

NEWSLETTER Friday 22nd Septmeber 2023

Dear Families,

This has been a very busy week, starting with a visit from our reading specialist 'Ann Smallberger' who supports staff to ensure the children are receiving the best phonics and reading skills possible.

It was wonderful to see lots of parents attend the secondary school transfer workshop. A big thank you to Rachel for organising this – if you need any support or advice regarding the secondary school process please contact Rachel Sablon.

On Wednesday Years 2 & 5 had a fire safety workshop. You can read more about these workshops below.

This week we have also had a math's focus. It is amazing to see what fantastic work the children are doing. The learning journeys in class reflect the learning that the children are doing all of which is evidenced in the books. The books show just how much care and pride the children have in themselves.

We are looking forward to meeting you next week for the parent consultations. If you have not already please meet the teacher at the door to book a time.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Smith



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

This Week's Attendance

1st Place Year 2 98.62

2nd Place Year 3 94.52

3-Place Reception 94%

Congratulations to our top 3 classes our target is 96%



DIARY DATES

Last day of term: Friday 20th October

Half term: Monday 23rd–Friday 27th October

Children return: Monday 30th October

20th December – last day of term at 1:30pm

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Polite notices

PARENT CONFERENCING

Please sign up to meet the teacher when you collect your child at the classroom door.

Reception:

Monday 25th , Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th

Y1 – Y6:

Tuesday 26th , Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th



We have recently had a few cases of children bringing bottles of 'Prime Hydration' to school.

We are a **water only** school. Please ensure your child brings in water bottle with your child's name on it.

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Congratulations

Rec: Abigail & Sara
Y1: Adira & Zayan
Y2: Ella & Joseph
Y3: Rosie & Bobby
Y4: Veron & Ellie
Y5: Lyra & Cairo
Y6: Lois T & Peter



Kindness Leaves



Sara	22nd	Reception
Jay	24th	1
Osaze	25th	1
O'Shea	26th	1
Olivia	27th	Reception
Mekhi	29th	5
Amayra	30th	Nursery

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Voluntary Aided School Contribution

As you would be aware, as a Voluntary Aided School we rely heavily on the support of our families and as part of our admission agreement we ask families for a £30 voluntary contribution towards the LDBS Maintenance fund.

We ask for these contributions during the first half term of every new academic year- September to July.

The contribution will need to be paid via ParentPay – please see Clare in the school office if you require further assistance on this.

The school has to pay the London Diocesan Board for Schools £30 per pupil, per term, whether we receive the contributions from our families or not. We therefore ask for the £30 voluntary contribution per family and not per child.

As you would appreciate, this has an impact on our school finances , therefore your support is vital!

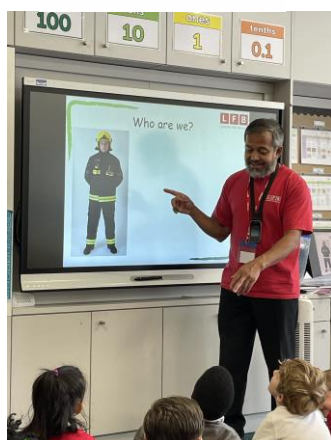
Thank you for your support.



Swimming is every Friday for Years 4 & 5. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit: swimming costume or shorts, towel, goggles & hat.

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Fire Brigade workshop for Years 2 & 5



It was lovely to meet the children and staff to deliver the fire safety workshops
Message from Education Officer from the Fire Brigade-

I have also attached a link to the home fire safety visit to be shared with parents, (free service for all) :- [Book a home fire safety visit | London Fire Brigade \(london-fire.gov.uk\)](https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/schools/learning-at-home/fire-safety-education-at-home/) and video link for the children to watch <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/schools/learning-at-home/fire-safety-education-at-home/>



Thank you so much for your donations we raised an amazing £150.66

Jeans for Genes Day is fundraising day for children with genetic conditions in the UK

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OCTOBER
HALF-TERM



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Gallions Primary School

Multi-Activity Camp

23rd - 26th October

9am - 3pm

Hallsville Primary School

Multi-Activity Camp

23rd - 27th October

9am - 3.30pm

We accept
childcare
vouchers
at
Hallsville!

We have lots of exciting activities planned throughout, please find a detailed breakdown on our website!

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS!
30% discount before 8th October
then
15% discount before 15th October

Please Bring

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Mix it up during the school holidays with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a Half Term full of fun!



Treat your Friends
To 20% OFF...and Get
20% OFF TOO!

*Offers apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.

Triggers that make your asthma symptoms worse:

Asthma/Wheeze Newsletter
World Asthma Day 2nd May 2023 **NHS**
Barts Health NHS Trust
Triggers Make your asthma symptoms worse

Breathing in Mould spores will cause your child to have more wheeze episodes
Read what you can do:
1) Make sure you clean away with a mould spray as soon as you see it and paint with a mould paint
2) Dry windows and window seals every morning
3) Open the windows every day
4) Keep your vents open
5) Keep you heating at 18C Support is available to help with the cost of living.
6) Dry clothes outside or use tumble dryer
7) Allow space to circulate around furniture
If it continues **Report It**
If your landlord is not acting and you feel it is immediate risk and causing health issues, contact **Environmental Health and Housing Team** on 020 7364 5008
Make a complaint
No win no fee

Exercise and Asthma - Asthma and Lung UK

The article from Asthma and Lung UK highlights the benefits of exercise for children with asthma, by saying that exercise:

- can maintain a healthy weight and build stamina in the lungs, so they get out of breath less.
- boosts the immune system, meaning that children are less likely to get coughs and colds, which would make their asthma worse.
- offers a boost to mood and self-esteem, influencing how they manage their asthma
- helps children feel more confident about their asthma and what is achievable

[Read the article here >](#)

Clean air day

June 15th was clean air day, but in reality every day should be clean air day. We can all play our part in improving air quality. To find out more about what you can do as an individual to improve air quality for your children please click on the link below where you can find practical tips. The site includes a clean air planner, text alert service to be notified about air pollution levels and information videos.

