

NEWS CORNER



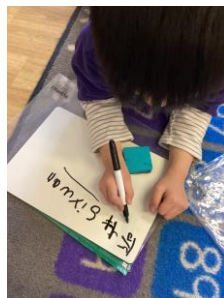
The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.

9th February 2024

Blue Whale and Tiger Class news...

The children started off this week celebrating Chinese New Year. As this year was the year of the dragon, the children hand crafted dragon puppets. This was a way to represent the large festival puppets that they celebrate with every year depending on the animal. Alongside making puppets the children also made chinese lanterns as this is a decoration that many people hang up as part of their celebration. We delved into what each animal represents, and we wrote the names of the animals in Chinese calligraphy. The children enjoyed this activity thoroughly, so we introduced Chinese numbers too.

As we also focus on our topic book *The Gruffalo's child*, the children created snowy forest boxes and set the scene of the story. They used white paint to resemble the snow and then glued on leaves, sticks, and white pom poms. To finalise their piece, they hand made the Gruffalo's child out of clay so they could put him in the snowy forest scene.



Updates from Sarah Jane

A very short term has whizzed by, it's been a busy one! When I was on the trip to the Soanes Centre with Panda Class this week, I saw daffodils, which means spring is on the way!

I hope you all have a wonderful break, if you are stuck with how to fill your time then take a look at the list below:

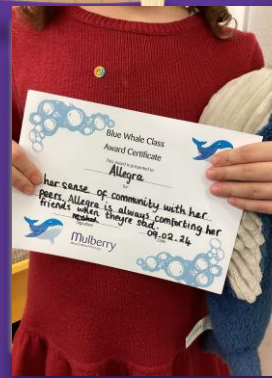
- Join a local library [Idea Store Canary Wharf](#)
- Cook or bake something you haven't made before
- Write and send someone a letter, card or postcard, and write the address, buy a stamp and post in a letter box
- Join the London Wetland Centre's fun-filled festival '[The Big Hideout](#)' where you can get up close with winter wildlife. **10-18 Feb**
- Treat your children to 11 days of events and activities just for kids at [Imagine Children's Festival](#) where they'll discover the very best family theatre, music, dance, talks and more!
- Head to the [Postal Museum](#) and channel your inner designer by taking part in a range of crafts, making and storytelling inspired by postal uniforms in the current exhibition, *Dressed to Deliver*. **10-18 Feb**
- Visit the newly-reopened [Grant Museum of Zoology](#) for their [Imaginary Habitats workshop](#) that celebrates the art of cutting and sticking while creating future habitats for our wildlife. **15 Feb**
- Spend the day exploring [Hampton Court Palace](#) enjoying a selection of half-term activities, from meeting Tudor cooks in the kitchens to taking on the hedge maze.
- Journey to [Cutty Sark](#) and meet colourful characters and play games on the famous ship.

Tiger and Blue Whale Class news...

What a wonderful start to the week we had as children proudly carried their world landmarks through the doors. We were blown away with the amount of information, effort and creativity Panda class have put in for the home projects. We have explored landmarks from all continents and children can proudly share and talk about their world wonder.

On Tuesday we visited the Soanes Centre to explore Materials. Children applied their scientific skills of classification and observation to sort objects according to their materials. They sorted everyday objects into groups called metal, plastic, wood, animal and rocks and minerals. Children touched and described the properties of materials. Once they had investigated different materials they went outside in the meadow to collect wooden sticks and fire wood. We watched Dim create a fire using the fire wood that the children had collected and then we started the process of changing wooden sticks into charcoal. Panda class displayed wonderful behaviour using the bus to travel and applied their science learning to deepen their understanding.

In Art, the children have enjoyed printing using different materials and have thought carefully about simple line drawings and placement of their pieces to create their final print. They have thought carefully about their design and made improvements each time they placed a new print. It has been a busy half term full of lots of new learning opportunities and Panda Class continued to enjoy and thrive in their learning.



STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's value is Community

Panda Class' stars:

Mikaeel

For having wonderful behaviour during our trip to the Soanes Centre

Rauf

For always using kind manners to everyone

Tiger Class' star:

Mia

For being a good role model for taking care of our toys and treating them kindly

Blue Whale class' star:

Allegra

For always showing community with her peers by comforting her friends when they are feeling down.

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

9th February – School closes for the half term holidays

19th February – School reopens

21st February – Travelling pantomime comes to MWW

1st March – Reception offsite visit

5th March – Costume making workshop – Reception classes (9am)

7th March – World Book Day – whole school dress up

8th March – Mww someone special day (details to follow)

11-15th March – British Science Week

12th March – Irish drumming workshop (all pupils)

14th March – Mww Spring show (10am-12pm)

19th March – Author visit – all pupils + parent workshop at 9am

28th March – School closes for Easter



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
- Dawud
- Maria
- Natalie

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)

The winning Class this week is
Blue Whale
92%
Tiger 85%
Panda – 87%



SchoolPing

The new school app is now up and running, please let one of the MWW team know if you would like any support on how to access it

Talent Friday



Well done to Noa and Ram who took part in Talent Friday this week. Noa wrote her very own novel and Ram amazed us with his riddles