

NEWSLETTER Friday 9th February 2024



Dear Families,

Although it has been a shorter half term with the children being back in school for five weeks, it has been a busy one no less!

This half term has seen us roll out our new Science, History, Geography and Art curriculums which the children have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with. Hearing the children talk about their learning and using the high-level vocabulary has been wonderful to listen to.

It has also been fantastic to welcome parents back into the building for our parent consultations. Hearing about the children's progress in their learning is always marvellous and we hope that parents found this helpful and informative when thinking about the children's next steps in their learning.

As if that wasn't enough, children from years 1-6 have been lucky to work with an artist from Bow Arts on their skills in weaving to create a large piece of art work to look at what connects us.

We wish you all a lovely, restful half term and will see you when the children return.

Mrs Smith & Mr Hall



DIARY DATES

Last term: Friday 9th Feb

Children return : Monday 19th Feb

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Parent meeting: 29/1/24
 Year 6 SATs: May
 Year 5 Banding: May
 Year 1 phonics: June
 Year 4 timetables: June
 Reports: June
 Results: July

Jesus said "I have come so that you can live life in all its' fullness" John 10:10

STARS OF THE WEEK

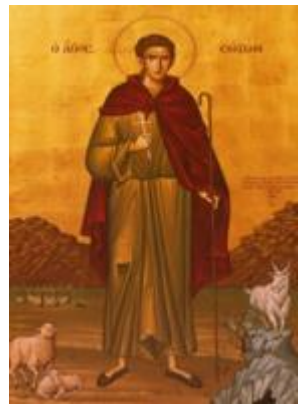
Reception	Simoen	Abigail
Year One	Rohan	Elliot
Year Two	Fahida	River
Year Three	Gavin	Lexie
Year Four	Parker	James
Year Five	Zayab	Kaira
Year Six	Sumayyah	Jermaine



WORSHIP FOCUS
Jesus was the word and creation..



Our fingerprints are formed before we are born – how are we created so uniquely?



Our stars



Kindness leaves

Cairo	6th
Riley	7th
Lev	8th
Xingchen	9th
Liyana	10th
Isla	12th
Florence	13th
Hayden	14th
Evie Lynn	16th



Zoe	18th
Sumayyah	18th
Taimullah	19th
Amara-Rose	20th
Bobby	23rd
Josephine	24th
Lily-rose	25th
Ronee	26th
Ardin	26th
Olivia	27th
Rosie	28th

Swimming

Next term, **Years 3 & 6** will be having swimming lessons at Poplar Baths. These will start on 23rd February and will take place every Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child has the correct kit: goggles, swimming hat, costume/shorts and a towel.

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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

This Weeks Attendance

1st Place: Y3 99.22

2nd Place: Y2 98.52

3rd Place: Y5 98.21

Congratulations to our top 3 classes our school target is 96%

Our Attendance Welfare Officer (AWA), Ranu Begum, attends school every Tuesday 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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Sports Event at Clare Grant

This week children from years 5 and 6 were lucky to take part in a sports event at Clara Grant Primary School. The children took part in sitting volleyball and badminton. Henry mentioned how this was “lots of fun because I got to try new sports that I haven’t done before.”

Bertie said how the event was “full of kindness and everyone was friendly towards each other.”

Finally Olivia commented on how it “boosted her confidence when trying new things.”

The children all said how lucky they were to take part!

Year 6 trip to Bank of England

This week the Year 6 children visited the Bank of England Museum as part of their learning for the BEE project. The trip involved a presentation where the children learnt about the history of the Bank of England, how and where money is made and printed and how many gold bars the Bank of England holds. The children even got to hold a real gold bar!

The trip was also supported by volunteers from Traver’s Smith who helped the children complete a tour and quiz of the museum. Thank you to those volunteers for their time and to Jemima from the switch for supporting the trip.



