

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



## Blue Whale and Tiger news

As the new year begins, reception have a big question to investigate. Their question this term is 'What if little red riding hood's grandma lived in the Arctic?' Each week they will carry out a science experiment to investigate what food Little Red Riding Hood might pack in her basket, the clothes she would decide to wear, and how she would travel to Grandma's house. The children have begun this week by familiarising themselves with the traditional tale and sequencing the story, they have been making predictions about what would happen to Grandma after she realised the Wolf entered her house. Siyana said, "The wolf will eat all of her food," while Ashvik said, "He will huff and puff Grandmas house down." We are yet to find out what happens to Grandma!

As we are approaching the colder days of the winter season, we decided the warmup on Friday afternoon by making some warm milk with cookies. While heating up the milk on a pan we understood the safety of using a cooker, and what we should and shouldn't do. We are excited to share more of our winter cooking this term.



12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Updates from Sarah Jane

Welcome back everyone, you should have received my spring letter for this half term, and I hope you found all the information helpful. Please do not hesitate to ask me if you have any questions.

It seems quiet now the festive season has finished, I am sure you are making plans on how to fill your time in these winter months. Canary Wharf have a 'free' winter light festival running from 17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January so make sure you take a stroll through the amazing illuminations.

Here are some other ideas of what you could do with your child/ren, all free!

1. Ride the singing lift at [Royal Festival Hall](#).
2. Watch street entertainers at [Covent Garden](#).
3. Marvel at mind-blowing creations from the famous plastic bricks at [The LEGO Store](#) on Leicester Square.
4. Follow in the wizarding trail of Harry Potter at filming location [Leadenhall Market](#).
5. Watch skateboarders perform gravity-defying tricks at the [Southbank Centre](#) Undercroft.
6. Check out acts by performers along South Bank. Dancers, musicians and bubble shows often happen outside [Tate Modern](#) and near the [London Eye](#).
7. Let the little ones be pirates for the day on Captain Hook's huge wooden ship at the [Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Playground](#).
8. Splash in rock pools and balance on wobbly bridges at [Tumbling Bay playground](#).
9. Meet ferrets, bunnies, alpacas and more farm animals at [Vauxhall City Farm](#) and [Mudchute Farm and Park](#).
10. See amazing exhibits, including the Apollo 10 command capsule, at the [Science Museum](#).

# Panda Class news...

What an amazing first week back it has been in Panda Class. The children very excited to start their learning on our new topic of Where shall we go? and Why do you want to go there? Lots of imaginative play has happened in our new airport roleplay area. Noa and Arielle both created passports to show their travels. I wonder what country they will travel to next week?

In English we have had fun learning the poem The sound collector and listening to words that rhyme. Anvit said the words ' grill and fill' rhyme and Ria spotted the words 'window pane and drain'. There was plenty of laughter when the class started to think of our own sound collector poem. They have started to come up with lots of funny rhyming phrases.

We ended our week learning about the Ukrainian festival of Malanka which is a new year's celebration. Panda Class are eager and enthusiastic to continue their learning journey in 2024!



## STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's value is  
**Community**

Panda Class' stars:

Innaya

For settling into our school community with a positive and brave attitude. Welcome to Panda Class.

Arielle

For showing excellent manners and listening skills and for setting a great example for her peers.

Tiger Class' star:

Liam

For demonstrating our value Community by taking care of his peers when they are sad

Blue Whale class' star:

Ashvik

For displaying a sense of community by involving others in his play.

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

**16<sup>th</sup> January** – Tiger Class Weight and Height screening

**18<sup>th</sup> January** – Blue Whale Weight and Height screening

**19<sup>th</sup> January** – Panda Class parent workshop – core book challenge

**29<sup>th</sup> January** – Blue Whale and Tiger Class school trip offsite

**30<sup>th</sup> January** – Panda Class parent workshop on Maths

**6<sup>th</sup> February** – Reception Classes – Maths workshop

**9<sup>th</sup> February** – School closes for the half term holidays

**19<sup>th</sup> February** – School reopens

## 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:

- Nephi
- Aymane
- Rauf
- Anvit

### ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)

The winning Class this week is

**Blue Whale Class**  
**92.6%**

Tiger – 88.9%

Panda – 91.7%

**INDEPENDENCE** is a crucial skill for children to learn in all aspects of life. This is a perfect time to teach your child how to zip up their coats by themselves. This is quite a tricky fine motor task however the more they practice the more they will get the hang of it, and it will stay in that muscle memory and growing brain of theirs!