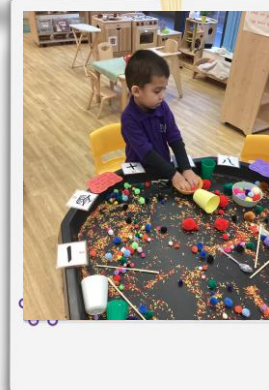


# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about  
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

## ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK – CHINESE NEW YEAR

This week the children have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have learnt that it is the Year of the Rabbit and have been exploring Chinese letters by trying to write them ourselves.

The children worked together to make our dragon head and body for our Dragon Dance this Thursday. We then watched and practiced the lion and dragon dances in preparation for our own parade.

The children learnt that, in China, the



colour red represents good luck, and this is why many people wear red to start off a new year. We shared similarities of how we celebrate new year in our homes in comparison with Chinese New Year. The children shared that they go to mosques, temples or churches to welcome the new year and that they also eat delicious food.

The children prepared Stir Fried Noodles for their classmates and ate them together in the afternoon. The children enjoyed trying the stir fried noodles, with many saying they have had similar food at home.

We have enjoyed exploring Chinese New Year and making links to our own experiences during celebrations. Happy New Year!



## UPDATES FROM SARAH JANE

### Mulberry Wood Wharf is growing

We are really pleased that so many parents have chosen Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary for their child in Reception, both for 2022/23 and the upcoming 2023/24 cohort. We will have two classes in Reception in September 2023.

### Our new site

We are still in discussions with Tower Hamlets and contractors on the date of completion of the new building. As you will be aware this was originally planned for February or Easter. There have been some minor delays to the programme due to changes in subcontractors. Unfortunately these issues are not something that the Trust have responsibility for. Nonetheless, we are working hard to make sure the building is ready and of amazing quality, and are holding regular meetings with the construction team. We will keep you updated when we have a fixed moving date- and the arrangements for moving and transitioning to the new site.



# LOCAL AUTHORITY FAMILY SERVICES

## Platform to Talk- Supporting Children's Mental Health

Friday 10 February, 10-11am  
Delivered online through  
Zoom

### [Register here](#)

To coincide with Children's Mental Health Week, February's Platform to Talk session will explore ways parents can talk to their children about mental health. Parents can share their experiences and concerns with other parents. In addition, parents will pick up some practical ideas on how to support their child's emotional wellbeing and help build their resilience.



## Let's Connect – Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 6 – Sunday 12  
January

### [Find out more here](#)

This year's theme for Children's Mental Health Week is 'Let's Connect'. This focuses on making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week and beyond.



## INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

### Outside Play

We send all children outside unless there's a medical reason not to. For instance, children with asthma do not go outside on high index days. In this cold weather, we ensure that the children are wrapped up warm, with their zippers up and they do not remain outside for long periods of time.

### NEU Strike Action

The NEU teaching union is taking strike action on 1st February 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and school funding and not because of any issues at our school.

*Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary will be open as usual on 1st February 2023. Please send your child in as normal.*



## STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's stars in Tiger Class are:

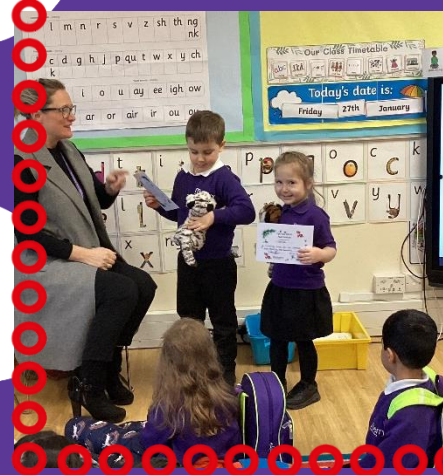
### ★ Frederick

For being a great role model in taking care of our classroom.

### ★ Monica

For working hard on her phonics and recalling her sounds.

In recognition, both have been given a certificate and a tiger to take home for the weekend. Monica and Frederick will teach the tigers how to prepare breakfast in the morning, and will bring in mystery objects for the class to discuss next week.



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