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Character Costume Making Workshops



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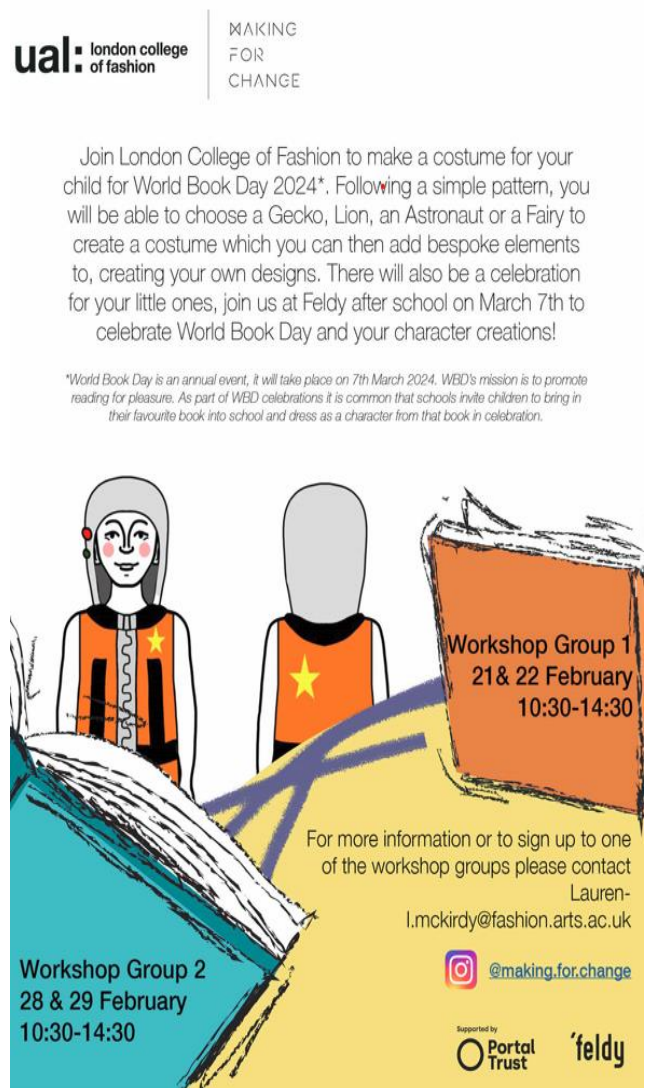
Character Costumes

World Book Day
March 2024

Making a costume for your child

21st & 22nd February
 28th & 29th February
 10:30am-14:30pm
 Making for Change, Poplar Works
 384 Abbott Road, E14 0UX

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Join London College of Fashion to make a costume for your child for World Book Day 2024*. Following a simple pattern, you will be able to choose a Gecko, Lion, an Astronaut or a Fairy to create a costume which you can then add bespoke elements to, creating your own designs. There will also be a celebration for your little ones, join us at Feldy after school on March 7th to celebrate World Book Day and your character creations!

**World Book Day is an annual event, it will take place on 7th March 2024. WBD's mission is to promote reading for pleasure. As part of WBD celebrations it is common that schools invite children to bring in their favourite book into school and dress as a character from that book in celebration.*

Workshop Group 1
 21 & 22 February
 10:30-14:30

Workshop Group 2
 28 & 29 February
 10:30-14:30

For more information or to sign up to one of the workshop groups please contact Lauren- l.mckirdy@fashion.arts.ac.uk

@making.for.change

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Bikeability Training

Two cycle offers for your schools to be aware of this week below!

1. There are Bikeability sessions from Cycle Confident available in the Summer term (or ~~easter~~ holidays). Please **get in touch with me** if you'd like me to book and arrange this for your school!

They offer:

- For Reception, Y1, Y2: balance biking.
- For Y3, Y4: Learn to ride with up to 12 pupils; Level 1 Bikeability with up to 30 pupils.
- For Y5, Y6: Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 with up to 24 pupils, broken into groups of 8.

Level 1 is a playground-based training with cone arrangements to give pupils ~~maneuvering~~ and stopping skills. Level 2 takes place on quiet roads and teaches how to be safe and share the road.



2. There is still one family ticket remaining for this great 3-day family cycling course! It's for the set of 3 sessions 10am-12pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. **Please let your parents know**, as this is a really great opportunity to help families cycle together.



Thanks all!

Adam Dransfield

Behaviour Change Officer | ~~Sustrans~~ London

My pronouns are He/Him

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Phone: 07708835011

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Let's Talk SEND 1

Spring 2024



Let's Talk SEND Updates and Information

Information on previous and upcoming Let's Talk SEND events and updates on the borough's SEND improvement journey can be found at www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/pages/local-offer/send/let-s-talk-send



Upcoming events

SEND provider information day

SEND education providers will showcase their offers for SEND learners at the Careers and Social Mobility Team's event at the Ecology Pavilion on Thursday 7 March.

