

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



9th May 2025

Updates from Sarah Jane...

I was absolutely blown away this week watching Blue Whale and Tiger Class perform *The Gingerbread Man*, it was truly stunning. Every single child was included, whether they were singing, speaking lines, performing actions, or proudly sharing their handmade puppets (which were all wonderfully unique!). It was such a joy to see our families watching with pride, soaking in every moment.

As I watched, I was taken back to two years ago when our very first Reception pupils (now in Year 2) performed the same story. It reminded me just how special the journey is here at Mulberry Wood Wharf, how our little traditions and moments are evolving into a beautiful cycle of growth and creativity.

Speaking of cycles, we're all incredibly excited for next week when our eggs arrive, ready to hatch into chicks! The anticipation is building, and it's a wonderful way for the children to learn about life cycles first-hand.

This week's performance also reminded me of why the arts and performance are so important in school life. They nurture confidence, allow children to express themselves in a safe space, and help them experience the joy they bring to others. We want every pupil here to feel that sense of pride and self-belief. You can see it already, in the confidence of our Year 2s, in the growing voices of our Year 1s—it's inspiring.

Our value of the week has been resilience. It's all about never giving up, being a problem-solver, having a growth mindset, and learning to overcome challenges. You can support your child's resilience at home by encouraging them to try again when things get tricky, praising their effort (not just the result), and modelling calm problem-solving yourself.

Have the most wonderful weekend in the sunshine—I'll be dusting off the BBQ and making homemade burgers and coleslaw!

Blue Whale and Tiger Class have been learning...

We are so proud to share that our reception children have been working incredibly hard, and all their efforts truly paid off during their wonderful Gingerbread Man performance! The show was a fantastic success, filled with confident voices, expressive acting, and enthusiastic singing. It was truly a joy to watch their creativity and teamwork shine on stage, making all the rehearsal time worth it. A huge well done to them – the reception team couldn't be prouder!

Alongside their impressive performance, the children have continued their exploration of classic tales with a focus on *Jack and the Beanstalk*. They have been retelling the story during their Big Write sessions, closely observing the progress of their bean plants, and bringing the characters to life through imaginative role-play with their friends. It's been wonderful to see their understanding and language skills grow as they connect their learning across different activities.

Next week we'll be diving into another timeless classic – *The Enormous Turnip*. We're so excited to see the children engage with this story, and we can't wait for the creativity and learning.



The undisputed highlight of the week in Tiger Class was performing our musical 'The Gingerbread Man' to our parents! Each show was a fantastic success, and I'm sure the parents will agree that the children's hard work over the past several school weeks has really paid off! We will miss our rehearsals, however the songs we have practiced so well as a year group will surely be heard around the reception classrooms again. We are so proud of everyone in Tiger Class!

In other fairytale news, we have been excitedly watching the progress of the beanstalks we have been growing while studying Jack and the Beanstalk! Several of the children have made checking on the plants' progress the first stop of the day. We have been learning new words to describe the plants, including the parts of a plant, such as 'leaves', 'roots' and 'stem', as well as describing words like 'huge' and 'tall.'

In maths we have been learning new ways to add groups together and continuing to develop our ability to describe the mathematical processes we are using.

To finish off the week, we also made a lovely pasta salad to enjoy with our Friday story time. Finally, we are also very proud to have received the Attendance trophy this week. Well done again everyone in Tiger class and have a wonderful weekend!



STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING:

Resilience

Nina- For her resilience and ability to rise above her emotions and face difficulties with a positive mindset.

Mikhail- For demonstrating remarkable resilience in his big write, even when faced with challenges, he never gave up.

Samuel for demonstrating resilience consistently in any new challenges he comes across and for being a role model for problem solving

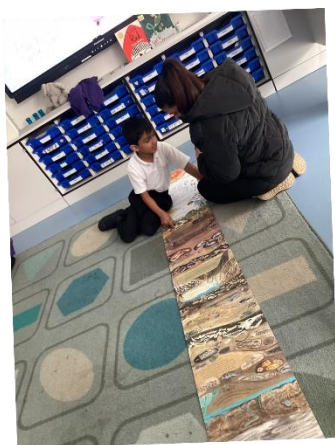
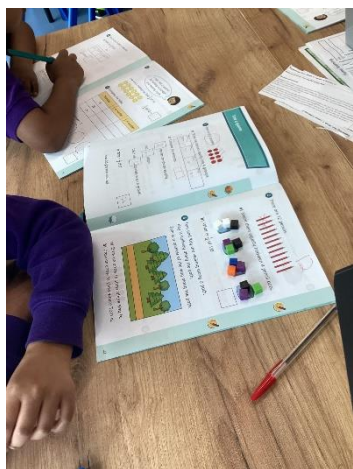
Theodora for always doing her best in phonics and never giving up



Elephant Class have been learning...

This week, our pupils continued to make fantastic progress in their Design and Technology unit. They moved on to the second stage of their project, building the axle and further developed their understanding of how moving mechanisms work. With the chassis as their foundation, they successfully assembled their vehicles, demonstrating both creativity and problem-solving skills.

