons at York hall pool in Bethnal Green in February half term.

Use the website details below to find out more.



THs Cricket Opportunity

Please see below for a cricket opportunity for children 10+; the organising club is **MCCF**.
 Club for girls - Yr 5+Yr 6
 Club for boys - Yr 6

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](#)

Book Amnesty

Please return all school books to the class next week so that the book corners can be stored. There are lots of books missing.

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>

Uniform Stall

Look out for the monthly uniform stall on a Friday afternoon run by parents, Hoyam and Dilara

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.

Fathers and Male Carers

Fathers Football at Thomas Buxton Thursday mornings - see Russell. See poster below.

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](#)

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.

Sight and Hearing Tests

Please get your child's hearing and sight checked if you have concerns about them. Unfortunately our school nurse does not routinely screen children. School and parents need to work together to identify when a child can't see the board or hear class instructions. Please talk to your child and contact your GP or optician if you need to book a screening.

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.

Situation in the Middle East

We know that this time is complex for adults caring for young children. Please take time to read this Unicef guidance for parents about talking to children about conflict and war. [How to talk to your children about conflict and war | UNICEF Parenting](#) Please talk to us if you are concerned about your child.

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.](#)

Parents of Yr 1 Children

If children arrive after the gate has shut, please bring them to the office and say goodbye to them. They can then go up stairs on their own. This is good for their development of independence.

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.



SWIM SCHOOL SHORT COURSES

York hall Leisure center
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Foundation- (4yrs+) 09:30-10:00am
10:00-10:30am
10:30-11:00am
11:00-11:30am

Visit better.org.uk/swimming-lessons
for more information



BETTER



YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN OUR MCCF HUB IN TOWER HAMLETS (BOYS)

- **VENUE:** Mulberry Stepney Green College [E1 4SD]
- **DATES:** **Thursdays, 6:30-8pm (U14s), 8-9:30pm (U16s)**
Trial: 1st Feb. **Sessions:** 8th Feb, 22nd Feb, 29th Feb, 7th March, 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 18th April, 25th April, 2nd May.

ELIGIBILITY

- Aged 11-16
- Attend a state school
- Committed to putting 100% effort into all training sessions
- Does not currently play in a County Team



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APPLY

Thinking about it? Email the Hub Manager for more info:

Mahbubul via mahbubul.alam@hotmail.co.uk

Ready to go?
Scan the QR code and register your interest by:

25th January 2024

WHAT IS AN MCCF CRICKET HUB?

MCC Foundation (MCCF) runs a network of more than 120 cricket Hubs serving some 4,000 young players across the UK. Our Hubs provide free-to-access coaching and match play for state-educated cricketers aged 11-16.

- Have fun whilst being supported to reach your full potential on and off the cricket pitch
 - 10 weeks of high-quality intensive cricket coaching during the winter
 - Match play and talent ID opportunities over summer
 - Cricket+ including S&C, mental health and nutrition support
 - Completely **FREE** to attend

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YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN OUR MCCF HUB IN TOWER HAMLETS (GIRLS)

- **VENUE:** Mulberry Stepney Green College [E1 4SD]
- **DATES:** **U12s and U16s Sessions**
Times: 5-6:30pm
Date: 1st Feb, 22nd Feb, 29th Feb, 7th March, 14th Mar, 21st Mar, 28th Mar, 4th April, 11th April, 18th April

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