This event will help SEND young people and their parents find out more about their next best steps and the different options available to them.

Open to young people, parents and SENDCOs.

Thursday 7 March
10am-2pm
Ecology Pavilion
Mile End Park
Grove Road, E3 5RP

For more information, email careersandsocialmobility@towerhamlets.gov.uk

TERMS

SENDCOs are also referred to as SENDCOs (Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinators) in some schools.

SENDAISS refers to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service.

Parents – references to 'parents' describes any caregiver responsible for the care, protection and upbringing of a child or young person, including foster parents or connected persons, grandparents, siblings or other family members living in Tower Hamlets.

Let's Talk SEND transition event

Parents of children in Years 4 and 5 with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) are invited to attend a Let's Talk SEND transition event to support their children with the secondary school transfer process. There will be a presentation from the SEN department on secondary transfer and information on independent travel training, plus the opportunity to meet with secondary school SENDCOs.

The Family Information Service will also be on hand to provide information on services to support families and what is available through the Local Offer website.

Wednesday 24 April
9.30am-2pm
Brady Arts and Community Centre
192-196 Hanbury Street, E1 5HU

Lunch will be provided. For more information or to book your place:

Email: towerhamlets@citysendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Tel: 020 7364 6489

Let us know what you would like to see in the next term's Let's Talk SEND supplement.

Email: parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk

More information on the support available to families can be found at www.towerhamletsandcitysendiass.com

Let's Talk SEND 2

Inclusion framework document

Tower Hamlets Council continues its partnership with the Council for Disabled Children and key stakeholders across education, health, and social care to co-produce a Tower Hamlets Ordinarily Available Provision document or Inclusion Framework.

The aim of this initiative is to co-produce a document that sets out what must be made available for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities attending mainstream school settings.

The document will help schools to reflect on how their inclusive practice and early intervention benefits all children and young people, including those with SEND.

It will outline a set of expectations to help improve consistency and practice across all settings so that the needs of children and young people with SEND are met. In addition, the document provides useful signposting to key services, guidance and training to support schools become more inclusive.

A series of working groups have taken place with stakeholders across education, health and social care. The experiences and voices of children and young people have been captured by SENDCO partners and initial parent and carer discussions have begun.

For more details and to get involved, email lindsey.kelly@towerhamlets.gov.uk



ARE YOU A YOUNG PERSON AGED BETWEEN 11 TO 25 WITH SEND?

Join us at a brand-new series of sessions, dedicated to young people with mild to moderate levels of SEND. These sessions aim to support SEND young people with their development, including physical, social, and emotional skills and raise their self-esteem, self-confidence, and independence.

There are also a range of activities available including sports, fitness studio, homework club, health, wellbeing, employability and more.

WHERE?
Haileybury Youth Centre:
Ben Jonson Rd London E1 3FQ

WHEN?
Every Tuesday, starting on 9 January 2024, from 6.30pm to 8pm

There is no need to book, you can just turn up.

This is your chance to meet and socialise with other young people from your area, so don't miss out. Scan the QR code to find out more!

Contact
Team Manager: Gary Treasurer: 07245 745 650
Or email: YTH_London@towerhamlets.gov.uk

For a suitability assessment, please contact Iqbal on 0796448199

Follow us on Instagram and X @YTH_London

Let's Talk SEND 3

Let's Talk SEND: Overview of autumn 2023 events

Let's Talk SEND Year 9 event

The Year 9 Let's Talk SEND event in December was attended by over 45 people including young people, their parents and carers. The event provided information and guidance from Young Workpath, Family Hubs and Barnardo's support stalls.



Abzat Ali, Deputy Head of Tower Hamlets Young People's Service, speaking at the Year 9 event

Preparing for Adulthood Team

The event began with an introduction to Preparing for Adulthood and a presentation on the importance of the Year 9 Annual Review. It explored how young people could be supported as they prepare for adulthood and independent living.

Attendees also shared their views on the issues that are important to them. They felt reassured that schools and the council will ensure that all plans for transition will have high aspirations that will prepare young people for bright futures.

Contact: jenny.quiller@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Youth Service provision

This was followed by the Young Tower Hamlets service who introduced the new SEND Pilot Youth Session. This is planned to start early 2024 at the Haileybury Centre and will be specifically for young people with SEND.

