



West Ham Church School

With God, all things are possible

Newsletter

Autumn 1

Week 5



A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

We are delighted to share that Mr Mengesha, one of our school governors, has been awarded the BBC Make a Difference Award for his Barefoot Challenges. Mr Mengesha has been raising money to support disadvantaged children and their families in Newham by walking 100 miles, barefoot.



Mr Mengesha is a fantastic example of someone who truly embodies our school values, and demonstrated to our children that "with God, all things are possible".

As we prepare for the delayed Hopes and Dreams Awards on Monday 10th October, it is lovely to share this news with the children and their families, and to see that the WHCS values are demonstrated by all members of our school community.

We are also celebrating the many years of hard work and dedication from Miss Starling, who is leaving us to train as a dental nurse. We are incredibly grateful for her work across the years, and know the children will miss her greatly. We wish her all the best for the future.

Thank you for your generosity with donations for the Harvest Festival. We hope to see as many of you as possible at All Saints Church on Thursday 13th October, ready to celebrate Harvest with us. Finally, please note the slight change of date to parent consultations. Teachers will now be available on Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th October. This is a valuable opportunity to find out how your child has settled in this term, and to discuss their progress so far.

Warm regards,
Mrs. James,
Headteacher

School Vision

Our Vision is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation, to live in **harmony**, embracing differences, to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

Prayer Space

A prayer from the team at All Saints Church

Lord God,

Thank you for all the good things we have in our lives.

Thank you that everything that comes from you is good.

Please help us to remember that each one of us is precious and loved by you, and to be thankful for those around us.

Amen

Values

Our school value this term is

Thankfulness

Hopes and Dreams Awards

Monday 10th October

6:00-7:00pm

(individual invitations for families and children to attend)

Parent Consultations

Monday 17th & Wednesday
19th October



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EYFS & KS1

Weekly News Page
Assistant Head: Mrs. Rogers



Early Years Foundation Stage

This week

As part of National Poetry Day, we have been learning a poem all about the rhino. Ask your child if they can remember it and perform it for you at home. We have also had great fun finding out all about harvest and the important work that farmers do! We have also enjoyed finding out how we can use our new Buddy Bench to develop our friendships with each other, and practised inviting people to join our games.



Next week

We will be planting bulbs ready for spring in our very own garden area with raised tubs. We will have to be very patient and wait for many months before we see the flowers start to grow!

Reminders

Current Nursery parents are invited to attend an information meeting, with an opportunity to tour the school and see what we have to offer for children in Reception and beyond, on **Tuesday 11th October at 10:30am.**

Key Stage 1

This week

We have been discussing how thankful we are for our food as we plan for our Harvest Festival. In Hedgehogs, we have been planning how we would like to use our school garden to plant delicious vegetables! In Squirrels, we wrote a letter to thank Mr Ali, our school cook, for our nutritious meals and for considering the range of dietary needs that many of us have. We will be sharing our work in our Harvest Festival, next Thursday, 13th October in church. All are welcome to attend.



Next week

We will be starting our new Maths unit on addition and subtraction, with a special focus on learning number bonds. Within our English topic, we shall be carrying out research looking into endangered animals and writing an informative piece of writing.

Reminders and Invitation

Please donate to our Harvest Festival collection for a local charity, if you can.

We would like to invite parents /carers to attend our phonics morning on **Thursday 20th October at 8:30am.** If you are unable to attend, please let us know and we can give you more information.



Lower Key Stage 2

This week

LKS2 have really enjoyed taking part in National Poetry Day. We learned and rehearsed the poem 'Sun Kenning' by James Carter. We encourage you to ask your child about the poem. The children in LKS2 also got the opportunity to write their own poems based around our courageous advocacy project 'Save the Rhino'. The children created fantastic poems and were very proud to share these with the other children in the phase.



Next week

Children will be continuing to learn about solids, liquids and gases as part of their science learning. This will be facilitated by a visit to the local fire station.



