

Sarah Jane's reflection of the week

This week has been a true celebration of our school community, from the youngest in Reception to our wider network of families, staff, and governors. Community is not just something we talk about at our school, it's something we live every day, and this week has been a shining example of that.

We began the week by welcoming our Reception parents to a phonics workshop. It was wonderful to see such strong engagement, as we shared ways to support early reading development at home. Thank you to everyone who attended, partnerships like these between home and school really do make all the difference.

Our Reception children then took a big step out into the wider community, enjoying a civilised afternoon tea during a local walk. Watching them confidently order and pay at the John Lewis cafe (and enjoy a good chit-chat with friends!) was such a proud moment. They were so grown up and sensible!

Year 2 also ventured out this week to Eden Dock to support their learning in geography and science. Once again, their behaviour was exemplary, and they were fantastic ambassadors for our school. It's always a proud moment to see our children exploring the world around them with curiosity, confidence, and care.

Our staff community continues to grow and thrive. A special thank you to Iqra, who led a brilliant Creativity Day this week, complete with PowerPoints, activities, and thoughtful resources. The children had a fantastic time, and it's a perfect example of how our staff go above and beyond to bring learning to life across the school.

Next week, we'll be turning our attention to STEM learning, and Year 3 are off on a very exciting trip to a science exhibition to help spark their curiosity and deepen their love for science and innovation.

Today we also had the pleasure of welcoming lan, one of our new governors, to the school. It's been fantastic to see so many nominations for our parent governor role as well, more details on the ballot will follow soon. It's wonderful to see our school community growing and more families wanting to get involved.

And as we head into Diwali celebrations, our school has been filled with colour and joy. Today's Diwali-themed afternoon tea was a lovely moment of connection, and on Monday we look forward to seeing the children wearing traditional and colourful clothes to mark this special festival. To all our families celebrating, warmest wishes for a joyful Diwali! Isn't it wonderful to be part of a community where we honour and celebrate what is special to each of us?

Everyone belongs at our school. Every voice matters. And whether you're a child, a parent, a teacher, or a governor. you are a part of what makes our school so special.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Is there something you can do in your community this weekend? I'll be heading to the local theatre with my little one, the perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon, and then looking forward to a good roast dinner with family on Sunday!

"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."

- Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, J.k Rowling











This week in Tiger class has been full of excitement and learning! One of the highlights was our delightful class trip to the John Lewis café, where the children enjoyed a special treat and practiced their social skills in a real-world setting – thank you to all the parent helpers who joined us! We were very proud of how sensibly the children walked on

the way to and from the café. Back in the classroom, we've been exploring Recycling Week, learning about how to sort materials, why recycling is important, and how we can help take care of our planet. The children loved creating art from reused items and even helped sort classroom waste into the correct bins. In phonics, we have been focusing on learning the I, h, r and j sounds. Our Maths learning this week has been centred around subitising numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have enjoyed using our fingers to show 'how many'. We have also been busy making beautiful lanterns ready for our Diwali celebrations next week. It's been wonderful to see the children's curiosity and care for the environment grow!

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The children had a wonderful week filled with learning, creativity, and celebration. During our visit to the John Lewis Café, they enjoyed a scenic walk through Canary Wharf, marvelling at the tall skyscrapers and reflections on the water. The trip linked beautifully to our Recycling Week topic, as the children discussed litter, its impact on wildlife, and ways to care for the planet.

On Creativity Day, the children went on a nature hunt to collect leaves, twigs, petals, and stones for their art projects. Their imagination shone as they explored colours, textures, and shapes, working together with great enthusiasm and teamwork.

We ended the week by celebrating Diwali with parents and carers. It was a joyful occasion filled with light, pride, and togetherness as the children shared their learning and creativity. It truly was a week to remember!





Lion Class





In English Lion Class have been working hard on their first long piece of writing which was all about a journey the children make inside our classroom. Each day as children enter the classroom, they delve into a range of learning and activities. We used our maps that we drew of our classroom alongside the labels that we added to support and navigate our writing. Each piece of writing displays children's own creativity, effort, and growing confidence as early writers.



In Geography, we have been learning the names of the capital cities of the UK and practising how to locate them on a map. The children have enjoyed exploring the map and discovering where each city is. This has helped build their understanding of the UK and its different nations.

We also learnt about the festival of Diwali, which is known as the Festival of Lights. It is a time of celebration, joy, and togetherness. As part of our learning, we created our own Rangoli patterns using bright colors and bold designs, come and see the beautiful learning displayed in our classroom.

This week we also went on a wonderful trip to Millwall Park to support our Science learning on seasons. The children observed carefully, made detailed observational drawings, and looked for signs of Autumn all around them. We ended the trip with some fun on the playground, and a huge thank you goes to our amazing parent volunteers for helping to keep us safe and making it such a memorable experience!

panda Class

REMINDER

Year 1 Poetry performance during give me 10 in class on Thursday 23rd October

What an exciting week it's been in Panda Class! The children went on their very first trip of the year to Millwall Park, where they explored the wonders of the autumn season. Everyone loved spotting the beautiful orange, yellow, and red leaves gently falling from the trees. This was a perfect way to welcome the new season. It was such a successful first trip, and a huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for joining us and helping make the day run so smoothly!

