

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



7th March 2025

Sarah Jane's reflection on the week...

What a truly wonderful week it has been at school! This week, we've embraced the theme of **creativity**, and it's been a joy to see how this has unfolded in so many exciting and inspiring ways.

On Friday we celebrated **World Book Day**, with the theme *Read Your Way*. It was amazing to see so many of our pupils engaging with books in such creative ways. We were delighted by the wonderful photos families shared, showing their children reading in the wackiest of places—proving that creativity knows no bounds! A special highlight was the **Big Book Swap**, where every child brought in a book to exchange. It was heartwarming to watch our pupils not only share their love of reading but also pass on that joy to others, spreading kindness and making sure that every book found a new home.

This week, we also had our **first-ever photography exhibition** from our talented weekly photography club. The pupils showcased their creativity, and each photo highlighted a new skill they had learned throughout the term. The pride on their faces as they presented their work was inspiring, and it was clear to see how much their hard work and passion for photography had paid off.

On a personal note, I had the pleasure of spending some time with our **Year 2 pupils**, where I delivered their guided reading session. I was absolutely blown away by the level of reading and vocabulary they demonstrated, particularly when describing the the author's vocabulary choices about mood of the sea. Their creativity in expressing themselves was truly impressive, and it's clear that we are nurturing a love of language and learning that will stay with them for years to come.

Tomorrow is **International Women's Day**, and I have been deeply moved by the kindness and generosity shown by our school community. We've seen a beautiful display of flowers across the school, and for many of our families, this day holds great significance. It has been so lovely to witness this celebration of women's strength and achievements coming to life within our school, reminding us ahead and the power of kindness and respect for one another.

As we head into the weekend, the weather looks promising, and I hope you'll have the chance to get out and enjoy the sunshine! With so many beautiful parks in London, it's the perfect time for a stroll. What's your favorite park in the city? I'd love to hear your recommendations! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead and thank you for making this week so special!

Blue Whale and Tiger Class have been learning...

What a busy and exciting week we've had delving into *The Gingerbread Man*! The children have thoroughly enjoyed retelling the story through role play, bringing the characters to life with enthusiasm and creativity.

We started the week on a sweet note, celebrating Pancake Day! The children loved making and, of course, devouring their delicious pancakes. Along the way, they also learned about the significance of Shrove Tuesday and why this tradition is celebrated.

One of the most exciting activities this week was our science experiment! The children placed three gingerbread men in different liquids—water, oil, and milk—to find out which one would cause the gingerbread man to dissolve the fastest. They made their own predictions and are eagerly waiting to see the results after the weekend. We can't wait to find out what happens!

To add to our adventures, we took a trip to Africa—without even leaving the classroom! The children explored African culture, learning about traditional foods and customs. They also created their very own beautiful African necklaces, showcasing intricate patterns and bright colours. It has truly been a week packed with hands-on learning, creativity, and exploration. We can't wait for more exciting adventures next week!



STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING:

Creativity

Ishaaq- for his creativity in the construction area. Ishaaq is always creating intricate marble run obstacles.

Samirah- for her creativity and imagination in her role play.

Malik for creating some amazing constructions with the blocks

Ziyana for her amazing creative storytelling



Elephant Class have been learning...

This week, Elephant Class has been bursting with excitement and creativity as we celebrated World Book Day! The children came dressed in a fantastic array of creative costumes inspired by their favourite characters. From magical wizards to brave explorers, their imaginations shone brightly. We also held a book swap, where everyone had the chance to choose a new story to take home, sparking even more enthusiasm for reading. Thank you to Shireena for organising this! In D.T., we introduced our new design challenge: *How can you waterproof a hat?* The children explored images of clothing designed for wet weather, discussing the features that make them effective, such as cuffs, hoods, and waterproof fabrics. They examined Wellington boots, and we discussed what makes them ideal for rainy conditions. The children conducted a fair test, using water to determine which materials were waterproof and recorded their methods and conclusions. This investigation helped them understand how to select materials for their own hat designs, which they will begin creating soon!

In Geography, we explored the question, *Where are rainforests, and what are they like?* The children discovered fascinating facts about these ecosystems, such as their location near the Equator and their unique hot, humid climate. We discussed the lush plant life, towering trees, and the incredible variety of animals that call the rainforest home. Children were able to identify and explain why a sloth, monkey and jaguar might be suited to the amazon rainforest. Avyaan said, "Jaguars have black spots which can camouflage them in the shadowy forest" and Mana shared "sloths move so slowly that they can blend in with the tree and can't be recognised"



STARS OF THE WEEK
FOR DEMONSTRATING:

Creativity

ELEPHANT CLASS

Dawud



For thinking creatively and adding a unique touch to his writing.

Vytis



For using his creativity to solve problems maths in a unique way and inspire others to think outside the box.



