

NEWSLETTER Friday 23rd February 2024



Dear Families,

We hope you have all had a lovely rest at half term, we are all shaking off winter and turning with hope, joy and optimism toward spring. From the daffodils below our apple orchard and gardens to the blossoms on our trees and hedges, it feels good to wake up from another winter. We are over half the academic year, and soon it will be time to find out about which secondary school the children have been allocated or who is coming to Reception.

As part of the school's journey, Governors would like to consult on St Saviour's and St Paul with St Luke's federating. The reasons driving this are all in the document and on our website, which can be found here: <https://www.st-saviours.towerhamlets.sch.uk/parent-message-board/>

One-form entry schools, one class per year group, are wonderful for the children because they are known, included, and belong, however, small schools face challenges. One challenge for teachers is that they can be isolated, consequently, working in partnership supports their professional development. Another challenge is financial so the funding to keep doing the things we believe are educationally important such as gardening, art, music and a wider curriculum that enables children to shine, academically and beyond. Please read the documents attached to this newsletter and reply to the clerk of governors.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Smith & Mr Hall



DIARY DATES

Last Day of Term: Thursday 28th March

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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	Taskim	Deana
Year One	Aryan	Henry
Year Two	Ava	Mark
Year Three	Amara-Rose	Aron
Year Four	Elsie	Alexander
Year Five	Joseph	Sophia
Year Six	Bertie	Kevin



WORSHIP FOCUS

God's promises & truth
What promises have you made to yourself or to others?



When someone cries wolf, who are they letting down?



Our stars



Kindness leaves

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

WORLD BOOK DAY®

We will be taking part in World Book Day in school, which will take place on **Friday 7th March.**

On this special day, your child can come to school dressed as a favourite character from any book. During the week, the children will be participating in lots of exciting activities to promote their love for reading. Children can share special book from home.

We looking forward to for seeing your amazing costumes.



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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.

EASTER BONNET & HAT COMPETITION



**ALL BONNETS & HATS TO
BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL ON
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
PRIZES TO BE WON!
WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED
IN ASSEMBLY!**



GOOD LUCK!



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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: Year 2 96.25%

2nd Place: Nursery 95.14%

3rd Place: Year 4 92.59%

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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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

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

SENDIASS 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 3FO

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 Treasure: 07745 745 659
Or email: YTH_London@towerhamlets.gov.uk

For a suitability assessment, please contact lqbal on 07964481999

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 6NP. 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 7362 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 6NP
t. 020 7362 6495
TowerHamlets&City.SENDIASS@towerhamlets.gov.uk
@TH_IASS
www.towerhamletsandcitysendiass.com



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 07498 673872 www.thesendforum.co.uk

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
- 36mbp 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 Ziva. EdTech Consultant. IT Service: 07568 327919

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 speaking 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.



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All welcome!

Thursday, 7th March 4-6pm
at St Nicholas Church, Poplar

**A creative and fun time exploring
the season of Lent with crafts,
a story and a meal together.**

For further information,
please contact Rev'd Matt Wall:
matt.wall@poplar.church

DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

05TH APRIL 2024
12:00 NOON
CLUB 55,
55 STEWART STREET
LONDON
E14 3JE
FREE ADMISSION

Live Music!

ORGANISATION RUN BY LOCAL RESIDENTS & EMPOWERED BY THE COMMUNITY

STALLS:
TOMBOLA, TANYA'S NAILS, CAKE STALL, FACE PAINTING, HENNA TATTOO'S, MACT'S BLITTER, TATTOO/SWEETS, BBQ, HOT FOOD, SNACKS

VARIETY OF KIDS ACTIVITIES
SPIN THE WHEEL, HOOK THE DUCK, QUIZ

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE, WITH CHOCOLATE SWEET TREATS FOR YOU

PRICES VARY FROM 20P, 50P & £1

8-17 March
**British
Science
Week
2024**

Celebrating the diverse people
and careers in science & engineering

**#SMASHING
STEREOTYPES**

@ScienceWeekUK

**Mental Health Awareness Week
2024 will take place from 13 to 19
May, on the theme of
"Movement: Moving more for our
mental health"**

