

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



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Updates from Sarah Jane

Panda Class news...

Welcome to the Summer term. Panda Class have definitely grown over the Easter break and have returned to school a few centimetres taller. That's my estimation! Panda class have also been measuring this week. They have enjoyed measuring capacity and volume in Maths. Lots of hands on learning as they measured, compared and even enjoyed outdoor learning in the sunshine to predict the number of cups needed to fill different sized containers. We saw lots of collaborative work and turn taking. There was rich language floating around **'this container is at full capacity...this container needs one more cup then it will be half full.** The children are even describing the volume of their water bottles every time they pick it up!

We started our PSHE unit on Relationships and the children spoke so lovingly about their own families. We recognised that we all belong to loving families and all families are different and that's what makes them so special. Harry and Nikita included their pets in their family drawings while some children spoke about grandparents who they often see or grandparents that they cherish in their memories.

Thank you everyone who took part in last half terms Home project. They are all displayed proud in the classroom. This terms home project involves coming up with a **magical pet!**



Welcome back to the summer term, it has been so wonderful talking to all of the children about their adventures over the holidays. Eid Mubarak to many of our families, I hope you had a special time with your family and friends. Wood Wharf is looking forward to celebrating the upcoming Eid al – Adha in June – details to follow soon!

Talking of events, this year we will be hosting our first ever **Mulberry Wood Wharf fete**, scheduled for Friday 28th June and we need your help! The team have already begun creating a long list of ideas for stalls including face painting, raffles, tombolas and a 'sponge a teacher stall' dare I say? We are keen for volunteers to set up stalls, run stalls and support with any donations we can add to our first ever raffle. If you are interested and would like to join the working party then please let me know. I will be holding the initial meeting on **Wednesday 1st May at 9am** in the foyer space. We can keep the timing to 30 minutes. We are super excited and I can't wait to hear about your ideas. I would love to welcome our new families to the fete too, the reception offers went out earlier this week and we are over the moon to be oversubscribed at Mulberry Wood Wharf this year!

Please do take the time to read the teachers newsletters and make a note of important dates, yet again we have a very busy term ahead of us!

Have a lovely weekend.

Blue Whale and Tiger Class news...

The children returned from their break to find gigantic footprints leading towards their classroom. Mabel said "I think it's a giant! Or a Gruffalo!" Liam said "Stomp stomp stomp! He is big!" We then introduced our new core story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and everyone said "They are the Giant's footprints!" Before reading, the children made predictions and shared versions of the story they had heard. Ashvik predicted "Jack will grow a beanstalk" and Aliah predicted "Jack will cut the beanstalk down."

This week we opened our garden centre in the role play area where the children have been planting seeds and learning about the needs of plants. Everyone has enjoyed digging the soil and carefully planting the seeds. We started our Class Bean Diary where we will be recording our observations of the beans. The children drew pictures and recorded their ideas of how the seeds will change next week. Natalie said "The beans will grow taller, taller and taller until it is very high."

Then we made oobleck using water, blue food colouring and cornflour. The children enjoyed exploring how the oobleck changed from a solid to a liquid. Nephi said "Look! I made a ball and now its melting." Dakota said "When I keep moving my hands to is a ball but when I stop it melts."



STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's value is

Resilience

Panda Class' stars:

Anvit

For taking responsibility to look after his now belongings.

Nurudeen

For being patient and waiting for his turn to use the bike.

Blue Whale Class' star:

Ayman

For his resilience when writing a sentence in his big write. Ayman never gives up.

Tiger class' star:

Ayat

For her resilience in applying her phonics to write words independently. She always uses her Fred Fingers first before asking for help.

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.



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:

- Siyana
- Aymane
- Innaya
- Ram

Percentages are low this week, this is down to Monday and pupils not returning straight away after the holidays, never mind, let's do better next week! But please be mindful of future holiday periods and return dates.

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)

The winning Class this week is **Panda – 86%**

Blue Whale – 79%
Tiger – 84%

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 24th April – Panda Class offsite visit
- 30th April & 1st May – Parents evening
- 2nd May – School Closed (Polling station)
- 7th May – Duckling eggs arrive
- 13th May – Photographer in/class photos
- 22nd May – National Numeracy Day
- w/c 10th June – Y1 phonics screening
- 21st June – Summer show
- 28th June – Summer fete



Please don't forget to book your 10 minute parents evening slot through school ping!

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