See the flyer on these new sessions on page 25.

Contact: YTH_London@towerhamlets.gov.uk



Our Time All Ability Youth Forum

Young Workpath

The third presentation at the event was delivered by career specialists from Young Workpath. This service offers information, advice, and guidance to young people between the ages of 13 and 25.

Although careers advice is provided to young people in school, parents were encouraged to contact one of the specialist careers advisors if their young person needed additional support or help achieving their career goals.

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/youngworkpath

Our Time All Ability Youth Forum

Two members of Our Time gave an update on their work achievements. Our Time is a youth forum run for and by young people between the ages of 14 and 25 with SEND. They are the voice of young people in the borough and work hard to raise awareness about the challenges many young people with SEND face. They play a key role in supporting the council to improve the SEN offer for children and young people in Tower Hamlets. Young people at the event were invited to join the forum.

www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/organisations/23749-our-time-youth-forum

Let's Talk SEND 4

Hearing from a young person's journey to employment

Shakil closed the event with a description of his programme, the support he receives at work and the impact his programme has had on his life. Shakil is currently employed as an apprentice with Tower Hamlets Council and is based at the New Town Hall in Whitechapel.

Shakil started his 15-month SEND Apprenticeship within the Commissioning Service in February 2023 and is already known for his excellent work and presentation skills.

All young people on the TH SEND apprenticeships have an opportunity to achieve a qualification, gain valuable experience and skills and earn a wage. He will also receive a qualification at the end of the apprenticeship. SEND apprenticeships are new to the



Shakil is currently employed as an apprentice local authority but plans are being made to offer more SEND and beyond.

A big thank you to all parents and carers that attended the event – the feedback they gave will support the borough's SEND improvement journey.

Let's Talk SEND information event

Parents and carers attended a Let's Talk SEND information event in November. The event, held at the Brady Arts and Community Centre, featured stalls and updates from services that support children with SEND or an Education, Health and Care Plan.

Co-produced with the Tower Hamlets Independent SEND Parent Forum, the event provided parents and carers with valuable updates on the borough's SEND improvement journey and their plans for the future.

Parents and carers also had a chance to meet a whole range of education, health and community service providers.



To find out about future Let's Talk SEND events, email towerhamlets@citysendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk

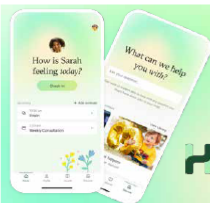
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Let's Talk SEND 5

Hibi app helps parents feel in control of child's care

Behind every child with health conditions, there is a family at home working to navigate their care. Parents must manage, store and share huge amounts of information, as well as navigate a system that is split across health, education and social care. This can be overwhelming for many families.

Hibi is a free app for families of children with developmental differences and health conditions. It provides access to care management tools, allowing families to track symptoms, set up medication reminders, share information and analyse trends.



Hibi is an app providing families access to care management tools and expert guidance.

Download & try for free today.



It was designed in consultation with families and care professionals across the UK, including the Tower Hamlets

Independent SEND Parent Forum. It is hoped that with the app, parents will feel more in control of their child's care.

For more details, visit <https://hibi.health>

Tower Hamlets Local Offer focus group

Parents are invited to join a focus group discussion about the Local Offer website on **Monday 26 February, 10-11.30am** at the Parent Advice Centre, 30 Greatorex Street, E1 5NP. The website provides information and advice to families with children aged from birth to 25. For further information and to book your place, call 020 7364 6495 or email localoffer@towerhamlets.gov.uk. www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/localoffer

SEND Support Group

- Come and meet other parents
- Share information
- Younger children welcome
- Monthly guest speakers
- No diagnosis needed

For more information contact:
Tower Hamlets & City SEND IASS, 30 Greatorex Street,
Whitechapel, London E1 5NP
☎ 020 7364 6495

✉ TowerHamlets&City.SENDIASS@towerhamlets.gov.uk
#TH_IASS
🌐 www.towerhamletsandcitysendiass.com

We meet fortnightly,
Thursday, Term time only
10am-11.30am
at Tower Hamlets &
City SEND IASS

Tower Hamlets Independent SEND Parent Forum

The Tower Hamlets Independent SEND Parent Forum is pan-disability. Members work with families and professionals from the council and health services to ensure the views of parents, carers and young people contribute to the design and delivery of services.

