



## WEEKLY NEWS Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Message from the Headteacher

*Children today read less frequently than any previous generation and enjoy reading less than young people did in the past, according to new research. (National Literacy Trust February 2020)*

At William Davis we believe that developing good reading habits is one of the most important things that we as co-educators ( parents and staff) need to teach children. Please work with us to ensure that children learn to love reading. Children should: visit the library regularly; read every day; have stories read and told to them regularly. Let's work together to make sure that they love books!

### SEND Rally Downing Street

Thank you to all parents and carers who signed our SEND funding petition. We delivered it to Downing Street on Friday.



### Whole School Attendance Attendance

Nursery -92%

Reception -77%

Yr 1—97%

Yr 2— 98%

Yr 3— 97%

Yr 4—92%

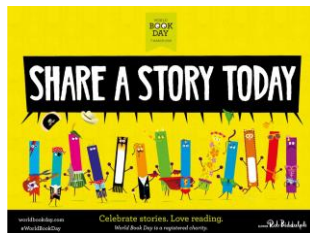
Yr 5—95%

Yr 6- 87%

Well done to Yr 2 -98%

### World Book Dress-up Day

Children and staff dressed up for World Book Day; there were some very creative outfits. Staff retold the Gruffalo to the children; and Siobhan explained about our new mission to read a million stories- with your help!



#### Your task:

**Make sure that your child records every story that is read to/ told to them on their chart.**

### Easy Funding Donations

Make sure that you are registered for Easy Funding Donations:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/williamdavisps/>

### ESOL classes

Parents who are interested in learning English please come and see Charlotte + Annika as we have the possibility of starting a new class.

### Family Homework

Well done to all those who wrote a Hidden Island story or poem for Family Homework. One child per class shared their favourite part of their story in assembly.

### Important Dates

Sat 7 March 12-3pm Rich Mix Book Swap event -Roman Road Trust Commin Rooms

Mon + Tue 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March Resilience Film Rich Mix

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> –Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March- Green Week at the Ideas Store

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March – Sports Relief Dress-up day

Sun 15 Mar& 19 Apr; 10.30-12noon Story Play Rich Mix

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – taster session- Rich Mix Women's Photography and Philosophy

Tue 31st March Parents Open Afternoon  
Mon 6th April to Fri 17th April 2020 Easter holiday

Summer term Volunteering in Your Child's School course

Fri May 8th Bank Holiday

Mon 25th May- Fri 29th May 2020 half term holiday

Friday 17th July 2020 last day of term

### Rich Mix Activities

Story Play (for 2-5s) Sun15 Mar, 19 Apr; 10.30-12noon

Rich Mix Bookswap (all ages) Sat 7 March 12-3pm offsite at the Roman Road. E2 5NS

William Davis is working towards being a Sugar Smart school. Please think about your child's sugar intake. More info coming!

### Parent Governor

We are recruiting one Parent Governor- we have one vacancy to fill. Please see Annika or Charlotte by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March if you are interested.

Several children have attendance below 95% - please ensure your children are in every day!

### WD Play

Please contact Forida on 0207 7391511 [admin@williamdavis.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@williamdavis.towerhamlets.sch.uk) if you would like to book your child/ren in to WD Play ( After School Care)  
Charges: £5 one hour; £8 two hours  
3yr olds: £7 one hour, £10 two hours

### Books at Home

Please can you check your home for school books & return to school.

### Volunteering Course- Summer Term

See Annika, Charlotte or office staff if you are interested.

### Our New Communication Targets

**-To be a Successful Communicator you need to:**

- use talk to solve problems
- be good at explaining how we are feeling