



## Weekly Newsletter Friday November 17th 2023

### Message from the Headteacher

Please read the Anti Bullying leaflet below with your children. Make sure they understand what bullying is and who they should talk to if they see or experience bullying. We teach children about the different roles: Bystanders, Assistants and Reinforcers encourage the bully. Defenders and Buddys stand up to the bully. They get help. Teach your child to be a Defender.

### Stars of the Week



**EYFS:Adiyan** for working really hard in phonics and now blending green words

**Yr 3 Maryam A** for pushing herself, especially in reading.

**Yr 5 Ayub** for impressing Rachel this week- he took the initiative to continue his Andy Warhol research and exploratory sketches at home.

### Attendance

N- 81%  
R- 96%  
1- 95%  
2- 90%  
3- 96%  
**4- 99%**  
5- 94%  
**6- 99%**

Well done to **Yr 4 and Yr 6** for achieving 99% attendance last week.

### School Council Film Night

Yrs 1-3 29th November  
3:30-4:30

Yrs 4-6 6th December  
3:30-4:30

Sumayya will organise tickets.

### Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

*I can use talk to solve problems calmly and sensibly.*

Please help children to take time to talk through problems together when they fall out with friends.

### 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](#)

### Healthy December

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

### 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.

### WhatsApp

School will be making the move to messaging 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

### Roots of Empathy

Year 5 will be starting an Emotional Literacy programme called Roots of Empathy. A parent and baby will join the class for 9 sessions over the year. Children and staff will observe the mother- baby attachment and reflect on the baby's emotions and development. We are really excited to get started.

### Fantastic Food in School

Please see the letter below from the Healthy Lives Team. They will be supporting us to make it as calm, sociable and enjoyable an experience as possible whilst also increasing children's access and willingness to eat healthy foods. We are committed to helping to ensure our children grow up with healthy habits.

### Anti Bullying Week

This week was Anti Bullying Week. We watched a 1 Decision assembly which helped us to think about making good choices if we see someone being bullied. We learned that it's important to be a Defender or a Buddy. Please read our Anti Bullying leaflet at the end of our newsletter. Share and discuss with your child/ren. Please encourage your child to complete the poster homework- see below for instructions.

### Important dates

#### Autumn term 2023

**Nov 20th** Open afternoon EYFS  
**Nov 22nd** Healthy Eating session in Coffee Morning

**Nov 23rd** Open morning EYFS

**Nov 28th** Asthma session for parents and children

**Dec 13th 2-3pm** Winter concert Rec- Yr 3

**Thur 14th Dec** - Winter Fayre/ Festival of Triangles

**Wed 20th Dec** Christmas lunch

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

**Fri 22nd Dec** last day of term close 1:30 pm

**Tue Jan 9th** School starts

### EYFS Open Morning and Open Afternoon

**Do you have a child ready to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024?**

**Monday Nov 20th 3:45-4:45**  
**Open Afternoon EYFS**

**Thursday Nov 23rd 10:00-11:00**  
**Open morning EYFS**

**Please come and visit !**



## 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.

## POETRY BY HEART

### Cottage (1942) by Eleanor Farjeon 1881 - 1965

When I live in a Cottage  
I shall keep in my Cottage  
Two different Dogs,  
Three creamy Cows,  
Four giddy Goats,  
Five Pewter Pots,  
Six silver Spoons,  
Seven busy Beehives,  
Eight ancient Appletrees,  
Nine red Rosebushes,  
Ten teeming Teapots,  
Eleven chirping Chickens,  
Twelve cosy Cats with their  
kittenish Kittens and  
One blessed Baby in a Basket.  
That's what I'll have when I live in  
my Cottage.



### 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](#)

## 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>

### Evolving situation in the Middle East

We have noticed children's growing awareness and concern about the situation in Gaza and Israel. It is a challenging and distressing time and children will look to adults for a sense of safety and security.

Please take time to read this Unicef guidance for parents about talking to children about conflict and war.

