

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about  
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.

FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

## PANDA CLASS

Panda Class have travelled around the United Kingdom this week as we embarked on our learning journey about the British Isles. Children have used maps to locate the four countries, learn the capital cities and link their scientific learning on plants to identify the national flowers. Khamiyah said, "I can see Wales is smaller than England."



We have continued retelling 'Katie in London' in English, where the children have drawn each part of the story to build a story map. The children used the story map to retell the story orally. The children have had fun learning the names of London Landmarks. Dawud said, "The London Eye looks like a big wheel" and Aayaan has enjoyed playing 'I-Spy A London Landmark'. Lots of children enjoyed using the construction blocks to build London landmarks. Arielle said, "I have built the Houses of Parliament and it's so tall."



## UPDATES FROM SARAH JANE

I have been really amazed to see how the learning is coming to life at Mulberry Wood Wharf now that children have settled in. I've been particularly impressed with the art and design children have been involved with.

Panda class have been linking their topic on plants to their art project and have been working on the skills of sketching and selecting colours using water paint. I always think children look so content and calm when they are engaging in art, it really is wonderful to observe.

In Blue Whale and Tiger Class the children have begun creating their very own self portraits, they have been looking in the mirror and talking about their features which are now coming to life through drawings. I can't wait to see them all completed and on display. They are all so unique and so different which is what Mulberry Wood Wharf celebrates.

I have some exciting news about the Mulberry Trusts Festival of Arts coming up in November- an opportunity for Panda class to perform in an auditorium with other trust schools and for Blue Whale and Tiger Class to have their work displayed in the art gallery. More details to follow soon!

Have a lovely weekend, I hope you manage to get out and about to enjoy the fine weather.



# BLUE WHALE AND TIGER CLASSES

It has been a busy week for Blue Whale and Tiger Classes this week. They walked in on Monday morning to discover unique footprints scattered across the classroom floor. What a mystery they walked into! Noah pointed to a footprint and recognised the paw print of a dog. He said, "I can see that a dog made a mess on the floor." Amaara noticed a different print and asked, "Is that a frog's foot mark on the floor?" The children had many questions as to how and why these footprints ended up in our classroom.

The focus this week was for children to explore their sense of sight. They learnt new vocabulary by delving into the book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'. Some new vocabulary they have learnt are, 'look' 'stare' and 'gaze.' Liyana said, "Look at the play-dough brown bear I have made."

Later in the week the children discussed the importance of sight and were put up to a challenge of colouring blindfolded. They had two chances to colour in with both eyes blindfolded, they could then remove the blindfold and



attempt to colour without. They talked about how it was difficult to stay in the lines and that they needed their sight to know where to colour within the lines. It was an activity that helped develop their fine motor skills as well as hand-eye co-ordination.

Towards the end of the week the children got their cooking skills on and made delicious jam sandwiches. They each look turns to spread the jam and cut their bread into four squares. This activity started conversations about how this is a popular favourite for some children, and how some children make these sandwiches at home.

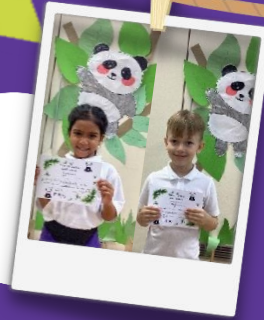


## TABLE OF THE WEEK

Every week we reward children for positive behaviours around lunchtime, such as showing good manners, playing with the resources safely and with kindness, and trying new food.

Well done to:

- ★ Hanna (Reception)
- ★ Valentino (Reception)
- ★ Khamiyah (Year 1)
- ★ Ram Varenya (Year 1)



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Panda Class' stars:

★ Aila

For making kind choices to play with others at playtimes and creating fun games.

★ Harry

For working hard in Phonics to Fred Talk new words.

Tiger Class' star:

★ Nairah

For persevering and trying again and again on unfamiliar activities.

Blue Whale Class' star:

★ Aarav

For persevering and having a positive attitude towards his learning.

