

Sarah Jane's reflection of the week

Our value of the week has been Kindness, and it's been so lovely to see it shining through in so many ways across the school. Whether it's helping a friend, sharing ideas, or showing gratitude, kindness continues to be at the heart of our Mulberry Wood Wharf community.

This week, Year 3 had another exciting opportunity to go out and explore, they visited the ExCeL Centre for a Science and STEM exhibition! The children took part in lots of hands-on, fun activities and came back buzzing with curiosity and enthusiasm. Here's what some of them said:

" I think the Science trip was so much fun because we got to have pictures that are like an Xray, there's some things you can see through and things you can't see through, for example in real life you can't see through a screen for example but an Xray means you can" said Frederick

"It really inspired me to do Science activities at home" said Kayla

"I really loved it because we got pencils, rulers and a flashlight" said Nikita

A huge thank you to Stuart and the team at the STEM Academy for kindly funding this experience. Your support helps bring learning to life for our children.

We also enjoyed marking Diwali this week. The classrooms were filled with colour as the children decorated their spaces, learnt about the story of Diwali, and dressed up in traditional and bright clothes for our celebration day. The sense of joy, creativity, and togetherness truly reflected the spirit of kindness and light that Diwali represents.

Our open events this week were once again a great success. It's hard to believe it's that time of year already! The feedback from prospective parents was overwhelmingly positive, they were so impressed with the calm, purposeful learning taking place in every classroom. Every time I walk through school, I feel such pride: every child is engaged, every classroom is buzzing, and the learning behaviours of our pupils are exemplary.

Anti-Bullying week begins on the 10th November, and I am looking forward to working with the Rights Respecting Ambassadors who will launch the week. By leading an assembly. The theme this year is "Power for Good." Alongside the assembly, classes will be doing their own learning and activities to explore what it means to use our power and voices kindly and positively. We'll also be hosting a poster design competition to display around the school, having an odd socks day and Iqra is leading a special project to create a Kindness Quilt, which we'll hang proudly for everyone to admire.

As we reach the end of a busy half term, I've been reflecting on how much we've achieved together, from settling into new classrooms, welcoming new families and forming new friendships, to enjoying trips, celebrating Black History Month, new learning, exploring festivals, taking part in after-school clubs, storytelling, reading and sharing books, parent workshops, afternoon teas, sports fun, and so much more.

I hope you and your children have a well-deserved rest over the half term break. Thank you for your ongoing support, feedback, and for the kindness and respect you show the Mulberry Wood Wharf team.

My heartfelt thanks also go to our incredible staff, who work tirelessly to make sure every child enjoys school, feels challenged, and grows into a kind and respectful citizen, always with a smile.

I'll be heading up to Yorkshire to spend time with my family and make some new memories. My little one is especially excited about pumpkin picking and trick-or-treating, it's going to be a fun week!

Let's keep spreading kindness, wherever we are. After all, as the wonderful quote reminds us:

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." - Dalai Lama

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This week in Tiger Class, we had a busy and exciting time exploring the celebrations of Diwali and Halloween! The children enjoyed learning about the story of Diwali, creating colourful rangoli patterns and making Mendhi patterns. The children all looked so bright and colourful on our Diwali dress-up day! We also talked about the traditions of Halloween, including dressing up in costumes and making spooky crafts. Through these activities, the children developed their understanding of different cultures and celebrations, while having lots of fun with creative art and role-play. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity as they learned about these special festivals! In phonics, we focused on the sounds v, v and w. It is fantastic to see how many sounds the children have been learning now! We had good fun learning about one more and one less using rubber ducks and singing 5 little ducks to understand this concept. We are so very proud of how well each and every child in Tiger class has settled into life at Mulberry Wood Wharf and we cannot wait for even more fun after the half-term break

The children have had a wonderful week celebrating and dressing up for Diwali! We learned all about the Festival of Light and enjoyed hearing the children share how they celebrate at home with their families. To end our lovely week, the children came dressed up in their Halloween costumes – and what a fantastic variety we saw! We loved seeing all the creativity and effort that went into each outfit.

