

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



17th May 2024

Updates from Sarah Jane

Panda Class news...

Panda class have enjoyed being busy scientists this week as they classified animals into groups. They worked on understanding the features of reptiles by using books, photographs, and videos to name and identify examples of reptiles. Arielle enjoyed learning about a salamander and Elijah liked learning about a Galapagos tortoise. The children enjoyed drawing and creating their own information posters about reptiles.

In English children have dived into their own story writing inspired by the character Mr Grinling from the Lighthouse keeper. The industrious lighthouse keeper is met with a series of unlucky days and children have thought of their own stories. They followed the planning structure that included a character, setting, problem, solution, and feelings. During the planning stages, children used drawings and oral retelling – they even used ipads to record themselves saying their story. It was a very special moment when we could replay the stories. Panda Class can't wait to complete writing their stories. Keep a look out for what our budding authors publish!



It has been so wonderful to observe the children being so engaged in nature whilst at school, from planting seeds to cuddling ducklings. We know that children learn best when they are immersed in real life experiences. It really helps the brain to remember new concepts and it really does wonders for language and oracy skills!

Last weekend I planted sunflower seeds with my little one at home in the garden, it was rather messy (soil everywhere) and I had very wet feet at the end of it from the overflowing watering can! We did, however, have lots of fun and I loved seeing how engrossed she was in the activity. She asked me lots of questions about the bugs she could see in the garden, and made predictions to what would happen with the seed once it had been planted and it was a really great physical activity that got us both digging and scooping soil from a big bag!

On Monday I will leave some pots, sunflower seeds and some little bags of soil for you to take home. Please feel free to grab a home pack and then have fun planting your seeds at home, perhaps you can have a family competition to see who can grow the largest sunflower?

I love it when I come across wild flowers, what's your favourite flower?



Have a lovely weekend!

Blue Whale and Tiger Class news...

This week the children have enjoyed watching the ducklings change from the little hatchlings we had last week. It has been amazing to observe the ducklings grow and change so rapidly! Liyana said "They are getting so tall now. Look they are bigger than their house!" Aymane said "Their feet are getting pinker and more big." We were all sad to see the ducklings go on Friday, however, we are happy to know that they will be returning to their farm to see their duck family.

On Monday the children were excited to see that our beans have begun growing into strong stalks. Dylan said "The beanstalks are growing tall and strong! Soon I can climb it like Jack!" The children discussed the needs of plants and compared them to what we as humans need to grow. Helen said "We need sunlight like the beans so that we can be healthy too." On Wednesday we planted the beanstalks outside in larger pots and secured them to the fence. We cannot wait to see how much taller the beanstalks can grow. The children also planted radish, sunflower and sprout seeds for us to eat when ready.



STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's value is
KINDNESS

Panda Class' stars:

Avaan

For positively influencing your peers by always choosing to be kind.

Arielle

For returning play equipment at play times to keep our space tidy.

Blue Whale Class' star:

Amaara

For her kindness towards school resources and toys

Tiger class' star:

Mabel

For showing kindness by celebrating the learning of others

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

22nd May – National Numeracy Day and parent quiz!

w/c 10th June – Y1 phonics screening

17th June – School closed for Eid

21st June – Summer show

28th June – Summer fete (school closing at 13:30pm)

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
- Aarav
- Noa
- Madina

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)

The winning Class this week is **Panda 94%**

Blue Whale 85 %
Tiger 93 %



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