

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

## Panda Class news

What a fantastic Autumn term we have experienced. We are hugely proud of the learning, play and blossoming confidence of our Year 1 children. It has been a busy, festive week. We started the week performing our Christmas show. The children have worked extremely hard to learn songs, actions and to work as part of our school community to put on a special performance. Thank you to all our grown ups for supporting and joining us at 1 Canada Square.

Later on the week, the children took part in a Drama workshop with PERFORM. The children time travelled to 1605 and met Guy Fawkes. There was lots of historic facts recalled throughout the session and the children loved making their firework soundscape – POP, BANG, WHIZZ, SSSHHHH!

We ended our week with fun activities to mark the end of autumn term and Christmas. There was excitement buzzing through the corridors as the children visited Santa's Grotto, everyone enjoyed watching the original Raymond Briggs 'The Snowman' together and celebrated with each other during our Christmas parties.

Thank you for all your support this term. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and a joyous time to everyone celebrating. We look forward to welcoming everyone in the new year.



## Updates from Sarah Jane

Well, it certainly has been a busy term, from performances on stage at Mulberry UTC to floor 39 at 1 Canada Square. We have had **kindness** week, Halloween dress up day (sustainability) and marked Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. We've visited the cafe, farm and Docklands museum. We've cooked, baked and eaten. We've been to the moon and then back in time to Dick Whittington days. We've learnt how to read, write and ask questions. We are curious, we thrive. We've immersed ourselves in **creativity** and bringing our ideas to life. We've read lots and we've played and played and played. We've sang, danced and counted to a million. We've become more independent, we have more self belief, we are more **resilient**. We've **been active**, moved our bodies in every way possible and we've made every sound loud or quiet. We are learning how to look after our body and mind and to **respect others**. We've shared what good manners and politeness are, we've said please, thank you and sorry. We've shed tears, lent a hand and learnt forgiveness. We are Mulberry Wood Wharf, and the year has just started! See you in spring everyone!

I will be spending time with family back in Yorkshire this Christmas, I can't say it will be relaxing as my little one turns 3. But it will certainly be full of special moments building lasting memories. Have the best time creating new memories too. Thank you, families, for all your support, the Mulberry Wood Wharf **community** is something special.

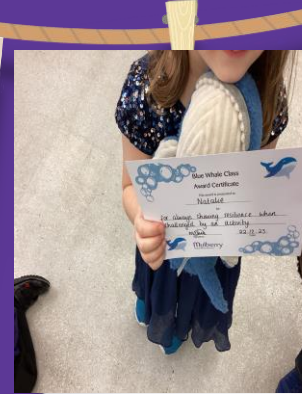
# Blue Whale and Tiger Class news...

We have had a very busy week in Reception. On Tuesday, the children performed their Nativity at the Christmas Show. The children were truly amazing, and we are so proud of what they accomplished. Everyone joined in with the singing and actions and their lines.

On Wednesday we had a workshop with 'Perform' where the children used their imaginations to help Santa Claus find his elves and make toys for the children. The class enjoyed pretending to travel to the North Pole looking for the elves, gather materials to build toys and actually become their favourite toy.

Later in the day we had a very special visitor. Each child visited Father Christmas in his grotto. They told Santa Claus all the kind things they have been doing this year. He then gave each child a present.

On Thursday the children had their Christmas Party where they had some party food and played games. The children particularly liked the pass the parcel game where they had to unwrap a layer of wrapping paper to get to the surprise! It has been a wonderful week enjoying all the festivities with the children. We wish you a wonderful holiday!



## STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's value is Resilience

Panda Class' stars:

Uzair

For showing respect by using kind manners with everyone

Nurudeen

For showing great engagement and participation during phonics activities

Tiger Class' star:

Natallie

For showing great resilience in phonics sessions and learning how to read

Blue Whale Class star:

Sarah

For always showing resilience when challenged by an activity

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.



## 97%+ Attendance party – afternoon tea and a disco with Sarah Jane



### 100% Attendance

The following children  
were awarded a 100%  
attendance medal in this  
week's special assembly

**Dylan**

**Sarah**

**Stella**

**Helen**

**Srikrithi**



#### ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)

The winning  
Class this week is

**Panda Class**  
**93.4%**

Tiger – 90.3%

Blue Whale –  
83.3%

WE RETURN TO SCHOOL  
ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
2024

Extra curricular cubs start on  
15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Merry Christmas!