We'd like to say a huge well done to the children for such a positive first half term. Everyone has settled in beautifully, and we can't wait to see what the next term brings. Enjoy a well-deserved rest, and we look forward to seeing you all soon!







Lion Class



Wow, what an amazing, jam packed and fun filled half term of learning it has been! It has been an absolute pleasure to see how Lion Class have grown and adapted to the more structured learning in Year 1, whilst also continuing to thrive in our continuous provision. The children have worked so hard to develop routines, build independence, and apply their growing knowledge within all the different subjects.

A huge well done to all the children who completed their home projects this half term. We have really enjoyed sharing all the fantastic learning that has taken place at home. Many of the children proudly presented their work to the class, and we have loved finding out more about one another's cultural and family backgrounds.

On Thursday, Lion Class performed a wonderful poem all about the seasons for our parents. The learning was linked to our Science learning on the four seasons and our English work on poetry and rhyme. This was our very first performance in Year 1, and the children did a great job in showcasing their confidence, remembering their actions and projecting their voices. We are so grateful to our brilliant parents for coming along to support us and we can't wait for more shows and performances to celebrate our learning with you.

Wishing everyone a warm and joyful half term holiday!

panda Class

REMINDER

Year 1 - Core book challenge workshop Thursday 6th November 2025 3:45pm - 4:00pm

These eight weeks have absolutely flown by, and it's been wonderful getting to know the children in Panda Class even better. We've achieved so much already!

On Monday, the children dressed up in bright colours, and we had a fantastic time talking about our favourite colours, what we did over the weekend, and hearing all about some of the children's Diwali celebrations.

In Maths, the children have been exploring number bonds - different ways to make the same number. They've been using their counting principles to find totals and have been introduced to the plus (+) and equal to (=) symbols. I have challenged the children to find all the possible solutions for number bonds up to 10!

In PSHE, we've completed our first topic, Being Me in My World. I'm so impressed with how well the children have followed our class rules - listening carefully, taking turns, and showing respect for one another's ideas.

I hope everyone enjoys a relaxing half term break. Try to go for a walk together so the children can enjoy observing the beautiful autumn season while getting some fresh air. I'm looking forward to seeing you all after the break!







What a fantastic first half term it has been for our wonderful Year 2 Elephant Class!

In English, pupils have been working incredibly hard on their writing inspired by Billy and the Beast by Nadia Shireen. They have produced some brilliant character descriptions and retells, carefully focusing on using past tense verbs and the '-ed' suffix in their sentences. Their creativity and growing confidence as writers have been a joy to see!

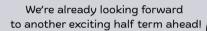
In Art, the children have immersed themselves in the beautiful, detailed style of Beth Krommes. They explored mark-making and created stunning line work inspired by the movement of waves - truly impressive pieces that showcase their artistic flair and focus.

As a class, our Elephants have continued to demonstrate resilience, kindness, and a strong sense of community in everything they do. We are so proud of their teamwork and positive attitude.

A huge thank you to all our grown-ups for your continued support with Give Me 10, parent workshops, home projects, encouraging reading routines at home, weekly spellings, and so much more. Your involvement makes such a difference.







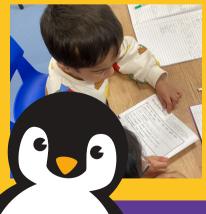
Penguins have had a fun and exciting week in Year 2 as we approach half term!

In English, we have been exploring Billy and the Beast. The children worked hard to create their own storyboards, sequencing the story and illustrating each part beautifully. They did a brilliant job capturing the key events and characters, and their finished storyboards are full of imagination and



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To celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, the children made their own Diwali cards and came into school wearing their own traditional clothing with lots of bright colours! They learned about the traditions behind the festival and included images such as diyas (lamps), rangoli patterns, fireworks, and lotus flowers on their cards. Each design was unique and wonderfully bright - a lovely way to spread light and happiness! Also in art, we have been looking at mark making, with children exploring different designs such as dots, waves and swirls!