In English, the children have been hard at work completing their "Journey Around the Classroom" writing pieces. They carefully edited, rehearsed, and finally published their work on special paper. It was wonderful to see how proud they were of their finished pieces and how much effort they put into improving their writing skills.

Meanwhile, in Art, our young artists have been practising their brushstroke techniques using the primary colours. We've been learning the fun "dip, dip, dab" method to create beautiful textures and patterns. The children have shown great focus and creativity in their work - we can't wait to see how their artistic skills continue to grow!







Elephant Class have enjoyed a range of enriching learning experiences across the curriculum. As part of their geography work on human and physical features, pupils took part in a local walk to Eden Docks, stopping at Union Square and South East Quay before reaching the dock to admire the impressive views of Canary Wharf. The trip provided valuable opportunities for pupils to apply their geographical knowledge in a real-

In art, pupils have been studying the work of Beth Krommes, drawing inspiration from her illustrations in Swirl by Swirl. Through mark making, layering, and doodling, the children have developed their sketchbook skills while exploring creative ways to express pattern and texture.

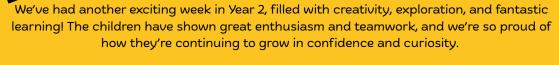
world context.

The week concluded with a vibrant celebration of Diwali during our Creativity Day where we welcomed parents to join us for a lovely afternoon tea. It was a fitting end to a week filled with learning, colour, and creativity.





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A huge well done to the children for their brilliant poetry performance last week! They performed their poems with such confidence, expression, and joy. It was wonderful to see all their hard work and how proud they were to share it. Thank you to everyone who came along to support them; your encouragement made the event even more special.

This week in Maths, we've started our new topic on addition and subtraction. The children have been using Base 10 equipment to help them understand how numbers can be made, broken apart, and recombined in different ways. We've also been revisiting our number bond facts to 10 and 20 to support quick mental recall. These strategies are helping the children strengthen their understanding of number relationships and develop confidence when solving problems. It's been fantastic to see them working carefully and explaining their thinking to one another.

Our local trip around Canary Wharf was a wonderful opportunity to bring our Geography topic on human and physical features to life. The children explored the local area, identifying examples of human features such as buildings, bridges, and roads, as well as physical features like the River Thames and nearby green spaces. They made careful observations, took notes, and asked fantastic questions about how the area has changed over time. The children's behaviour was excellent, and they represented our school beautifully throughout the afternoon. A big thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who came along too!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support with reading, homework, and encouraging curiosity at home. We're looking forward to another great week of learning ahead!







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Roala Class

In maths this week, we have been learning how to use the column method for addition. The children have been practising setting out their work clearly and are beginning to understand how exchanges help when solving more complex calculations.

In English, we've started a new unit on chronological reports, using rocks as our focus. The children have explored the features of this text type and have begun using formal language, topic-specific vocabulary, and an appropriate tone to inform their readers clearly and effectively.

In French, we've been learning the names of different colours. The children enjoyed using their new vocabulary through games and songs, helping them to remember the words with confidence. Rehearsals for the Festival of Arts are in full swing! The children are working hard and showing great enthusiasm as they prepare to showcase their creativity and performance skills.

We're also very excited about our upcoming STEM trip next Monday, it will be a brilliant opportunity to bring our learning to life. It's been a busy week full of fantastic learning. Have a wonderful weekend!





LORNA'S UPDATE



REMINDER

Year 3 will be performing at the Festival of Arts on Thursday 13th November More details to follow soon!

It's been a fantastic week here at Mulberry Wood Wharf, with so many enriching experiences taking place across the year groups! Our Year 1 children had a brilliant time exploring Millwall Park, enjoying the fresh air and connecting with nature as part of their learning. Meanwhile, Reception had a special treat with a visit to the John Lewis café - a lovely opportunity to practise social skills and experience life beyond the classroom. Today, we're celebrating Creativity Day across the school, with every class getting involved in exciting, hands-on activities that encourage imagination, problem-solving and collaboration. Thank you to Iqra for providing each class with fantastic ideas! These kinds of experiences are at the heart of our belief that education should nurture the whole child - supporting academic progress while developing curiosity, confidence and a love of learning.

Every day at school counts, and regular attendance ensures children don't miss out on vital learning and shared experiences. A big well done to Elephant Class again for achieving an impressive 100% attendance this week - keep it up! We're so proud of the positive attitudes and enthusiasm our pupils bring with them each morning. Let's keep working together to make sure every child gets the most from each day at school.





























Value of the week:

COMMUNITY

Blue Whale Class: Yaqub and Huda

Tiger Class: Matthew and Kanyinsola

Panda Class: Llya and Nafis

Lion Class: Fatima and Meera

Elephant Class: Nephi and Dylan

Penguin Class: Dev and Allegra

Koala Class: Aila and Duha

ATTENDANCE

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

The attendance trophy this week goes to:

Elephant Class - 100%

GOLD - 97+ SILVER - 95 - 97% BRONZE - 90-95%



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DON'T FORGET

School closes at 3pm on Wednesday 22nd October No after school clubs on this day except JAG's



REMINDER

School Closed on Monday 23rd February 2026 for School INSET







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++ DRESS UP DAY

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

We encourage everyone to get creative and make their own costumes or reuse old ones instead of buying something new.

Let's have fun celebrating while keeping it imaginative and eco-friendly!



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