

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.

FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

## PANDA CLASS

It has been a delight to see Panda Class return to school and rekindle their friendships. Every child spoke excitedly about their time off school, whilst listening attentively to each other. Children continued with Phonics and have been exploring news sounds, partner reading, speedy reading and lots more. Please encourage your child to read their phonics book daily. In Maths, children have started to write addition number sentences using 'add' and 'plus'. The 'part, part, whole'



model will be used to help the understanding of addition sums.

In history, we went back in time to learn about the Gunpowder Plot. Children also discussed how bonfire night is celebrated in modern times. Frederick impressively recalled that the Gunpowder Plot took place in 1605! Children made their own paper fireworks to create our own fireworks display.

Thinking of creative ideas, it was mesmerising to see so many children dress up in Halloween costumes. Panda Class have enjoyed book making and creating books about spells and all things spooky.

## UPDATES FROM SARAH JANE

We would love for families to submit a child-led Christmas card design (where the child did most of the work with a little support from other family members if they wish!). Please include the child's first name only on the back and **return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

The staff will pick this year's Mulberry Wood Wharf's Christmas card. The selected design be made into a fabulous e-card which we will share with everyone! This is an exciting opportunity for children to contribute to the school's culture and show the world how great they are.



# BLUE WHALE AND TIGER CLASSES

Double, double toil and trouble! Blue Whale and Tiger Classes have had a tremendous start to the week. They started off designing their own jack-o'-lantern to kickstart their Halloween celebration. On Tuesday, the children designed their pumpkin faces and got their equipment ready to carve their massive pumpkins. It was exciting for them as some children have never carved a pumpkin before.

As children came in dressed up for Halloween, concentrating on our theme of sustainability through recycled and home-made costumes, we decided to have a spooky fashion show so everyone could showcase their amazing costumes. The creativity in the costumes was incredible! After a busy morning the children were in for a surprise dance party. The children had a chance to try some roasted pumpkin seeds that they had made earlier. This was quite a

change from their usual snack and went down surprisingly well.

Towards the end of the week, the children learnt more about Guy Fawkes and why adults light fireworks on the 5th of November. Blue Whale and Tiger Classes decided to make firework paintings of their own. They also cooked a homely gnocchi dish, which went down a treat. The children each took turns to make the gnocchi from scratch. It was nice to see lots of children trying something new as this was an unfamiliar dish to some.



## 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:

- ★ Sarah (Reception)
- ★ Zayaan (Reception)
- ★ Noa (Year 1)
- ★ Chloe (Year 1)



## STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's value is community.

Panda Class' stars:

★ Malcolm

For being honest and speaking up for his peers.

★ Maria

For respecting our classroom and always keeping our room tidy.

Tiger Class' star:

★ Adi

For taking care of our classroom

Blue Whale Class' star:

★ Mysha

For her honesty and integrity in dealing with all members of the community.



# LOCAL AUTHORITY FAMILY SERVICES

## Digital game to help children manage their worries

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 6-6.30pm

### [Book online](#)

Lumi Nova is a NICE approved adventure game that can help children aged 7-12 years to manage their worries and reduce symptoms of anxiety. While exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure, children break their fears down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.

The app is available to support Tower Hamlets families and is free to download.

Parents can find out more by attending a Lumi Nova discovery webinar or visiting [www.luminova.app](http://www.luminova.app)

## Let's Talk SEND Information

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am-1.00pm

Brady Arts and Community Centre, E1 5HU

Co-produced with the Tower Hamlets

Independent SEND Parent Forum, the event is an opportunity for parents and carers to be updated on the borough's SEND improvement journey and its future plans. They will also be able to meet a range of education, health and community service providers.

For more information, email [parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

## Platform to Talk: Bullying Awareness for Parents

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

### Online

Parents can join this special Anti- Bullying Week session to become more aware of bullying and the effect it can have on children and young people. They will pick up some useful tips on responding to bullying and discover ways they can support their child to build resilience.

For more details and to book your place email

[parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk)



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

### Contacting us

When informing the school of any absences or other key information about your child by email, please be sure to email us on

[admin@mulberrywoodwharf.org](mailto:admin@mulberrywoodwharf.org).

### Mulberry Festival of Arts

Panda Class parents, please be sure to complete and return the permission slip for your child to participate in the Mulberry Festival of Arts event at Mulberry UTC.

### Punctuality

Please remember that our doors open 8.50-9am. If you are later than this, your child will receive a late mark and you will be asked why you are running late.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is

★ Blue Whale Class  
92.5%

Well done, Blue Whale Class!

Panda Class  
86.3%

Tiger Class  
83.3%

