



West Ham Church School

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Newsletter
Autumn 2
Week 2



A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

It's been an enjoyable week for us as yesterday the hall was transformed into a **cinema** for children and families in year 3 & 4 to watch the film, 'The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe' complete with popcorn and snacks. The children did well to sit so engaged through a such a long film!

During our **Remembrance** Collective Worship this morning, we thought about those affected by war and conflict both in the past and during present times. Our Head pupils and House Captains were chosen to take part in the 104th anniversary of the Armistice - Remembrance Day Service. They laid a wreath at the Armistice anniversary service to remember the end of World War One, which was in the form of a short service at the cenotaph in Central Park, High Street South, East Ham. Staff commented on their role model behaviour at the event.

Year 4 parents - we need your help, please. We tested the children on their knowledge of the times tables and the scores show big improvements are needed. Year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables by June 2023 when they sit the **Multiplication Tables Check**. We will be sending weekly home learning to help and just like spellings, the children will sit a weekly test to track their progress.

We are very grateful for donations of **pre-loved uniform** - we have needed to help quite a few families recently with these donations. Some families are arriving with no recourse to public funds and we help where we can, thank you. Please drop off at the office.

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

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left
grow old: Age shall not
weary them, nor the
years condemn. We will
remember them.

Did you know?

Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) provides funding for all government funded schools to offer free school meals to pupils in reception, year 1, and year 2.

Newham County Council then pays for a free school lunch for all primary pupils unlike other boroughs/councils.



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EYFS & KS1

Weekly News Page

Assistant Head: Mrs. Rogers



Early Years Foundation Stage

This week

The children have worked hard to prepare poems all about Remembrance Day. Please ask your child to perform it for you at home! They have also been busy completing different activities around the symbolism of the poppy, and why we see it so much in November. As part of our new RE theme on the Nativity, we have begun to look at different Bible stories featuring Jesus. Please talk to your child about special stories from your religion, and how they are similar to, or different from, Christian Bible stories.



Next week

As part of Inter-Faith Week next week, the children will be hearing all about different religions, and having the opportunity to share their own religion with their friends.

Reminders

All the children have been given updated login information for Education City. Please help your child to access the interactive games and learning activities online using the website www.educationcity.com



Key Stage 1

This week

Some very exciting guests enhanced our learning this week. We had a workshop with Discover which supported us to express our emotions by thinking about which animals our emotions could represent. We also had a special webinar, WW11 Dogs, which explored the role of animals during the war. Did you know that dogs were used for first aid during the war?



Next week

We will be beginning our new English unit and looking at a new text, but as part of our sequence of lessons we often keep the cover and title of the book hidden from the children until later lessons to gain their predictions about the story; please ask your child to share these predictions with you at home. In maths, we will be focusing on subtracting a 1 digit numbers from a 2 digit number.

Reminder

Winter P.E. kit includes navy blue jogging bottoms and a navy blue jumper. Please ensure that these are named. (No leggings, please.)



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KS2

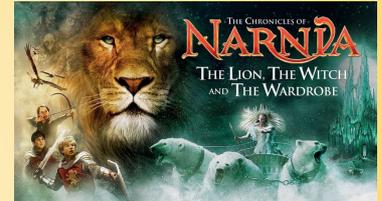
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Assistant Head: Miss Jukes



Lower Key Stage 2

This week

We really enjoyed our 'movie night' which supported the children's understanding of the story, and helped them to visualise the details of this wonderful text. If you and your child were unable to attend please do consider watching the amazing film, '*The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*'.



Next week

We will begin to work on the children's performance, creating the backdrop and engaging in drama, singing and dancing. We are also excited to step up our times table challenges with Year 6 children on Thursday afternoons. Please use this link to prepare for the competitions:

<https://studymaths.co.uk/game.php?gameID=1>

Reminder

Please remember that children need winter PE kits which include a change of shoes (trainers or plimsolls). Badgers and Otters will be continuing with swimming lessons and will need a towel, a swimming costume and a swimming cap on Tuesdays.

Upper Key Stage 2

This week

In English, we have been reading poems from World War One: *In Flanders Fields* and *We Shall Keep The Faith*. We learnt *We Shall Keep The Faith* off by heart, and will be performing it next week.

Next week

We will be visited by different religious leaders in worship to celebrate 'Inter-Faith Week', supporting our learning about different religions, as well as building compassion and harmony for others. To mark Anti-Bullying Week, we will be reading 'Wonder' and thinking about how we can 'reach out' for help, or support those who are struggling. The children will also be taking part in UK Parliament Week, learning about laws, legislation and holding debates.

Reminder

Monday 14th November - Y6 Junior Citizen, **Thursday 17th November** - Pinocchio Theatre Trip. Please ensure that all consent forms have been returned and that you are aware of the arrangements and timings.



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Attendance

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



Kingfishers



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



Headteacher's Awards

Wonder: (UKS2) Amyah, for asking questions, being receptive to feedback and always seeking ways to improve her work.

Harmony: (EYFS): Zayed, for persevering with challenging tasks when working with others.

Compassion: (KS1) Darasimi, for involving the new members of Butterflies class at all times and for being kind and welcoming.

Strength: (LKS2): Daisy, for showing resilience in her reading.

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, Yuliana

(Kingfishers)



Little Owls (Nursery): Alex, for using his voice when participating in different activities.

Dragonflies (Reception): Aaleeyah, for her thoughtful comments on Remembrance Day.

Ladybirds (YR & Y1): Daria, for working hard in math lessons.

Butterflies (Y1): Ayaan, for his progress in writing and his positive attitude to learning.

Hedgehogs (Y2): Rayan, for taking new steps in his learning.

Squirrels (Y2): Abigail, for showing pride in her work by improving her presentation skills.

Otters (Y3): Egehan, for writing a thoughtful Remembrance Day poem.

Badgers (Y3&4): Maria, for exceptional progress with her times tables.

Foxes (Y4): Amelia, for improved participation during maths lessons.

Swallows (Y5): Tulsi, for her improved concentration and focus in class.

Eagles (Y5&6): Alina, for a great effort in writing her alternative ending in English.

Kingfishers (Y6): Reeha for a fantastic alternative story ending in English.



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WHCS Song Sheet

Wear a Poppy Today

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1. Brave men and women fought to keep us safe,
Fought to keep us safe, fought to keep us safe.
Brave men and women fought to keep us safe,
So wear a poppy today.

2. Always remember, never to forget,
Never to forget, never to forget.
Always remember, never to forget,
So wear a poppy today.

3. They did their duty so we could live in peace,
We could live in peace, we could live in peace.
They did their duty so we could live in peace,
So wear a poppy today.

4. Brave men and women fought to keep us safe,
Fought to keep us safe, fought to keep us safe.
Brave men and women fought to keep us safe,
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