



### Weekly Newsletter Friday 26th April 2024

#### Message from the Headteacher

This week I want to promote two great outdoor opportunities for WD children. See the poster below for May Half term activities for families in **Epping Forest**. The second offer falls on the 25th and 26th may. Why not visit Kew Gardens with your family-check availability. We understand tickets are free: <https://kewgardens.seetickets.com/tour/community-open-week>

#### Stars of the Week



**Asiya Reception** for trying her best at reading; and for participating more during carpet sessions showing her growth in confidence.  
**Sepr Yr 3** for his commitment to all areas of learning and for being an excellent role model.  
**Sameeha Yr 4** for her enthusiasm to learn, always contributing to class discussions and really pushing herself with her learning.

#### Attendance

Nursery: 88%

Reception: 99%

Year 1: 91%

Year 2: 94%

Year 3: 94%

Year 4: 84%

Year 5: 99%

Year 6: 93%

Well done Reception and Year 5 for achieving 99%

#### Wed 24th April Yr 3&4 Book Club

Thank you to parents who attended the Yr 3&4 Book Club; it was an enjoyable event!

#### Monday 6th May

School is closed for Bank Holiday

#### 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.

#### Important dates Summer term 2024

**Mon 6th May** bank holiday  
**Tue 7th May** Meet Shahnaz- our new SW  
**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

#### Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

*I can speak in full, clear sentences.*

Please encourage children to speak in full sentences which make sense to the listener.

#### Circle Time Theme

This week's assembly was about **Creativity and Imagination** **The Big Questions** children to be discussed in class relate to the theme:

- If you became famous for inventing something new- what would it be?
- Can you think of a problem that you have solved - in a creative way?
- Can you think of a piece of creative art or writing that you are proud of?

#### New School Social Worker

We have a new team member, Shahnaz, starting next week. 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.

Shahnaz will attend a coffee morning on **Tuesday 7th May at 9:00 am.**

#### 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.

#### 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 **admissions portal**.

#### Application guidance

For guidance on completing an online application, please see Appendix B of the **Starting Nursery in Tower Hamlets 2024** brochure.

#### Nursery Aged Children

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

#### 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**.

#### Physical Activity Guidelines for under 5s

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

### 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](#)



### BBC Live Stream Event

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 - 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](#)

### 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.

### CHARGES Reminders:

In order to replace books lost at home we will charge £5 for lost books.

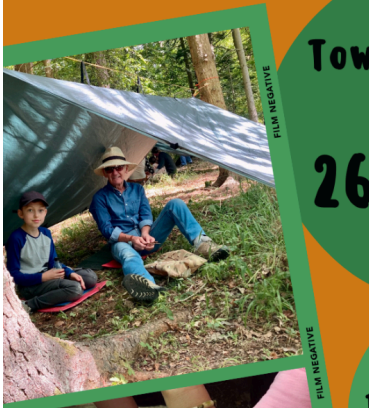
EYFS parents will be charged £3 / term for perishable items. Repeated late pick ups from ASC will incur an increased fine- see the **Charging and Remissions Policy** on the website



## Growing Wild Epping Forest

Join us in the woods for fun and  
adventure with your tribe!

Set up a camp together among the  
trees and join in with some great  
family activities designed to build  
outdoor confidence and help you  
explore deeper into Epping Forest!



**Tower Hamlets  
Families:  
26th May**

Places are free but very  
limited, please register ASAP:

<https://qrco.de/beyLIM>

**Two sessions:**

**10.30am - 12.30pm**

**1.30pm - 3.30pm**

**Booking  
QR Code**



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## 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