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>

Please talk to us if you are concerned about your child.

## Uniform Stall

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

## 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. You will have an opportunity to discuss this when you meet your child's teacher on October 17th.

## 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 ready to start after half term. 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.

## Put a STOP to Bullying

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## Anti-Bullying Booklet

November 2023

William Davis is a **Restorative School**; positive, happy and safe relationships are important.

William Davis School believes that:

- ★ Bullying is wrong;
- ★ Bullying hurts;
- ★ Bullying has to be stopped together.

### Make a Noise about Bullying



## Bullying



Bullying is:

- Deliberately being hurtful, causing pain and distress;
- Repeated over a period of time;
- Intimidating and can be difficult for victims to defend themselves.

Four Types of Bullying:

- Physical (pinching, hitting, kicking, stealing from)
- Verbal (name calling, threatening)
- Indirect (ignoring, excluding, spreading stories)
- Online or cyber (threatening, teasing, embarrassing)

Effects of bullying

- Low self confidence
- Sadness
- Physical or emotional symptoms

## Put a STOP to Bullying



At William Davis we will:

- Teach you to recognise what bullying is and to recognise the four different types of bullying;
- Remind you that children are often bullied because they are new or different;
- Teach you to welcome and to get to know new children and children who may be different;
- Teach you how to manage relationships well and respectfully using our Relationships Charters and Restorative Conversations;
- Teach you to talk to an adult at school or home if you are being bullied or if you notice someone else if being bullied;
- Teach you to be a Defender or a Buddy if you notice someone else being bullied.

**The staff, parents and governors at William Davis are committed to PUTTING A STOP TO BULLYING.**

## Anti-Bullying Homework Task

Design a poster which communicates the message that  
at William Davis School we  
**Make a Noise about Bullying!**

Can you include:

- who to report bullying to ( staff, parents)
- how to take care of children who are victims of bullying
- how to include all children
- how to be a Defender or Buddy

**Deadline** Monday 27th November- hand in to Annika  
Winning posters will be displayed on the website.







## Information to send out to parents

"Our school has been one of 10 schools working with Tower Hamlets Council this year to pilot ways of improving school food across the borough, as part of their "Fantastic Food in Schools" initiative. This will be launched across the borough after the October half term. As part of this work, we surveyed the teaching staff, lunchtime and kitchen staff, pupils and parents to find out your views on the food in our school. Thank you so much for all your feedback and this is being used to plan how we will improve the whole school food environment next year.

We have been supported by the Healthy Lives Team to gain a Healthy Schools London Silver Award for this work, and we are working with them to gain a Gold Award next year. The Healthy Lives team also visited our lunchtime and will be supporting us to make it as calm, sociable and enjoyable an experience as possible plus increasing children's access and willingness to eat healthy foods. We will be developing a family style dining approach as well as introducing pupil and staff healthy eating education and training.

Locally, children in Tower Hamlets have high levels of excess weight (overweight or obesity). Among 4-5 year olds, 20.4% have excess weight (of whom 10.9% are obese) and among 10-11 year olds, 45.4% have excess weight (of whom 29.7% are obese). Both are above the average for London and England. (NCMP data 2021/22 academic year - <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/>)

The issue of oral health also continues in Tower Hamlets, with high levels of children aged 5 years old with experience of visually obvious dental decay (2021/22). Tower Hamlets has 29.6% compared to the national figure of 23.7% and 25.8% in London. (Tower Hamlets Child Health Profile, Public Health England, <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/>)

We have already benefited from various initiatives as part of this programme, including TastEd sessions, for pupils to find out more about fruit and vegetables; parent taster sessions of the lunch menu; and the Tower Hamlets Cook-a-thon assembly run by Contract Services.

We hope to increase the uptake of the school lunches and improve the satisfaction levels of pupils, parents, and staff around school food. We want to involve the school community as much as possible and look forward to reaching out for your support as part of this ongoing work in the coming year."