We were also delighted to welcome families back into the classroom for another heartwarming "Give Me Ten" session. This initiative encourages families to spend just ten minutes sharing a story with their child, promoting a love of reading in a simple yet powerful way. These sessions have become a much-loved part of our routine, creating joyful moments and strengthening the important link between home and school. The children are always eager to listen and participate, and it's a real pleasure to witness the smiles and connections these shared stories bring.



STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING:

Resilience

Khamiyah – showing resilience in her learning and working independently across all subjects

Isaa – He always tries his best, even when faced with a challenge!



Lion & Panda Class have been learning...

In Maths, Lion Class has been learning about halving. We know that it means splitting something into two equal pieces and that two halves make a whole. We also explored how 2D shapes can be halved in different ways such as vertically, horizontally and diagonally. Next week we will be looking at what a quarter means.

In English we orally retold parts of the *Traction Man* story. Working in groups, we used the first person "I" and past tense verbs to write. It was fun to think about all the missions and saving the day from Traction Man's perspective.

In Geography, we learnt about imaginary maps, which are maps that show made-up places and settings. We linked this to English by drawing different settings of Traction Man's missions, such as Planet Duvet, the Sink, the Garden, and the Kitchen, bringing our creative ideas to life through both subjects.



In Year 1, pupils learnt to recognise and find half of an amount, shape, an object. They started by understanding that a half meant dividing something into two equal parts. For example, if they had 8 apples, half would have been 4 apples. Similarly, they learnt to identify half of a shape, like cutting a square into two equal rectangles, or recognising half of an object, such as splitting a chocolate bar into two equal pieces.

In English, pupils have been working extremely hard to improve their writing through re-reading and editing. We have been enjoying the adventures of Traction Man and Scrubbing Brush. Pupils have used drama, drawings and sequencing images to help retell the events of the story. Pupils have been using interesting vocabulary such as hoisted, lumbered away, rescued, and zoomed. These are all examples of using the ed suffix. Pupils are applying their understanding of past tense in their writing. Well done Pandas!



STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING:

Resilience

Emily for working hard to produce written work in English and for re reading and editing her work for full stops and capital letters.

Eyika for orally saying her sentences and then writing it down independently.

LION CLASS

Stella- showing resilience in learning new phonic sounds and applying them.

Allegra- for always trying hard to use phonic skills to read unknown words.

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



Dates for your diary

12 May: Class photos
16 May: Rec offsite visit

6 June: School closed
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w/c 18 June: Book Fair
30 June: School closed
– staff inset

w/c 9 June: phonics
screening check

July: Pupil reports

8 July: Sports Day

15 July: KS1 show

18 July: School Fete

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:

Tiger – 97%

SILVER Attendance goes to

BRONZE Attendance goes to

Blue Whale– 93%

Panda – 90%

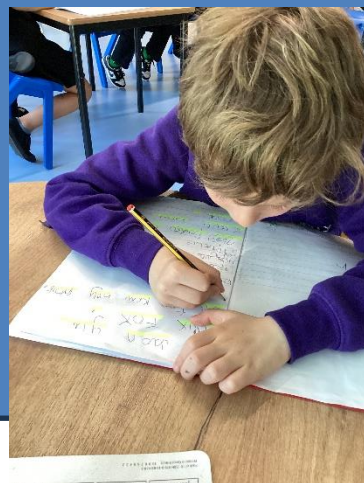
Lion – 94%

Elephant – 90%

Keep trying...

Blue Whale

Elephant Class



Emotional First Aid in English

Is everyday life sometimes stressful?
Feeling pressured by children and family life?
You're not alone! Take time out for self-care.

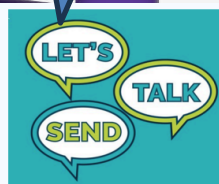
Venue:	Parents Advice Centre 30 Greatorex Street Whitchapel London E1 5NB
Date:	Wednesday 4 th , 11 th , 18 th June. 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th July
Time:	Time: 10am- 12.30pm
How to refer:	Please contact parenting team parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk to book your place. Alternatively speak to the staff at children center.
During the course you will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet other parents and build up a network of support. Discover new ways to manage your worries. Identify the early signs of anxiety in adults, children, and young people. <p>Find out about services available in Tower Hamlets to support families.</p>
It is advised that parents attend all sessions to get the most benefit from the course.	



Community Events!

SOCIAL COMMUNICATION DIFFERENCE AND AUTISM EVENT

NO NEED TO WAIT FOR A DIAGNOSIS
COME JOIN US AND LEARN WHAT
SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU AND
YOUR CHILD NOW!



Drop in for an exciting event focused on Social Communication Difference and Autism.

If you're a parent, carer of a child aged 0-7 years this event is for you! Come and connect with others and gain valuable insights on how to best to support children with Social Communication Difference and Autism.

We will have speakers and services from the NHS, Parent Carer Forums, Education, Council and SEN to help you understand where to go for inclusion and support.

So mark your calendars and spread the word - Let's Talk SEND is a must-attend event for anyone wanting to learn about how to get support going now for your child. We can't wait to see you there!

Light refreshments will be provided.

DATE AND TIME : THURSDAY, MAY 22 2025
9:30AM - 12:30PM

LOCATION : GROCERS WING, GROUND
FLOOR, TOWER HAMLETS TOWN HALL
160 WHITECHAPEL ROAD LONDON E1 1BJ






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30 May 2025
(4 days)