

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK – Blue Whale and Tiger Class

It's been another exciting week in Blue Whale and Tiger Class. The children have been learning about the celebration of Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita. Many of the children enjoyed the story and spent time looking through our book to talk about the story and used our WOW words such as victory and defeated. The children made diva lamps from salt dough and decorated them before taking them home to light up their windowsills just like in the story. The children also created rangoli patterns using various materials such as sticks, conkers, play dough, feathers, pasta and seeds. We painted pictures using spices that are used in dishes prepared for Diwali. The children enjoyed smelling the paint and saying if it was "spicy, like biscuits or stinky." The children shared their experiences of celebrating with their families and we compared what was similar and different to how Diwali is celebrated. Then finally at the end of the week everyone enjoyed our Diwali party where we ate the pakoras and samosas we made in class. The children loved showing each other their colourful clothing and dancing to some Bollywood rhythms during our dance party!



## UPDATES FROM SARAH JANE

I am struggling to find the words to articulate how incredibly proud I am of Panda Class who performed their Gingerbread Man show at the Festival of Arts this week at Mulberry UTC. **It. Was. Stunning!** To remember all the songs to the words and actions is remarkable enough but to stand up in an auditorium, with an audience and bright lights shining in their faces was just incredible, they were not phased one bit, in fact they looked like they were having the time of their life!

At Mulberry Wood Wharf we want to support children to become confident to perform and speak in front of others and to be comfortable being themselves, letting their brilliant and wonderful personalities shine through. For some children this can take time and for some children they will never enjoy performing and that's absolutely fine too - they will find other ways to contribute that make them feel happy and safe.

On behalf of Mulberry Wood Wharf and our year one families and children, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mulberry Performing Arts Academy for this amazing opportunity and for involving the primaries in this fantastic trust wide event.

Talking of performances, I am delighted to announce that we will be performing the Mulberry Wood Wharf Christmas concert on floor 39 at 1 Canada Square. Canary Wharf Group have kindly given us one of their brilliant spaces. All children will be involved and it will be on Tuesday 19th December at 10am. More details to follow soon.

Have a lovely weekend!

# ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK – PANDA CLASS

Theatre is where we shine! Panda class proved this during their spectacular performances during the Festival of Arts. The children have worked hard to rehearse, learn actions, sing songs and turn take. All of these skills support their oracy and speaking and listening skills. Thank you for all your support and encouragement on the day of our performances. We can't wait to start preparing for our Christmas show.

This week children have shown brilliant reading in Phonics. Many children are now reading with fluency and they will blend sounds when faced with new or tricky words. In Maths, the children have been working in pairs to explain addition sentences and writing sums using the correct symbols. The children have started to think of different ways of writing number sentences by switching numbers. During lesson they have shown brilliant partner work where children are using key vocabulary to explain their answers. Malcolm said " If we use '+' symbol we have to add the two parts" when describing a part, part, whole model.



## TABLE OF THE WEEK

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

Well done to:

- Mikaeel (Year 1)
- Nikita (Year 1)
- Sarah (Reception)
- Allegra (Reception)



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Twisha In Blue Whale class

for always being polite and respectful towards her peers.

Ishaan in Tiger Class

For listening to others and using kind words when speaking to them

\* Madina In Panda Class

For showing respecting by using her kind manners when talking to her peers.

• Adam in Panda Class

For showing respect by offering to help tidy things away in Breakfast Club.

In recognition, all children have been given a certificate and their class mascot to take home for the weekend. We are looking to hearing about the adventures they get up to at the weekend.

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Nazal flu vaccinations (consent only)

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd socks day

**13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-bullying week with a focus on one of our core values, kindness

**17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need, featuring the Mulberry Wood Wharf Bake Off

**21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Parents' Evening 3.45-7.00pm (10 minute slots)

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Nativity and show at 10am at 1 Canada Square

**21<sup>st</sup> December** – Party day and Pantomime on site

**22<sup>nd</sup> December** – 1pm finish (no extracurricular clubs or wraparound care)

**8<sup>th</sup> January** – Spring term starts

**The attendance trophy this week goes to...**

# Panda Class



## FAMILIES MATTER

Parent and Family Support Service

Virtual session for Parent/carers

The Parental Engagement Team 'Platform to Talk' sessions allow parents to come together, share experiences and receive information. Led by experienced practitioners from the Schools and Families Team. The virtual sessions cover a range of topical issues from health and well-being, family life, parenting, school and more.

Our next PTT session will be about the impact of bullying in our society. The session will raise awareness of bullying of children and young people, in schools and elsewhere and will highlight ways of preventing and responding to it. Please join to share your experiences on this significant topic.

Key points discussed

- How do we define bullying?
- What are the signs to look out for?
- Where can we access support?
- How can we talk to our young people?

Platform to Talk: Bullying awareness for parents.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10am-11am

Parental Engagement Team is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87616204375?pwd=bW9BZG1TY1NvQ2tvREZlXkRlZGJndG9CQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 1620 4375

Passcode: Qi6Di5

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