

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



15th December 2023

Updates from Sarah Jane

Blue Whale and Tiger news

As we count down the final days until Christmas, the children are preparing for their Christmas show on Tuesday 19th December. This week has been a week of singing, crafting, and acting, but the fun is not over yet! As we learn all about the Nativity story, children have been roleplaying the story, and showcasing their talents by creating Christmas cards for their loved ones. Alongside that, they have been baking cinnamon salt dough ornaments to go on our Christmas trees. The children used Christmas inspired cutters and cut their salt dough, followed by leaf, and stick printing to create a design on top.

Additionally, children put on their investigation hats this week and conducted on 3 candy canes. One was filled with water and salt, one with water and sugar, and the last one with cold water. What happened to the candy cane you wonder? The children were mesmerised by the results.

As we ended our busy week, the children handmade hot chocolate stirrers so that they could enjoy it later at home with a warm glass of milk.



This week we had a visit from our Chair of Governors Yasmeen Majid. Yasmeen who is new to the post wanted to come and see Mulberry Wood Wharf in action and she certainly did! Panda class were engrossed in their Design and Technology day, designing vehicles which they have then created using a range of materials. They were working hard on the 'success criteria' for 'What makes a good vehicle?' and they considered the wheels that need to turn, the chassis the car needs as well as the infrastructure to enable the car to stay upright. Design and technology draws on so many other skills related to STEM including problem solving, predicting, testing, refining and evaluating. Hopefully one day they will actually be building and showing their own cars off to Lewis Hamilton in the STEM academy! Look out for the vehicles which will be displayed in the foyer museum.

In reception class, the children were also putting their designing skills in action by making unique Christmas decorations for their role play area. I observed some wonderful collaborative problem solving when the handmade bauble wouldn't stay on the tree branch!

Panda Class news...

Zoom, zoom, zoom! Panda Class have been busy designing, creating and evaluating their own moving vehicles. We had our first Design and Technology (DT) day where the class were immersed into new vocabulary, drawing their design ideas and exploring new building strategies using **wheels, axels** and **washers**. The children built a **chassis (shah-see)** and connected their vehicle body on top. The final part of our DT Day involved children evaluating and talking about their final vehicles. We discussed what makes a successful moving vehicle. Children shared that it needs to have moving wheels, it needs a chassis to keep the wheels turning and there needs to be washers in place to stop the wheels from falling out. Our classroom is busy with lots of models of vehicles that children recognise in our home city. The resilience and kindness that shone on the day through their individual hard work and team work was outstanding.



STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's value is Community

Panda Class' stars:

Ram

For showing great enthusiasm during our singing rehearsals and encouraging others around him

Noa

For modelling her building skills and helping others during our D&T day

Tiger Class' star:

Mabel

For taking care of the home corner by making sure all the objects are in the right places

Blue Whale class' star:

Zayaan

For always involving others in his play in the construction area.

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

19th December – Christmas Nativity and show at 10am at 1 Canada Square **Children to come to school for 08:30am if possible please**

20th December 2023 – ‘Perform’ company coming in to school to do a workshop with each class

21st December – Party day and Pantomime on site. **Children to wear party clothes**

22nd December am – dance academy with Effy (all classes)

22nd December – 1pm finish (no extracurricular clubs or wraparound care) **children to wear comfy clothes**

8th January – Spring term starts

TABLE OF THE WEEK

It was an extra special table of the week this week as all of the children enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner together, this really marked our value of the week – Community! Thank you to the parents who helped to get the room ready. We had decorations, Christmas crackers and not to mention Metin’s Tasty Christmas dinner with all the trimmings!

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)

The winning Class this week is

Blue Whale Class
96.1%

Tiger – 83.8%

Panda – 89.9%

Sarah Jane will be inviting pupils who have achieved 97%+ attendance for a special celebratory afternoon tea. Pupils who have achieved 100% attendance will be awarded with a medal in next week’s assembly.