

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

## Panda Class news...

Panda class have loved creating their own story books and nonfiction books about different places around the world, animals in different climates and retelling our English focus text of Hansel and Gretel. The children have displayed a lovely example of our core value **resilience** through their writing stamina and patience in completing their books. They have also enjoyed sharing their books with the class and adults in the setting. A lovely way to mark Storytelling Week!

The children have been busy in our construction area designing, building and making landmarks from around the world. Harry and Mikael worked together to build the Eiffel Tower. Ram Described the location of the Eiffel Tower by sharing that it can be found in Paris, France and in the continent of Europe.



## Updates from Sarah Jane

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

**My Voice Matters** is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of **community** and self-esteem. This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

The words 'mental health' can be a bit abstract to young children, so we approach this theme by using words and phrases around feelings such as

- I understand why you are feeling
- it's ok to be.... mad/upset/frustrated
- when we feel .... we can sometimes act in this way

At 4,5,6 years old we support children to understand and name big feelings. We support children by co - regulating big feelings so they can build their own inner self regulation techniques. If you are interested in learning more about children's mental health week, please follow this link [Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

# Tiger and Blue Whale Class news...

We began National Storytelling Week by going on a school trip to Stratford Discover Centre where the children entered a world of story telling. They met an alien named Hootah who came from the planet Squiggly Wiggly and it was looking for new stories to bring back to its home. The children explored the immersive centre and its different areas, developing their own stories. We came back to Hootah and created a story about a unicorn, donkey and fairy who travelled over a rainbow to another world. The characters then tapped their heels and magically arrived back home. It was truly an amazing trip that inspired the children to create their own stories at school. Throughout the week the children went to the writing area and created their own stories about aliens, robots, unicorns and mermaids. Each child had a unique story to share with their friends.

Our core text this week was The Gruffalo's Child and the children immersed themselves in the familiar story, retelling it in their own words using props or role play. We explored the setting of the story and compared it to our class story Little Red Riding Hood in the Arctic. Amaara said "The woods has lots of trees with snow" and Ayat said "The arctic has no trees but lots of ice". The children then began making their own story about Little Red Riding Hood during their Big Write. We cannot wait to hear their stories being shared to the class next week.



## STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's value is  
**Being Active (body and  
mind)**

Panda Class' stars:

Madina

For actively taking all the steps need to complete a storybook retelling Hansel and Gretel

Chloe

For showing good sportsmanship during PE and encouraging others to turn take

Tiger Class' star:

Siyana

For keeping active by exploring different ways of moving when outside.

Blue Whale class' star:

Helen

For her active thinking when helping her friend trying to Fred talk a word

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

**5<sup>th</sup> February** – Panda Class offsite visit

**5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Children's mental health week

**6<sup>th</sup> February** – **9-9:30am** - Reception Classes – Maths workshop

**6<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet day

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

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

We were delighted that Dr Ogden (CEO) visited us this week and met all of the children, she was particularly impressed with the kindness she saw radiating through the classrooms. The children talked about their learning and showed off their reading skills. The morning finished with a singing assembly where the children blew us all away with their beautiful voices

## 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:

- **Adi**
- **Harry**
- **Avyaan**
- **Stella**

### ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)

The winning Class this week is  
**Blue Whale**  
**94%**  
Tiger 89%  
Panda – 88%



Please make sure that you contact the school daily if your child is absent, unless they have a medical note which states they need to have a set period of absence.