



Weekly Newsletter Friday 22nd March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Well done to those parents who have worked to get their children into school every day. The attendance figures have improved. Thank you for organising your holidays out of school term time. Please can you continue to ensure children are punctual, in school by 8:45; and ensure that children are in school every day so that we achieve 96% + attendance across the school.

Attendance

N- 92%
R- 90%
1- 96%
2- 94%
3- 95%
4- 96%
5- 99%
6- 97%

Well done to Yr 5 for achieving 99% !

Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target:

I can speak in full, clear sentences.

Please encourage children to speak in full sentences.

Circle Time Theme

Next week's assembly will be about **Holidays and Spring**

The Big Questions children to be discussed in class relate to the theme:

- If you could go anywhere on holiday, where would you go and what would you do?
- Think of three things that you will enjoy doing this holiday.
- What signs of spring are you seeing?
- What's your favourite season and why?

BBC Live Stream Event

National Numeracy have asked **William Davis School** to host the **BBC live streamed National Numeracy Day** event on May 22nd.

It is likely to be children in Yr 3-5 who are invited to participate. Letters will go out nearer to the time to confirm which children will be involved. Parents will be able to opt out if they don't want their child to be filmed.

28th March 1:30 pm

Last day of term & early finish

School finishes for the spring term on Thursday 28th March. We will close at 1:30 pm.

Easter Holiday

The Easter holiday is from Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April. School starts again Monday 15th April.

Ramadan Fasting

We have noticed that many children are showing signs of tiredness at school. They are less able to focus on their school work and they are falling out with peers more easily. Please ensure that children get a proper night's sleep so that their learning and behaviour isn't impacted.

Nursery Aged Children

Please see office staff if you haven't registered your three year olds yet for Nursery.

Nursery Application Deadline

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 and you would like a nursery place for September 2024, you must apply online via the [eadmissions portal](#).

Application guidance

For guidance on completing an online application, please see Appendix B of the [Starting Nursery in Tower Hamlets 2024](#) brochure.

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.

Stars of the Week



Osman Yr 2 for being super focused and for trying his best all the time even when he finds it hard. He has a constant infectious positive attitude.

Suraiya Y3 for showing resilience and fantastic commitment to her learning.

Ameera Yr 4 for increased confidence, contributing to class discussions and being able to explain her learning well.

Important dates

Spring term 2024

Thur 28th March school finishes 1:30 pm
Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April

Easter holidays

Mon 15th April school starts
Mon 6th May bank holiday
13th – 17th May SATs week Y6
13th – 17th May + 20th – 24th May Y5 Swimming at Britannia 10-11
20th– 24th May Gorsefield Yr 6
Wed 22nd May National Numeracy Day-LIVE Streaming

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

Fri 7 June 8:30am – 12:00pm Sports Day event Weavers Field
Mon 17th June school closed Eid Al-Adha
Fri 28th June 2:00 – 4:00pm Summer fayre
Tue 9th July 2024 1:30 – 4:30pm Open afternoon- handout reports
Thur 11th July Victoria Park Family Trip
Thur 18th July 2024 2:00 – 3:00 pm Yr 6 performance tbc
Friday 19th July school finishes 1:30

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>

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](#)

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.



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](#)

Museum of the Home

See poster below for fantastic holiday activities at the Museum of the Home.

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](#)

Families can collect community cupboard items from the following Children & Family Centres in the North West Locality.

Meath Gardens - 1 Smart Street, Bethnal Green, London, E2 0SN

Tel: 020 7364 0349

Mowlem - Wadson Street, Cambridge Heath, London, E2 9DL

Tel: 020 7364 7935

Collingwood - Buckhurst Street, London, E1 5QT

Tel: 020 7364 0539

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.

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](#)

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

Tower Hamlet Education Wellbeing Service

We have a new THEWs worker, Imogen, who will meet and work with parents and with groups of children. Please see Annika if you have concerns about your child's behaviour or anxiety.

Cost of Living Crisis

Please have a look at this website for information on how Tower Hamlets plans to support families affected by the cost of living crisis.

[Cost of Living package worth nearly £6million.](#)

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.

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. Please note that **Ofsted** is taking a careful look at **school attendance** as it has dropped significantly after Covid at a local & national level. It's really important that we work together to ensure attendance is at least 96% across the school.

SPRING HOLIDAY FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Join us this Spring holiday for free, drop-in creative family activities!

Come along to Hoxton Trust and the Museum of the Home to explore sound and nature, make listening devices, sound maps and more!



@museumofthehome
@hoxton_trust



MUSEUM OF
THE HOME

All activities are free!
Suitable for children aged 0 - 12 years old.

Explore materials and nature to create listening instruments and make a sound map!



Tuesday 9th April



12 - 3pm



Hoxton Trust

Hoxton St N1 6SH

Make listening instruments and record sounds in our playhouse, which will be transformed into a mini recording studio.



Thursday 11th April



10.30am - 4pm



Museum of the Home

136 Kingsland Road, E2 8EA