



Newsletter

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 07/03	W/B 14/03
Mango (Nur)	91%	89%
Apple (Rec A)	91%	87%
Peach (Rec C)	93%	92%
Beech (1S)	98%	97%
Maple (1R)	92%	94%
Ash (2R)	94%	90%
Birch (2N)	90%	96%
Lemon (3C)	95%	91%
Oak (3B)	97%	97%
Aspen (4D)	96%	92%
Spruce (4A)	95%	96%
Cherry (5B)	98%	88%
Palm (5G)	97%	90%
Cypress (6W)	97%	98%
Willow (6L)	95%	95%

Value of the Week

Mango (Nur)	Grace Kershaw and Denvah Dunlop
Apple (Rec A)	Pranav Mantur
Peach (Rec C)	Jaylen Nelson
Beech (1S)	Yaqub Ali
Maple (1R)	Monika Szulc
Ash (2R)	Elizabeth Rowe
Birch (2N)	Mary-Jane Pipan
Lemon (3C)	Atharva Saxena
Oak (3B)	Olivia Barrow
Aspen (4D)	William Bennison
Spruce (4A)	Poppy Rogers
Cherry(5B)	Syeda Rubaiya Mim
Palm (5G)	Maisha Uddin
Willow(6L)	Jayda Green
Cypress (6W)	Ava Page Murray

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to begin by thanking you for the generosity so many of you have shown in response to our appeal for donations for Ukraine. We have received an overwhelming amount of donations, which has been really heartwarming to see. Father Ed, our Chair of Governors, has taken two full van-loads to a local distribution centre. Thank you once again for all your support.

Value of the week

This week we have been focusing on the value of **safety**. It was once again a pleasure to hear staff share how children across the school had demonstrated this value, during our collective worship this afternoon. As always, a big well done to all those children named!

Play Streets

As part of our work on active travel and promoting healthy lifestyles we are hosting a **Play Street** on **Tuesday 22nd March**. The event has been organised and will be coordinated by Sustrans, who were involved with the pedestrianisation project for Glenworth Avenue, and do similar work with schools across the borough.

This will be a joint event with Canary Wharf College and will take place on the recently pedestrianised area between our school and theirs.

Play streets are an initiative to redevelop children's love of play following COVID.

The activities are geared towards Year 1 - 3 and time will be allocated for all children in these year groups to access the space in the afternoon, during school time. They will be supervised by their classroom staff for this. Early Years and years 4-6 are very welcome to enjoy the activities under the supervision of their parents after school.

All children can access the Play Street from 3:30pm till 5pm under supervision of their parents/guardians. The children should stay with an adult at all times while accessing the stations and should start at Saunders Ness Road and work their way down the activities to Manchester Road.

This promises to be a great event and will be attended by Mayor John Biggs and other council dignitaries. We hope that you will be able to enjoy the activities after school with your child.

Key dates coming up:

- Birch class assembly, Thursday 3.00pm. Parents of Birch class children welcome to attend.
- Friday 1st April is the last day of term, and we will be finishing at the usual time of 3:30pm on that day. There will be no Energy Kidz on that date.

SAFETY



Pupil Parliament

On Wednesday we hosted our Spring session of the Isle of Dogs Pupil Parliament. Our Year 5 & 6 school councillors were joined by school councillors from St Edmunds, Harbinger, Arnhem Wharf and Cubitt Town to consider how best to reduce violent crime on the Isle of Dogs.

The children suggested ways in which we could focus on promoting kindness both in our schools and in our community. It was fantastic to hear them speak so eloquently and enthusiastically about their ideas. After the children had discussed their ideas in mixed school groups they then planned what three changes they would like to bring about in their own school.

In the evening, four children from St. Luke's school council spoke to Tower Hamlets council at Town Hall about the parliament and petitioned the council to do more to reduce violent crime on the Isle of Dogs and promote kindness.

It was a great experience for our school councillors and they were able to meet the mayor and speaker of the council. The councillors in attendance were full of praise for the courage shown by the children in speaking out to try and achieve a positive change in their community.

A recording of the council session can be found here https://towerhamlets.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/637335

Our children feature from approximately 12 minutes into the recording.





Parent workshops

We have two sets of parent workshops next week, both taking place via Zoom. These are for Reception and year 6 parents. You will be notified of the details and be sent a Zoom link separately, but as a reminder they are as follows:

- Phonics and reading workshop for Reception parents on Wednesday 23rd March, at 9:30am and then repeated at 5pm.
- Year 6 SATs workshop on Monday 21st March at 4:30pm, and then repeated on Tuesday 22nd March at 9am.

Message from Tower Hamlets

We would like to invite you to come along to our Parent Family Hub event on Wednesday 23rd March at the Brady Arts Centre. The event will give you a chance to have your say and give feedback on the services for families, children and young people. You will have a chance to meet different organizations who will have information stalls on the day. Deputy Mayor Cllr Asma Begum will be attending and there is limited creche space available (by booking only, please state age of child when booking.) Lunch and refreshments will also be provided.

Parents Family Hub event:

Taking place at the Brady Arts & Community Centre, Hanbury Street, E1 5HU on Wednesday 23rd March at 10.00am -12.30pm, if you would like to attend please use this link to register <https://bit.ly/3KgyHMP>

Dogs at the gate

This is a reminder please that no dogs are allowed onto the school site at any time, even if you are carrying them. Please also be mindful of where pet dogs are tied up by the school. We have noticed that some dogs are tied up right by the entrance to the school gate, and we would politely ask you to refrain from doing this. Children can be frightened by dogs they do not know, and they can block the entrance to the school at a very busy part of the day. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Staffing update

I have some lovely news to share with you, in that Mr. Griffiths has just returned from his paternity leave, following the birth of his baby boy. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr. Griffiths and wishing him and his wife all the very best for the future as a new family.

I am also pleased to share with you that Ms. Sheppard will be returning from her maternity leave on the 28th March. We are all really looking forward to welcoming Ms. Sheppard back, and she will be taking on the teaching of Lemon class as Ms. Chandler goes on her maternity leave at the end of this term.

Finally, this is a reminder that we close for the Easter holidays on Friday 1st April. All children will finish at the usual time of 3:30pm, but please note that there will be no Energy Kidz on that date.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School

Class catch-up

We are extremely proud of all our year 5 pupils. They have all been taking part in a Dragons Den competition, run by staff at HSBC in Canary Wharf. Each group presented their idea to some visiting 'dragons' from HSBC, and from there the winning team, pictured below, was chosen to represent our school at the grand final in the final week of term, at the HSBC building in Canary Wharf. A huge well done this team, but also to all our year 5 pupils who worked so hard for this competition, and presented their projects with such eloquence and courage.

