



Weekly Newsletter Friday 8th December 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Monday's assembly was about living with a disability. We watched a film about a child with a Visual Impairment. Children showed great interest and empathy trying to understand how the child participated in sports and managed to read. We actively want to teach children that we are all different and in our differences we show respect and we have dignity.

Stars of the Week



Taylor in Reception because she was able to independently make the triangles using the straws

Tyler in Reception because he has been trying really hard to communicate using his words.

Attendance

N- 86%
R- 91%
1- 98%
2- 94%
3- 96%
4- 97%
5- 95%
6- 97%

Well done to **Yr 1** for achieving 98% attendance last week.

Parent Sessions

Coffee Morning on Wednesdays 9-10 am in the Parents Rm run by Yasmin- all welcome
Toy Library Thursdays Hoyam and Dilara
Felix Food Project Friday 2:30-3:30 run by Yasmin, Hoyan, Muna.
We are very grateful for the time and energy that our parent volunteers offer the school.

Yr 6 at the Tower Hamlets Book Awards

1) Individual Yr 6 art winners:

Saiful
Alisha
Jannat
Tahmid
Zafeer
Amelia

2) Special award for overall best class entries in the art competition

3) Winner of the book quiz at the event, narrowly beating TB!

Festival of Triangles

**Thursday 14th December
2:00 pm collection of children**

Please see Siobhan or Annika if you would like to help out with our **Winter Festival of Triangles**. We really appreciate all parental contributions and help. The theme is a repeat of our festival a few years ago. We are celebrating triangles.

What an opportunity to think **creatively and in triangles!** Food, decorations, jewellery..

Yr 4 Relationships and Health Education mtg

Rescheduled time and date:
Thursday 14th December 9:00 am

E1 Parent Volunteer Course Spring Term

See poster below for more information. Information and Assessment session Thursday Dec 21st 9:30 am at Hague Primary School.

Extended Leave Gentle Reminder

Parents should not book holidays during term time. Holidays should be booked during the school holiday to limit missed education. If you want to discuss extended leave this must be done with the headteacher once the Extended Leave form has been completed. Extended leave should be for emergencies only.

Important dates

Autumn term 2023

Dec 13th 9:30 am Winter concert
Nurs- Yr 3

Thur 14th Dec 9:00 am Yr 4 RHE mtg

Thur 14th Dec - Winter Fayre/
Festival of Triangles 2 pm pick up

Wed 20th Dec Christmas lunch

Dec 21st 2-3 pm Y4 5 6+ Woodwind & Recorder concert

Fri 22nd Dec Christmas party, Santa visits classes and last day of term close 1:30 pm

Spring term 2024

Tue Jan 9th school starts

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb Half term holiday

Thur 28th March school finishes

Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April Easter holidays

Mon 15th April school starts

Monday 6th May bank holiday

Mon 27th May- Fri 31st May half term holiday

Mon 17th June school closed Eid Al-Adha

Friday 19th July school finishes

Healthy December

Please come and join Zarina, (parent volunteer and Healthy Eating Ambassador) every Wednesday during December for a Healthy Eating Coffee Morning.



Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

I can use eye contact and a still body to show that I am actively listening

Please help children to focus on the speaker by making good eye contact and sitting still.

Community Ambassadors task

Design a picture or write a letter or poem which will give hope and happiness to an elderly person who may be feeling lonely and sad.

Please return your letter, poem or artwork by Friday December 15th. I am sure your work will bring them a smile.



WD Wrap Around Care

Wrap Around Care (childcare) is available for all children. Contact Bhumi or Ridhwan on the admin email if you want to book sessions. All information is on the website: [William Davis' Wraparound Care](#)

Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is our joint responsibility. Make sure that you have parental controls in place; and that you know the sites and Apps that your children use. Check the school's online safety policy on the website. [Safeguarding and Child Protection - WILLIAM DAVIS PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

Book Amnesty

Please return all school books to the class next week so that the book corners can be stored. There are lots of books missing.