Join other parents and carers of children and young people with SEND (0-25 years) for coffee and talk about the issues that are important to you.

For more information,
email thesendforum@gmail.com
call 07496 573572
www.thesendforum.co.uk

SWIM SCHOOL SHORT COURSES

York hall Leisure center
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Foundation- (4yrs+) 09:30-10:00am
10:00-10:30am
10:30-11:00am
11:00-11:30am

Visit better.org.uk/swimming-lessons for more information



BETTER

Parenting Programmes

Children do not come with a manual, we all Need help at different times whether a workshop or someone else to talk with... Look out for our coffee mornings...

Parenting programmes are a source of support for all parents and carers, and support pupil attendance and behaviour management in schools.

Programmes offer an opportunity to share parenting experiences, develop a greater understanding of child development, build positive relationships and learn skills to deal with challenging behaviour.

In Tower Hamlets a range of parenting programmes take place in schools and community settings across the borough, Monday to Friday.

Professionals can refer with parental consent and parents and carers can self-refer.

Please share the attached parenting programme booklet, programme flyer and referral form with families and add to your school website.

Please [email the Parenting Team](#) if you would like further information or to request booklets for your school.

[TH Parenting programme Leaflet](#)

[TH Parenting Programme Booklet.pdf](#)

[Parenting Support Referral Form](#)

Free 12 Months BT Broadband Offer for Eligible Families

In support of our digital inclusion goal, we are delighted to announce, in partnership with BT, Connecting Communities, Swanlea School and Tower Hamlets that we are now able to offer 800 families **free** broadband for 12 months. This offer is valid for a limited time.

BT FREE Broadband, tariff details and eligibility:

- 12-month contract
- 36mpb of speed
- Unlimited data
- 700 minutes of calls

To qualify parents will need to be:

- New BT/EE customers
- Receive of one the following benefits:
 - Universal Credit (all claimants)
 - Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
 - Employment and Support Allowance, Jobseeker's Allowance, or Income Support.

How to access the offer:

Schools, please share the offer with your parents as soon as possible and then send the following:

- Parents full name to who the voucher is being allocated to: ziya@towerhamlets.gov.uk
- Once **schools** have sent the information, they will receive their voucher codes to pass onto parents.

With your support we can achieve this ambitious project and ensure those in need benefit from this opportunity.

[Contact: Selda Ziya](#), EdTech Consultant, IT Service: 07568 327919

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PARENTS EVENING



Venue and Timing
Phoenix South Building,
Paton Close,
E3 2QD
Tuesday 27th February 2024
5pm - 6pm

Workshop 1:

Communicating with your autistic teenager

This course will support parents of teenagers to talk with their children and better understand the challenges related to growing up, including revising for exams, and puberty.

Workshop 2:

Communication for non-profound children

Come along to learn about supporting your child's communication skills. This course is aimed at parents whose children are non-speaking or at an early stage of language development.

One to One Appointments:

We are offering 1:1 appointments which will be face to face and will be 15 minute slots where you can discuss any queries, questions, or concerns you have.

Please note, that you cannot attend any other workshops if you have a 1:1 appointment.

If you would like to attend, please email
training@phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.uk

with your name, your child's name, school and quoting "parent evening workshop 1,2 or appointment" after receiving your request we will email back with confirmation. No creche or translator available.

PARENT WORKSHOPS AT PHOENIX



Venue and Timing
Phoenix Secondary School,
South Building,
Paton Close, London, E3 2QD

**Tuesday 20th
February 2024
1:00pm - 2:30pm**

Making Sense of Autism

This workshop will explain how autism affects children and help you recognise strengths and differences in your child.

**Thursday 19th
March 2024
10am-12pm**

Play and Interaction

Come to this session to think about different ways you can play and have fun with your autistic child. It will include engaging children in reading and supporting play with siblings.

If you would like to attend, please email:
training@phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.uk
with your name, your child's name, school and what course you wish to attend.

No creche or translator available.



When: Any time between 15 April and 10 May 2024

Where: Your school or setting

Why: Inspiring children to be more active in a setting where they feel comfortable

What: Event toolkit, which includes running bibs, WWF-UK teaching resources, inspiration to get active and a certificate for every participant

Sign up today

Find out more at tcslondonmarathon.com/mini #WeRunTogether