

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



28th February 2025

Sarah Jane's reflection on the week...

Welcome back, families! I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for an exciting Spring 2 term. There's lots happening this half term, and we're looking forward to sharing all of it with you.

Teachers will be sending out their learning plans soon so that you can stay up to date with what your child will be exploring in the classroom.

We'll be kicking things off with World Book Day on **Friday, 7th March**. Children can come dressed as their favourite book characters, and we have some exciting activities planned to celebrate the magic of reading. Don't forget to send in your wacky photos of your child reading in unusual places – we can't wait to see where their books take them!

The week commencing **10th March** marks **British Science Week**, where we'll be focusing on inspirational scientists and the importance of diversity in science. All classes will also be having a **STEM afternoon**, packed with exciting hands-on activities. I'm thrilled that some parents who work in scientific fields will be visiting to share their expertise with the children.

Looking ahead, Reception will be performing their show, *The Gingerbread Man*, on **2nd April**. **KS1** has decided to host a **Showcase Spectacular** this term, where parents can view an exhibition of the learning and home projects completed so far. The **KS1** summer show will be held later in the year.

We are also delighted to share that Mukta will be joining us as an Admin Assistant every morning in the office, and Zainah will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Elephant Class.

A huge thank you to the parents who've been attending the **Relationships and Health Education** workshops. There's one final workshop left on **Tuesday, 4th March at 5pm**, so if you haven't had a chance to attend yet, please do come along.

As we begin this term, we also want to send our wishes and prayers to our families who are starting **Ramadan** this weekend. May this special time bring peace and blessings to you and your loved ones.

Finally, it looks like we're in for a dry patch and some sunshine! On my travels last week, I spotted some beautiful snowdrops, and I wonder what you might see if you take a walk in the sunshine this weekend.

Wishing you all a wonderful term ahead!

Blue Whale and Tiger Class have been learning...

This week the children have been introduced to *The Gingerbread Man* story. They've been exploring the cooking process by role-playing and creating their own gingerbread men with play dough, discussing ingredients and how they might bake their treats. They have also enjoyed retelling the story and sharing their favourite characters and moments of the story. The children have been planning how to create their own puppets, starting with drawings of the puppet's shape, cutting it out, and using staples to hold it together. Once they're happy with their paper versions, they will move on to creating the real thing with felt fabric, bringing their creative ideas to life. This process has allowed them to engage in both storytelling and hands-on craftwork, enhancing their learning experience.

In maths, they've been investigating mass and capacity, incorporating these concepts into their conversations with their peers. Adding to the fun, the children have opened their own sweet shop, where they practice buying and selling, learning about money in a hands-on way. This role play has sparked rich discussions, helping the children connect storytelling, maths, and real-life skills.

The children also enjoyed a fun activity about exercise which was teaching and securing the concept of 1 more, we all had so much fun!



STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING:

Kindness

Arina- For taking care of her environment and showing kindness by following the classroom charter.

Aamilah- For sharing her infectious smile and kindness to others.

Jenna for always spreading kindness with a big smile and always playing with others with such kindness

Is'haaq for always including others in his play.

Erato for demonstrating kindness to others when they need it.

Nusairah for showing empathy to others and being a good friend

Elephant Class have been learning...

This week, Elephant Class has been full of exciting learning and creativity!

In English, children were introduced to writing recounts and learned how to bring their experiences to life. We discussed the importance of using first-person pronouns, past tense verbs, and adverbs to make sentences engaging and descriptive. The children planned their recounts of our Docklands Museum visit, practicing how to take notes in a way that helps them structure their writing. They are excited to begin drafting their personal recounts next week!

In Science, we revisited our learning about everyday materials, focusing on identifying objects, what they are made from, and why certain materials are used. The children explored how some objects combine materials to make them stronger, safer, or more effective. This hands-on activity deepened their understanding of the properties of materials in real-world contexts.

In R.E. we began our new topic; *How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?* The children shared their favourite celebrations, from birthdays to cultural and religious festivals. Using a mind map, we explored elements of celebrations, such as decorations, food, music, and stories. The children wrote about their own favourite celebrations. Madina said "We celebrate special times because we spend time with family and friends and get to be with the people we love."

Elephant Class has had a wonderful week of learning, and we look forward to building on these experiences in the weeks to come!



STARS OF THE WEEK
FOR DEMONSTRATING:

Kindness

ELEPHANT CLASS

Younus



For being kind to themselves by believing in their abilities and working hard to achieve accelerated progress in your reading.