Uniform

We have noticed that many children are coming to school in the wrong uniform. Please check the website and ensure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform and PE kit. <http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/uniform.html>

WhatsApp

School has moved to messages being delivered via WhatsApp instead of via text. Messaging will be purely to communicate information; there will be no reply facility.

Could parents save tel. no. **07383404730** as William Davis to their contacts.

Please see the office if you don't use WhatsApp

Uniform Stall

Look out for the monthly uniform stall on a Friday afternoon run by parents, Hoyam and Dilara

Evolving situation in the Middle East

We know that this time is complex for adults caring for young children. Please take time to read this Unicef guidance for parents about talking to children about conflict and war. [How to talk to your children about conflict and war | UNICEF Parenting](#)
Please talk to us if you are concerned about your child.

Birthday Celebrations

Although we have stopped our custom of parents sharing birthday sweets in the playground at hometime, please be reassured that we still sing and give children a sticker and pencil when they celebrate their birthday.

Sweets and Snacks

Please can I ask parents to help us promote healthy eating habits. If you want your children to have a snack at home time - **bring some fruit or a bagel**. Please avoid sweets, crisp etc that are high in sugar and fat. Please encourage water or milk.

Sight and Hearing Tests

Please get your child's hearing and sight checked if you have concerns about them. Unfortunately our school nurse does not routinely screen children. School and parents need to work together to identify when a child can't see the board or hear class instructions. Please talk to your child and contact your GP or optician if you need to book a screening.

Is My Child Too Ill for School?

Please refer to these NHS guidelines when thinking about whether your child can go to school.

We need to reduce unnecessary absences from school.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



Magic Breakfast

Children are welcome to come into school for breakfast on a daily basis. Staff prepare toasted bagels or cereal and milk. Children must be in between 8:00 and 8:30 to be served breakfast.



Reading for Pleasure

Are you a member at the Whitechapel Ideas Store? Why not join this weekend and be a regular visitor to borrow books for you and your children. Check out the website:

[Idea Store Whitechapel](#)

CHARGES

Reminders:

In order to replace books lost at home we will charge £5 for lost books.

EYFS parents will be charged £3 / term for perishable items.

Repeated late pick ups from ASC will incur an increased fine- see the **Charging and Remissions Policy** on the website.

Fathers and Male Carers

Fathers Football at Thomas Buxton Thursday mornings - see Russell. See poster below.

Parent Reader Needed

We have one volunteer who has started. Thank you!

We need another volunteer reader to work with a KS 2 child new to the country. Ideally this volunteer would read with the child daily 9:00-9:30. See Annika or Siobhan.



An OCN accredited course
delivered by the
PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM

TUESDAYS

9, 16, 23, 30 January

6, 20, 27 February

12, 19, 26 March

9.30am- 12pm

Volunteer in E1 Schools

Information &
assessment session

Hague Primary School
Thurs 21 December 2023,
9.30am

Learn about

- the curriculum and how children learn
- teaching methods
- how to support learning
- how to keep children safe



William Davis Primary School
To be the best you can be

Community Senior's Project

During Covid children at William Davis wrote letters and drew pictures for elderly people at the Waterside Care Home in South London. The letters and artwork were intended to lift the spirits of elderly people isolated by Covid.

Sending and receiving these letters helps to uplift spirits, ease stress and relax the mind. This allows hope and happiness to be brought to the elderly residents at care homes, and for them to form wonderful connections. Likewise, students are able to form friendships by unleashing their inner creativity as they send letters and drawings to the care homes, as well as relieving some boredom they may be feeling.

Nina Andersen, Founder of Community Senior Letters (18 years old)

You can read more about the project on the website:

<https://communityseniorletters.com/>

Community Ambassadors task

Design a picture or write a letter or poem which will give hope and happiness to an elderly person who may be feeling lonely and sad.

- ★ Any child can join this project.
- ★ Please return your letter, poem or artwork by **Friday December 15th**.
- ★ Annika will post the work in one envelope to the Waterside Care Home so that the elderly people can enjoy your lovely writing or artwork.

I am sure your work will bring them a smile.