Reminders

We are delighted to inform you that swimming sessions will resume from **Tuesday 11th October**. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit, including swimming cap, to school.

Upper Key Stage 2

This week

We have finished reading 'Rose Blanche' and completed some incredible pieces of writing, as well as had fun performing poems on National Poetry Day. We were visited by the National Tennis Association and had the chance to take part in tennis lessons.



Next week



We will be completing assessments in reading and maths, these are part of our cycle to ensure that we can give children the support that they need. We will be starting our new text 'The Silver Donkey' and continuing to learn about conflict and its consequences.

Reminders

Join us for our Hopes and Dreams award ceremony on Monday 10th October

Please remind and encourage your child to complete their homework to build on their learning from this week.



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Celebration Page

On this page, we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school, including

- ❖ good behaviour
- ❖ excellent attitude to learning
- ❖ progress
- ❖ high quality work
- ❖ awards



Attendance

Congratulations! The class with the highest attendance across the school last week was...



Squirrels



Headteacher's Awards

Wonder: (UKS2) Antoni, for showing great enthusiasm and a wealth of knowledge when discussing war and conflict in class.

Harmony: (LKS2) Talayah-Mae, for working in harmony with her peers across the curriculum .

Compassion: (KS1) Sarah, for showing caring and supportive qualities towards new peers within her class.

Strength: (EYFS): Vjola for the persistence and strength she shows in her learning when faced with a challenge.

Mathletics

Gold: LKS2 - Tawhid (Otters)

Silver: KS1 - Georgiana (Squirrels), **LKS2** -

Ana-Sofia, Tasnia (Otters), **UKS2** - Tohfa (Swallows),

Bronze: KS1 - Jude (Squirrels), Jahaziel

(Hedgehogs), **LKS2** - Karina (Badgers), Jude (Foxes),

UKS2 - Mihran, Leila (Swallows), Aaron, Arwa,

Juwairiyah, Krisha (Eagles), Fatema (Kingfishers)



Little Owls (Nursery): Alice V, for asking inquisitive questions.

Dragonflies (Reception): Adam M for his positive attitude to learning.

Ladybirds (Reception & Y1): Matvii for his excellent progress in reading.

Butterflies (Y1): Isak for his positive attitude to learning and progress in P.E sessions.

Hedgehogs (Y2): Asiya, for showing amazing dedication and fantastic progress in phonics.

Squirrels (Y2): Cashus, for being more reflective with his work and in class.

Otters (Y3): Eva, for working extra hard in maths and having a positive attitude to learning

Badgers (Y3&4): Alessandro, for settling in contributing to lessons in his new school.

Foxes (Y4): Zaid, for making fantastic progress with number formation.

Swallows (Y5): Ostap, for his attitude to learning when settling into life at WHCS.

Eagles (Y5&6): Anny, for improved focus and determination in math lessons. Well done!

Kingfishers (Y6): Yuliana for working her on her poem.



Harvest Samba

Cabbages and greens,
Broccoli and beans,
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes,
Taste so good to me!
Apricots and plums,
Ripened in the sun,
Oranges and yellow bananas,
Good for everyone!

*It's another Harvest Festival
When we bring our fruit and vegetables,
'Cause we want to share the best of all The good
things that we've been given.
It's another opportunity
To be grateful for the food we eat
With a Samba celebration
To say thank you to God the Father.*

Golden corn and wheat,
Oats and sugar beet,
Fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti,
Wonderful to eat!
Coffee, cocoa, tea,
Growing naturally,
Herbal plants and all kinds of spices,
Very nice indeed!

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Thank you for the harvest,
Thank you for your goodness,
For all of the fruit and vegetables,
and the wonderful things that grow! Thank you
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Please practise with your child using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtbpkthPPBQ>

Group 1: Upper Key Stage 2

Group 2: Lower Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 1