



NEWSLETTER W/E 27th September 2024

Dear Families,

This week has been an exciting one at school! We kicked off with pupil photographs being taken – a wonderful opportunity to capture the smiling faces of our students as they grow through the year. In addition, we were thrilled to host a borough-wide SEND sports event, welcoming children from other primary schools to participate in inclusive and fun activities. It's a fantastic celebration of teamwork, resilience, and community spirit, and we couldn't be prouder of all the students taking part. As we look ahead, the school is busy preparing for our annual Harvest celebration. This is a special time when we come together to reflect on gratitude and generosity, with students contributing food to support local families in need. We look forward to marking this important occasion with the whole school community!



Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Smith
& Mr Hall*



Pupils absence

If your child is absence from school. Please contact the school office daily until they return.
Thank you.



DIARY DATES

30/09/2024: Parent Consultation

01/10/2024: Parent Consultation

03/10/2024: Parent Consultation

11/10/2024: Harvest at the Church

24/10/2024: Second round Influenza vaccination

28/10/2024 - 01/11/2024: October half term

11/11/2024-15/11/2024: Anti-bullying week

04/12/2024-11/12/2024: Travelling Book Fair, browse and buy books

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95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

**Our school target
is 96%!
Come on
everyone, we can
do it!**

Polite reminder:

Children need to be in school on time.

Gates open at 8:45 and close at 8:55.
Early morning learning at this time sets the children up for the day.

Our Attendance Welfare Officer (AWA), Ranu Begum, attends school every Thursday morning. Ranu checks our school registers regularly and will contact parents & guardians by letter or telephone. Meetings and home visits will be completed if there is a cause for concern.

Formal referrals of pupils with persistent absence or below 90% attendance will be made. Children need to be in school every day. Parents should be aware that they can ultimately be prosecuted for non-attendance offences.

We know that sometimes- even with children at school 190 out of 365 days in the year- they may fall ill. This can be worrying so please see advice from our local teams on

https://www.towerhamletstogether.com/files/Care_Confident_Booklet_A5_InteractiveBooklet2.pdf on common illnesses and when to seek support. Additional sports including swimming benefit children to be healthier and smarter. Please ensure children take full advantage of this by wearing appropriate kit and making sure they bring it with them each week!

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Year six parents are invited to the Year 6 Secondary Transition information Workshop at St Saviour's

If you would like support or advice regarding the secondary transfer process please join us in the Hall on **Tuesday 1st October at 9am.**

Hosting the session will be Bernadette, the Senior Transition Support Officer from Tower Hamlets. She will be there to support and answer your questions.

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SPSL organised a coffee morning with senior research nurse Leanne Reardon. Monday 23rd Sept 2024 was a successful coffee morning with parents who were happy to come along and ask questions about the ELSA study and early diabetes type 1 detection.

Children at high risk can be monitored and could enter research studies aiming to delay the start of type 1 diabetes. Every family who takes part in the ELSA study is helping us to understand more about type 1 diabetes.

If you would like to take part or to find out more information, please visit our website or scan the QR code below. If you have any questions, please contact the ELSA study team by email, phone or on our website.

Scan to find out more:



Scan to register interest:



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The students are thoroughly enjoying themselves while taking part in the SEND activities. It's fantastic to see them so engaged, building confidence and having fun through inclusive sport.



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Keep water beads away from young children



Children love water beads. But it's really dangerous if a young child swallows them.



They expand in the belly and can block the bowel. Some grow as big as golf balls.



A child may need major surgery to remove them. So please keep them away from young children.



If you suspect a child has swallowed a water bead, get medical help straight away.

Scan to learn more



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FamiliesMatter

Parent and Family Support Service



Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities parenting programme for Somali parents

Learn to develop strong, healthy relationships with your children
and gain simple, practical strategies to manage children's behaviour in a
positive way.

Venue:	Malmesbury Primary School, Coborn Street, London E3 2AB.
Date:	Mondays 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th September 7 th & 14 th October 2024
Time:	Time: 10am- 12pm
How to refer:	Please contact 020 7364 6398 or email to parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk to book your place.
During the course you will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process of discipline for positive parenting • Enhancing parent-child relationships • The benefits of praise • Managing conflict situations
It is advised that parents attend all sessions to get the most benefit from the course.	



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Parental Engagement Team (PET)

Working with Families Seminar

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

1.30pm – 3.45pm

Arrival from 1.15pm

**The Grocers' Wing, Tower Hamlets Town Hall,
160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ**

This multi-agency seminar will provide an overview of work taking place across the borough. There will be an opportunity for participants to meet colleagues and partners from the different sectors that support families. You will also hear about local and national resources to support your work.

The programme will include:

- Information on the upcoming **National Wraparound Childcare Programme** - what this means for schools and families.
- Introductions to services that can support your work with families:
 - Find out how Children's Social Care respond to harm outside the home, with the LBTH Exploitation Team
 - Meet the LBTH Functional Family Therapy Service and find out how they can support the families you work with.
 - Meet the RESET Treatment and Recovery Service Family Support Team, supporting families impacted by substance misuse.
- Find out about other project opportunities and services (including parenting programmes, courses and workshops delivered by the Parental Engagement Team and other partners) to support your work with families.