[Access the LBTH Air Pollution and You website here >](#)

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To all parents and carers of school age children in Tower Hamlets schools

**Children's Services
Tower Hamlets Council**
Tower Hamlets Town Hall
100 Whitechapel Road
London
E1 1BU
Telephone: 020 7364 4880
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk
SpecialEducationalNeeds@towerhamlets.gov.uk

11 September 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year, and I hope that you and your child had a good summer break, despite the less-than-ideal weather.

Tower Hamlets is participating in the DfE's Delivering Better Value programme. Information on which can be found here: <https://www.dvpschool.com/>. Delivering Better Value is a Department for Education led programme, run by consultancy firm Newton Europe, which seeks to work with the Local Authority and SEND service providers to critically analyse our SEN spend, and consider where available funds might be differently used, and how, to meet the needs of our children and young people earlier, and better.

As part of this programme, we are asking parents and carers to share their views on SEN support at all levels, to help the Local Authority shape our support strategies and sufficiency of provision and placements. I would be grateful, please, if you could complete the following survey, which is also available online via our Local Offer:

<https://forms.office.com/e/kKWDGvzCv2>

This survey closes on 29th September 2023, and we would welcome as much feedback as possible as part of this programme.

Thank you for taking part in this important piece of work.

Yours sincerely,

Lewis Teasdale
SEN Service Manager

SECONDARY TRANSFER 2024

Your child is in Year 6 so you will need to make an online application to transfer from primary school to secondary school in September 2024.

Go to www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions here you will find:

- A short video that gives you all the most important information on when and how to apply
- The 'Ready for Secondary School in Tower Hamlets' booklet – this has information on each secondary school in Tower Hamlets, where to go for help, useful tips and advice and the admissions policy for Tower Hamlets Schools
- A film to support parents and children through the secondary transfer process
- Visiting arrangements for Tower Hamlets schools

Important dates to remember!

1 September	Make your application online at www.eadmissions.org
20 October	Submit your application by Friday before half term
31 October	Closing date to make applications
1 March	National Offer Day

Together with the Tower Hamlets Transition Support Service we have arranged a presentation on Secondary Transfer – book your place now at <https://ST2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

Contacts for help and advice:

The School Admissions Service
Email: school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Tower Hamlets Transition Support Service
Email: transitions@towerhamlets.gov.uk Tel: 020 7364 1533

SEN Team (for those children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan)
Email: Asma.Begum@towerhamlets.gov.uk Tel: 020 7364 4880

FamiliesMatter
Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement Team

Parent and Family Support Service



Virtual session for Parent/carers

The Parental Engagement Team 'Platform to Talk' sessions allow parents to come together, share experiences and receive information. Led by experienced practitioners from the Schools and Families Team. The virtual sessions cover a range of topical issues from health and well-being, family life, parenting, school and more.

Our next PTT session will be about the importance of belonging to a culture and having a strong identity. This has a big impact on a child's sense of self-worth and supports their development in a positive way. We would love to hear your stories and thoughts on this fascinating topic.

Key points discussed

- How do we define identity?
- How do we define culture?
- How having a strong sense of identity can help create the right environment for a child to thrive
- Ideas on how to develop a child's interest in different cultures and traditions

Platform to Talk: Building Strong Identities

Thursday 12th October at 10am

Be part of the discussion and share your views - TH families supporting each other

<https://join6web.zoom.us/j/88536873877?pwd=V0pPL241NzQ1NzE3M0h1TVU0ZDd09>

Meeting ID: 885 3697 3877
Passcode: 8H5JBH

These sessions are delivered by the Parent and Family Support Service



Holiday Childcare October Scheme 2023

Information for professionals

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare October 2023 scheme will open for bookings for working parents' resident in the borough and for vulnerable referrals on Tuesday 26th September 2023. Non-working parents / carers are welcome to book places from Tuesday 3rd October 2023.

Scheme dates

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2023 (5 days).

Our scheme dates are based on the Tower Hamlets school holidays.

Booking closing date: 17th October 2023 by 12pm or earlier once bookings are full.

Venue

St Mary and St Michael Catholic Primary School, Sutton Street, E1 0BD

Please support and share this information with families you feel may benefit from our scheme. To refer a child please complete our [referral form](#) and support the family to book following the steps on our [booking system](#).

More information can be found on our website www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs.

We will look forward to receiving your bookings.

Holiday Childcare Team
Parent & Family Support Service
Children and Culture Directorate
London Borough of Tower Hamlets

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Information for parents

Volunteering in Your Child's School course

An accredited course delivered by the Parental Engagement Team



Volunteering in Your Child's School course

Are you a parent who is interested in volunteering in school?

Join the ten-week, Open College Network accredited course to prepare for your role as a volunteer and improve your career prospects.

Learn all about:

- the curriculum and how children learn
- the latest teaching methods
- how to support children's learning
- how to keep children safe

Information and assessment session

Monday 2nd October
9.45-11.45am

Course dates:

Mondays
9th October-18th Dec
10am-12.30pm

Contact

For more information and an application form nazia.ahmed@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Deadline for completed applications: Monday 25th September