In Science, the children have been using their prior learning from our Living Things and Their Habitats topic to design their own habitats. They thought carefully about what living things might survive there, and included details like sources of food, shelter, and the right conditions for survival. Their creativity and understanding really shone through!

Well done, Year 2. Another week of fantastic learning and thoughtful work! Have a wonderful half term break and we can't wait to welcome you back for Autumn 2!



Koala C

As we wrap up Autumn One, we're reflecting on a truly exciting and enriching final week!

We kicked off the week with a fantastic trip to the Excel Centre for the STEM Exhibition. The children really got stuck in and explored a wide range of exciting science and technology exhibits. The VR headsets and the radioactivity section were definite highlights! It was brilliant to see so much curiosity, enthusiasm, and hands-on learning. A big well done to all the children for their excellent behaviour and sensible attitudes throughout the day.

In Maths, we've been working hard on addition with exchange and have now started subtracting using both pictorial representations and formal written methods. The children have shown a fantastic growth mindset, approaching each challenge with resilience and determination. We're really proud of the progress they've made!

On Wednesday, we celebrated Diwali with a special dress-up day. Children came in colourful traditional clothing and spent time learning about the significance of Diwali in different cultures. They also created stunning Rangoli patterns using vibrant colours and thoughtful designs. It was a wonderful way to embrace the spirit of the festival and celebrate together as a class.

Thank you for all your continued support this half-term. We wish you a restful break and look forward to more exciting learning in Autumn Two!





LORNA'S UPDATE



REMINDER

Year 3 will be performing at the Festival of Arts on Thursday 13th November Purchase tickets here:

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/mulberry-schools-trust

What a fantastic first half term it's been at Mulberry Wood Wharf! As the new deputy headteacher, I've been warmly welcomed by our wonderful school community, and it's been a real pleasure getting to know the children, families, and staff. I've loved being in classrooms across the school and seeing the fantastic progress the children have made already this term, particularly in their writing. One of my favourite ways to get to know the children has been reading a story in every class across the half term – it's been such a lovely way to spend time with each class and share our love of books. Our parent coffee morning was another brilliant opportunity to connect with families. I've also really enjoyed the pride and excitement of our Friday celebration assemblies – it's been so special to see the whole school community come together to celebrate the children's achievements. The wide range of enrichment trips this term has also been incredibly impressive – what brilliant opportunities for our children. Our Diwali and Halloween celebrations have brought great joy and energy to the school – thank you to everyone who helped make those events so memorable! And a big thank you to everyone who has taken the time to introduce themselves and say hello at the school gate – it's been such a lovely way to start and end the day.

One of the key messages we continue to share with our pupils is how important it is to come to school every day, ready to learn and grow together. Being here daily makes a real difference to children's progress, confidence, and friendships - and it's something we're passionate about supporting. A special shout out to Tiger Class for their fantastic 97% attendance this week - well done! Wishing all our families a fantastic half term break - I'm really looking forward to the rest of the term and all the brilliant learning and celebrations still to come.





Blue Whale Class: Elyas and Sanaa

Value of the week:

Kindness

Tiger Class: Rakan and Lina

Panda Class: George and Arina

Lion Class: Yagna and Vencel

Elephant Class: Allegrin and Rayan

Penguin Class: Beau and Hanna

Koala Class: Inaaya and Uzair

ATTENDANCE

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

The attendance trophy this week goes to:

Tiger Class - 97%

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





























Daily snacks

Orlides in Reception through to Year 2 take part in the National trult scheme, which means that a range of fruits and separation are provided every day. Free! In Reception classes are also provide some bread base.



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