For more information or to confirm attendance, please email your name, role, school/organisation and contact details to the Parental Engagement Team: parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk

All places need to be booked and will be confirmed by email

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Family Fun!

Ideas to support learning, play and well-being.

Spray the Flower Letters Activity

Spray bottles are a fun way to keep children busy. Squeezing the spray bottle repeatedly is a way great to develop and strengthen fine motor skills in the hands. Draw flowers and letters on the ground. Call out letters and sounds and ask your child to spray the letter until it disappears.



Keeping Active!

The world health organisation recommends that children aged 5-17 get at least 60 minutes of activity a day. Children can accumulate these minutes throughout the day such as two 30-minute sessions. Light exercise for children has also been linked to better mental health. Why not swap balls for balloons. Children can have a go at keeping the balloons up in the air for as long as possible.



Make a Story Sack

Story sacks can be a great way to encourage reading together and sharing books in a fun way. Ask your child to choose their favourite book. Get a bag/sack or box and get your child to fill it with objects that link to the story. These could be pictures of related places or events, plain paper and crayons to draw pictures of the characters, supplies to make puppets etc. Encourage your child to retell the story using items from the story sack.



Home- Made Dips

Ditch high fat dips like mayonnaise and create your own healthy alternative. Just mix some low- fat yogurt together with a clove of finely chopped garlic and season with a little salt and pepper. Try it with some crunchy vegetables-delicious!



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Schools and Family Team



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Steps into Fostering course

Are you curious about becoming a Foster Carer, but need support with the process?

Join the new, accredited Steps into Fostering course

The course will help you

- Understand the role of the Foster Carer
- Develop the skills needed to become a Foster Carer
- Build confidence in speaking and listening

Course content

- Child development and attachment
- Supporting children's learning and well-being
- Keeping children safe

Information and assessment sessions

- **Wednesday 18 September**
9.30-10.30am
Marion Richardson Primary School,
Senrab Street, E1 0QF
- **Friday 20 September**
9.30-10.30am
Hague Primary School, Wilmot
Street, Bethnal Green, E2 0BP
- **Tuesday 24 September**
12-4pm (drop-in session)
The Parents Advice Centre,
30 Greatorex Street,
E1 5NP

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Emotional First Aid

A course to support parents' emotional health and wellbeing.

Is everyday life sometimes stressful?
Feeling pressured by children and family life?
You're not alone! Take time out for self-care.

Venue:	Mulberry Bigland Green Centre 15 Richard Street (off Bigland Street London E1 2JP)
Date:	Monday Mornings (6 weeks course) 7 th , 14 th , 21 st October, 11 th , 18 th , 25 th November
Time:	10am-12.30pm
How to refer:	Self-referrals are accepted - please email: parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk or call on 020 7364 6398
During the course you will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet other parents and build up a network of support. • Discover new ways to manage your worries. • Identify the early signs of anxiety in adults, children, and young people. • Find out about services available in Tower Hamlets to support families.





Drop us a line at
youngv&a@towerhamlets.gov.uk
with any
questions!

Sign up
here!



Young V&A

Action!

Learn filmmaking
skills at Young V&A

Mon 28, Tue 29, Wed 30 October
11.00-16.00 (Day 1) / 13.00-16.00 (Day 2 & 3)

Are you aged 11-14?

Join us at Young V&A this half term for three
days of FREE workshops with professional
film-makers from Chocolate Films.



For more details, email:
fostering.training@towerhamlets.gov.uk

This course is a co-production between the LBTH Parent & Family Support (PFS) and Fostering Services. It will be delivered by the PFS.

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Academic Calendar 2024-2025

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Autumn term 2024

Term 1

04/09/2024 - 25/10/2024

Half term

28/10/2024 - 01/11/2024

Term 2

04/11/2024 - 20/12/2024

Christmas break

23/12/2024 - 03/01/2025

Spring term 2025

Term 1

07/01/2025 - 14/02/2025

Half term

17/02/2025 - 21/02/2025

Term 2

24/02/2025 - 11/04/2025

Easter break

14/04/2025 - 25/04/2025

Summer term 2025

Term 1

28/04/2025 - 23/05/2025

Half term

26/05/2025 - 30/05/2025

Term 2

02/06/2025 - 18/07/2025

Inset days

Inset 1 - 02/09/2024

Inset 2 - 03/09/2024

Inset 3 - 06/01/2025

Inset 4 - 31/03/2025 twilight

Inset 5 - TBC twilight

Bank holidays Eid days

25/12/2024 31/03/2025

26/12/2024 07/06/2025

01/01/2025

18/04/2025

21/04/2025

05/05/2025

26/05/2025

26/08/2025