

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



1st December 2023

Updates from Sarah Jane

Panda Class news

Ready, steady go! Panda Class have started their PE sessions at In2Sports hall. The children showed fantastic behaviour walking to the hall, changing in and out of their PE kits in the new changing room and then using the hall space and floor markings to practise their gymnastics. Please make sure your child brings their PE kit every **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

In Science, children have been exploring recognising trees and sorting deciduous and evergreen trees. They have collected leaves to classify local trees and used the Woodland Trust website to read more facts about trees. Vytis found out that an Oak tree grows acorns and has purple/brown twigs.

In Maths, children have been using a number line to add and subtract numbers to 10. The children have been thinking of their own number stories to solve. They have enjoyed using dominoes to think of addition and subtraction number sentences.

As Dr Seuss said: *'The more that you read the more you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go'*

Recently we took part in a development day with a Read, Write Inc consultant. It was a busy day with a full agenda including; observing teaching staff and lesson coaching, working with the leadership team on the early reading strategy and guiding support staff on 1:1 pupil tutoring. A really fantastic piece of feedback was about the assessments we had recently carried out and how accurate they were, meaning that pupils are being both supported and challenged in reading, making excellent progress. She was particularly impressed with where the year one cohort are in terms of their reading ability and where you would expect them to be at this time of year. This goes to show that the strong foundation of the teaching of reading in reception and the continued high standards in year one is having a strong impact, not to forget the wonderful reading experiences our parents give their children.

It was fantastic to see so many parents attend the phonics and early reading workshops recently. I am going to share some interesting mind blowing stats about children who are read to and the words they learn:

The Word Gap, At 5 years old:
Never read to: 4622 words
1-2 times a week: 63,570 words
3-5 times a week: 169,520 words
Daily: 296, 600 words
Five books a day: 1,483,300 words

Blue Whale and Tiger Class news...

To start off the week blue whale and tiger class were welcomed into the homes of 3 little pigs. There was a straw house, which didn't stand up for very long, so they trotted along to the stick house. With a huff and puff from the big bad wolf the house tumbled down. So, they then embarked onto a brick house which was just right.

The children used their investigation skills to build these 3 houses using duplo, bricks, hay, and other resources. Some children collected sticks from outside and others decided to use drink straws. After they assembled their houses, they tested the strength of their houses by putting a hairdryer against the houses to see if it would survive the wolf's huffs and puffs. Thankfully, they passed the test, and all the houses were still standing.

To end our fun packed week, we made a homely vegetable soup as the cold season has slowly crept upon us. It was lovely to see the children wanting to be involved in the process of cooking the soup. The children were familiar with most ingredients that were used and many shared with their peers that they enjoy eating soup at home with their families. We discussed how we can help our parents/carers at home with cutting the vegetables when they decide to make soup one day.



STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's value is Being Active

Panda Class' stars:

Sophie

For joining in enthusiastically with the movement breaks throughout the day and being a role model

Mikaeel

For actively using Fred Fingers to sound out and spell words

Tiger Class' star:

Mia

For always sharing different exercises and ways of moving to keep health

Blue Whale class' star:

Aymane

For being an active learner and showing enthusiasm in phonics lessons

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

5th December – Reception costume making workshop

7th December – Blue Whale trip to Mudchute Farm

19th December – Christmas Nativity and show at 10am at 1 Canada Square

21st December – Party day and Pantomime on site

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

22nd December – 1pm finish (no extracurricular clubs or wraparound care)

8th January – Spring term starts

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:

- Dylan
- Dakota
- Nurudeen
- Frederick

ATTENDANCE

(Target 97%)

The winning Class this week is

TTIGER CLASS

93%

Blue Whale – 92%

Panda – 92%