Mana



For demonstrating kindness by sharing their love of reading with the class, using their voice to bring the story to life for everyone.

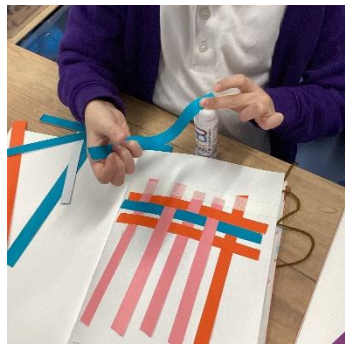


Panda Class have been learning...

It's been a wonderful first week back. Panda class are loving their new role play the pet shop. Children have been communicating their creativity through their interactions and play. This links with our science learning on Animals including humans. We started out new topic in science by asking the pupils 'What is an animal'? We found out that all animals need to move freely, eat other living things - plants or animals and need water to drink.

We started our History work on Mary Anning by making our own clay fossils. Pupils learnt that she was a paleontologist who found fossils and learnt about animals. Panda class were captivated to learn about her life and were impressed by her bravery when she went fossil hunting.

We also started our DT unit with paper weaving. It is a very intricate skill and with patience and resilience pupils created their own paper weaving art pieces. They are individually unique with different colours and weave pattern.



STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING:

Kindness

PANDA CLASS

Emily for looking after our classroom equipment and tidying away resources

Dylan for participating in collaborative work during your play and learning.

LION CLASS

Raphael- for always respecting other children's thoughts and feelings.

Hanna- being respectful when learning on the carpet by waiting for others to finish before sharing her ideas.

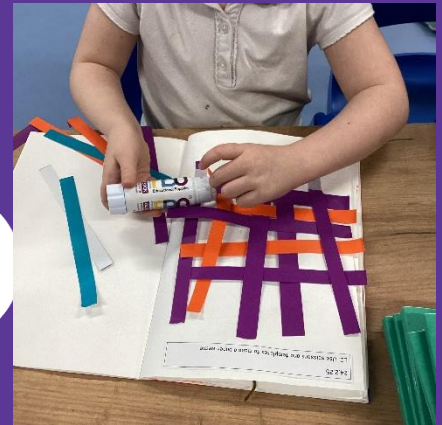
Lion Class have been learning...

This week in History we have been learning about Mary Anning. Amaara said, "Mary Anning collected fossils and she showed it to people, and they bought it." We learnt that fossils can be the remains of animals. Dev said, "a fossil is a rock that has dinosaur bones or other creatures that died in the past." We created our own dinosaur fossils using clay. Next week we will learn about Mary Anning's most famous discovery. What could it be?!

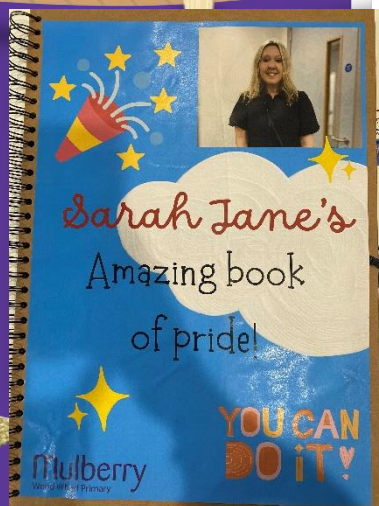
In Design Technology (DT) we have been learning about mechanisms. We learnt that this means how something moves. We looked at a slider mechanism and observed how they move up and down or side to side. We then used strips of paper to create a weave, carefully moving strips under and over. These skills will help us for when we create our own slider cards in the next few sessions.

In Maths we have been recognising and counting numbers from 20-50 and backwards. We have used our number knowledge to find missing numbers on a number track and began counting in 10's. We are really making sure that our number formation is correct when completing number activities.

Please don't forget to keep practicing speedy reading of phonic words at home.



**EVERY
DAY
MATTERS**
SCHOOL + YOU = SUCCESS



Well done to Siyana, Xavier, Beau, Max, Mubarek, Lalani and Khaled who all featured this week for writing such amazing, long sentences during their phonics session. They really demonstrated concentration and resilience and worked incredibly hard!

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:
SILVER Attendance goes to-

Lion Class – 96.5%

Elephant Class – 95%

BRONZE Attendance goes to

Blue Whale – 94%

Panda – 93%

Tiger – 94.7%



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