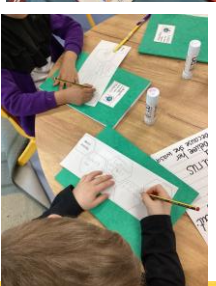
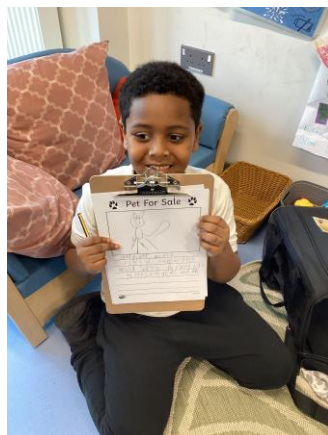
Panda Class have been learning...

It has been a busy week in Year 1. Panda Class engaged in an exciting lesson about mammals and birds in Science. They learned about the different features that distinguish mammals from birds, such as mammals having fur or hair and birds having feathers, a beak and 2 wings.

In History, pupils participated in a fascinating lesson about Mary Anning, a pioneering paleontologist. Pupils learned about her discovery of the Ichthyosaurus, a prehistoric marine reptile, and its significance in understanding Earth's history. The lesson included a short video, reading stories, reading facts about her life and looking at her fossil findings.

On Thursday we had a virtual storytelling session with Nicola Slater and Alice Hemming who are the author and illustrator of the book 'That's not my Flower'. The session promoted a love for reading and provided a memorable learning experience for all where pupils also enjoyed a draw a long session to draw characters from the story. Children also had lots of fun during the MWW Book Swap. Thank You to everyone who donated so generously, the pupils have chosen a new book that they can keep as their forever book at home.

We ended our celebrations for stories by dressing up. In the morning, we had a pirate, a Spiderman, Peter Pan, Princesses, The Butt Detective, Peppa Pig, The Gingerbread Man, Blue Crayon, Little Mermaid, Skeleton Girl, Steve, Mario, a Transformer, Pikachu, Hermione, and the Hungry Caterpillar who all had fun learning in class.



STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING:

Creativity

PANDA CLASS

Sarah for using resources in different ways to create her learning experiences.

Nephi for having a passion to create his own books and for reading them to us.

LION CLASS

Malia & Aarav: For planning an exciting and imaginative story in English. Well done!

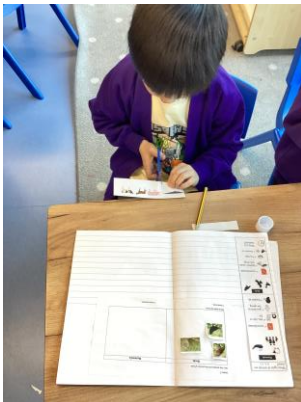


Lion Class have been learning...

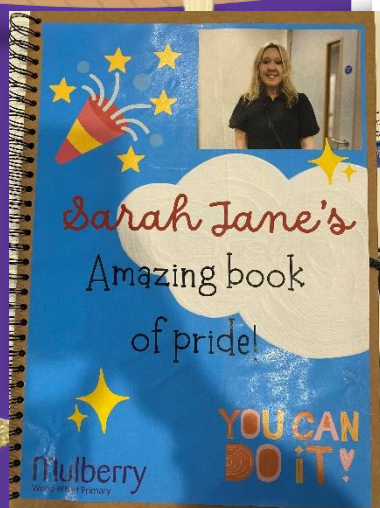
This week in Lion class we have been busy planning our own stories in English. We divided our plan into five key parts: setting, character, problem, solution and ending. We drew pictures for each part and wrote key vocabulary including adjectives to orally tell our own stories. Now we will be focusing on writing each part remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and applying our phonetic knowledge. We can't wait for all the stories to come to life!

In Science we learnt about two more groups of animals known as mammals and birds. We learnt about the key features of each group of animals. Allegra wrote 'A panda is a mammal. It has warm blood and fur.' We also learnt that mammals have skin or hair, and most have arms and/ or legs. Whereas birds have feathers and wings, lay hard eggs and have a beak. One similarity was that both groups are warm-blooded.

It was wonderful to see lots of children dressed up as their favourite characters for world book day. As part of our celebrations at MWW all children chose a book to take home and keep. A big thank you to everyone who brought in books for the book swap.



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created, done to Idris who did some independent self led writing at home about Ramadan, he was so proud of the work he created and we were super proud too! It was lovely to look at some photographs too.



Our GOLD Class Attendance are our classes who have 97+ attendance for a whole week

Our SILVER Class Attendance are our classes who have 95-97% attendance for a whole week

Our BRONZE Class Attendance are our classes who have 90-95% attendance for a whole week.

GOLD Attendance goes to:
Lion Class – 98%

SILVER Attendance goes to:
Elephant Class – 95%
Tiger – 95%

BRONZE Attendance goes to:
Blue Whale – 93%

Keep trying Panda Class



The launch of the Sarah Jane Connection box!! We have post boxes located in different places in the school, and it is a place where children can leave Sarah Jane a note if they want to connect about something and for the children to know I am always reachable as a share my time to all pupils.

Attendance Ladder		
How close is your child to 100%?		
0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

