



Newsletter

13th December 2019

Dear parents/carers,

What an exciting week we have had! The children have worked hard preparing and performing the nativity and a big thank you to all involved. Thank you to all the parents that came to support their children.

Here is what we have been up to:

Trips and Events

- We had 2 Nativity performances and the children really gave their best! It was lovely to see them growing in confidence by the time we got to the second performance.
- I took 4 very lucky children from years 5 and 6 to interview Dame Evelyn Glennie, a world famous percussionist who is profoundly deaf. We found out about her challenges growing up and how she overcame them to become an amazing musician. She even performed in the opening ceremony of London 2012 Olympic Games!
- Year 3 and 4 visited Mulberry Academy Shoreditch to watch the Panto performed by year 8. It was fantastic to see so many ex pupils perform on stage and the Panto was so much fun! By the end everyone was dancing!

Sharing Good Learning

The following children shared their learning this week:

- **Year 1:** In year 1, the children have been learning about Vincent Van Gogh, Sabira, An Qian, Siyana, Hamid and Zaheer showed us their magnificent paintings inspired by his work
- **Year 2:** Ariya, Samia, Maisha, Hannah, Ishaq, Sameen and Aseeya showed us different ways of solving division questions.
- **Year 3:** In topic, year 3 are learning about plants that grow once a year, Shezan, Cara, Ibrahim and Firdaus shared their writing.
- **Year 4:** Khadijah, Zakiya, Sam and Zahraa shared their work on repeated patterns inspired by the artist Escher.
- **Year 5:** Year 5 have been working on Zoetropes in Design and Technology. Blessing, Suhan and Ayesha shared their products and explained that they are devices that produce the illusion of motion, like early animations or cartoons.
- **Year 6 :** Year 6 were at Mulberry Academy for their last Design and Technology session.
- **Special Mentions:** **Adam** mentioned Emily for doing a great job as emotional literacy lead. **Sinead** mentioned **Sameeha** for helping her when she is sad. Louise mentioned **Steven** for helping the younger children cut their chicken. Ruth mentioned **Maya** and **Tahid** for being great learning partners.

FSU News

It has been an exciting week in the EYFS, as the children took part in their first nativity! We are very proud of nursery and reception for their fantastic performance of 'Bumpy Road' - we hope you enjoyed it too! Nursery have been reading the wonderful story of 'The Jolly Postman' this week. Following him on his bike as he delivers his cards and letters in the snow. The children thought about letters they might like to send and wrote one as a class. We have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, creating winter pictures using them as templates. We've also used 3D shapes as paint stamps to make repeating patterns. Reception have been thinking about one of their favourite authors this week – Michael Rosen.



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We have been listening to his poetry and rereading some of his stories, in preparation for our trip to see 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' next week!

Lates

To date this term, we have had a staggering 252 lates! This MUST improve. The Attendance and Welfare Officer will be contacting those families that are persistently late. Please remember that you can be fined for being late, but also more importantly your children are missing out on crucial learning.

Achievement

The achievement assembly will be on **Friday 20th December @ 9.10am**. Please make sure you arrive promptly because all staff attend this assembly and the office will be closed from 9.15am.

Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	2	4 th	82.33%	7 th
Year 1	6	7 th	91.81%	6 th
Year 2	1	1 st	94.64%	5 th
Year 3	1	1 st	95.71%	2 nd
Year 4	3	5 th	95.69%	3 rd
Year 5	3	5 th	97.50%	1 st
Year 6	1	1 st	95.56%	4 th

Well done year 5. I am very proud of your attendance! **All classes now need to improve their punctuality!**

Parents please make sure your child is lined up in the playground at 8.55am, so that they are in lessons and ready to start their learning. I would just like to remind you that in accordance with the Tower Hamlets Penalty Notice Scheme you will be fined if your child is late 20 or more times in a term.

Forthcoming events

17 th December 2019	Christmas Lunch
18 th December 2019	Year 1 visiting the Unicorn Theatre
18 th December 2019	Reception class visiting Stratford Circus
19 th December 2019	Poetry Slams @ 2.40pm – all welcome
20 th December 2019	Achievement assembly @ 9.10am
20 th December 2019	Last day of school – school finishes at 1.45pm

Dates for the rest of this Year

23 rd December to 3 rd January 2020	End of Term	School Closed
17 th February to 21 st February 2020	Half Term	School Closed
6 th April to 17 th April 2020	End of Term	School Closed
7 th May 2020	Occasional Day	School Closed
8 th May 2020	Bank Holiday	School Closed
25 th May to 29 th May 2020	Half term	School Closed
20 th & 21 st July 2020	Inset Days	School Closed

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher