

Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.

# **UPDATES FROM SARAH JANE**

FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

I can't believe we have reached the end of the half term already. It has passed by so quickly and seems moments ago that we welcomed our new and returning families. I am so impressed with how Blue Whale and Tiger Class have settled in to their new environment, making friends and building relationships with the staff. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know every child and their unique personality and I am looking forward to seeing them all develop, grow and thrive as the year goes on.

And what a difference a year makes! Panda Class have yet again exceeded my expectations. It has been wonderful to see the class return as mature and confident individuals, leading as role models in the school. Their interest and curiosity to learn blows me away on a daily basis. I struggle to keep up with the fascinating and interesting questions they ask.

One of our key priorities this year is to create a culture where there is a love of reading. You will notice in the foyer we have set up a book share for pupils and another for adults and parents. Please bring any of your used books and swap them with one that someone else has brought in.

I hope you have a wonderful half term break. I would like to thank parents for their support, engagement and positive feedback thus far, it means a lot and it really helps us to steer the growth of Mulberry Wood Wharf.

# PANDA CLASS

Panda Class started their week by showcasing their home projects of London Landmarks. We have been flooded with information about so many interesting places to visit in London. We have loved seeing the creative models children have produced using recycling from home. Who knew there was so many things to make from a cardboard box! Children have shared lovely written work and confidently presented their projects to the class. Thank you for taking the time to engage in this





term's project and we look forward to announcing the project for next halfterm. Until then, come and see our wonderful 3D city of London in the foyer.

Panda Class have been exploring the use of the 'Part, Part, Whole' model in Maths. We have been looking at whole numbers and investigating how to split a number into 2 parts. Ram Varenya explained "when 4 is one part, 2 has to be the other part to make 6 the whole number". Chloe used her number track drawing to help her explain "5 is 1 more than 4, so if 1 is a part and 4 is a part then 5 is the whole".

Number stories and drawings are a fantastic way to explore maths concepts. A superb week of lots of creative play and learning.

# BLUE WHALE AND TIGER CLASSES

This week the children have been exploring their sense of touch. We have been learning that our skin gathers information whenever it touches something and sends this information to our brains. The children have been using vocabulary such as 'hard, soft, sharp, prickly, smooth, rough, bumpy, hot, cold and wet' to describe how different objects feel.

It is Recycling Week and the children have been learning what it means to recycle, how we can recycle and how we can reuse all sorts of objects, such as yoghurt pot, bottles, jars, toilet rolls and cardboard boxes. As a whole class project the children have been working together to create a junk model city! The children have enjoyed planning which materials they will use to complete their projects.



We cannot believe that the first half term is finished already! We have truly enjoyed getting to know our Blue Whale and Tiger Classes – they are an incredible group of curious, kind and creative children. Have a wonderful half term break and we cannot wait to see everyone on Monday 30th October.



## 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:

- ★ Ria
- ★ Madina
- ★ Victoriia
- ★ Siyuan







### STAR OF THE WEEK

Panda Class' stars:

★ Elijah

For using great
communication skills to
explain himself to adults
and his peers
★ Srikrithi

For always being a kind
and helpful member of
Panda Class and
encouraging her peers to
make positive choices

Tiger Class' star:

★Liyana

For always being kind to others, recognising how others are feeling and helping them

Blue Whale Class' star:

★Noah

For always being kind and involving others in his play

