





NEWSLETTER Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Families,

We have had a busy week with preparation and celebrations.... A group of artists visited Poplar Union to celebrate the art projects we have taken part in with Bow Arts. The project was a weaving one where we signified the fact that we all belong by producing a combined piece of woven textile and willow. Our interpretation of belonging is that we all ultimately belong simply by being here whether we feel it or not. Sometimes we get caught up on what perfection might be like, wish for things to be different or feel like we are but we all do belong. Our worship this week focused on home, the disciples and how Jesus asked one of his disciples whilst on the cross to be His Mother's son. The children were wonderful in their appreciation of the love, safety, happiness, food and shelter that make a home.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend, whether home or not,



Mrs Smith & Mr Hall



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DIARY DATES

Maundy Thursday 28th March all children finish at 1.30pm

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Parent workshops: 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	Jeanelle	Ebenezer
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Ameerah Year One Jay

Year Two Johnny Ella

Harley Gavin **Year Three**

Aailyah **Year Four** Beau

Kaira Ehan **Year Five**

Year Six Areebah Peter





WORSHIP FOCUS

Mothering Sunday-John 19.25-27





What makes a home special? Who loves you and looks after you? How do you make others feel loved?





Our stars





Varvara	12th	Yr3
Samara	12th	Yr5
Noah	13th	Yr1
Ollie- Archie	15th	Reception
Johnny	18th	Yr2
Jaciara	24th	Yr5
Oscar	27th	Yr3

Well done to our guerilla gardeners Lets hope our watermelons grow!











A huge thank you to parents who were able to attend the federation consultation meeting this week. Most questions are answerable in the 'frequently asked questions' document. We responded to questions, and we have captured some for you.

How does provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities change?

We have strengthened our provision by working with another school to share expertise so although the day-to-day may not change for the majority, the offer has been extended with an autism specialist class and team.

Would the school offer flexi-schooling?

Both schools do not offer flexi-schooling, schools usually do not and we do not and would not necessarily under a federation.

Does provision for the highly academically able change?

Both schools offer challenges through tutoring to older pupils but not younger ones in preparation for secondary school. Individual and group challenges are set as part of adaptive teaching.

We hope this is helpful, if you do have any questions or feedback, please use the feedback form to share with our clerk to Governors, Tracey Lee.

EASTER BONNET & HAT COMPETITION







ALL BONNETS & HATS TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH PRIZES TO BE WON!

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED
IN ASSEMBLY!









E-Scooter & Bikes

E-BIKES LONDON'S FASTEST GROWING FIRE RISK, SAYS FIRE SERVICE – BBC NEWS on 11th February

E-bikes and e-scooters remain the capital's fastest growing fire risk, the London Fire Brigade (LFB) has said. LFB said there was a 78% increase in e-bike fires in 2023 compared to 2022, with 155 e-bike fires and 28 e-scooter fires recorded last year.

Three people died in the fires and about 60 people were hurt. The most recent fire believed to have been caused by the failure of a lithium battery in an e-bike happened at a flat in Whitechapel early on Wednesday. About 40 firefighters were called to the fire and two people were rescued by firefighters via ladders.

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/News_events/2023/September/Council-calls-for-Government-action-to-tackle-dramatic-rise-of-e-bike-fires.aspx

https://www.theguardian.com/news/2024/mar/09/unexploded-bombs-call-for-action-after-11-deaths-in-uk-due-to-e-bike-fires

Electric scooters/bikes are not allowed on the school premises in Tower Hamlets. Do not bring them, thank you.













Secondary Appeal information Sessions

Advice and information about secondary transfer appeal process, delivered through zoom by Transition Support Officers from Tower Hamlets Parent Advice Centre. Booked through Eventbrite – click link to reserve a place.

Tuesday 19th March 2024 @ 10 am https://THSTA2.eventbrite.co.uk

Wednesday 27th March 2024 @10 am https://THSTA3.eventbrite.co.uk

We can be contacted on 07783 884 869 or 07908 456 660 if you have any queries.









Believe it or not, socks get people talking! On Thursday 21st March, choose some socks that are going to get noticed!

They might be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy!

The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks you can tell them, "I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome".

And then you can tell them everything you want them to know about Down syndrome.





In 2024, Red Nose Day will be returning on **Friday the 15**th of **March.** This year, the event will focus on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness.

Thank you for your kind donations we raised amazing £165.00







Free School Meals

If you feel that your child is entitled to Free School Meals please email benefits@towerhamlets.gov.uk or contact number is **0207 364 5000** and asked to be put through to the benefit office.

If you need any further support please contact Clare in the office.













Poplar Parliament - Friday 22nd March 2023 Location - Spotlight, 30 Hay Currie St, London E14 6GN

Theme - Road Safety

Itinerary

9:30 am = 9:45 am	Arrival & Sneekhest Meet and greet of Student body
10:00am - 10:20am	Air Ambulance – How can we be more road safe?
10:20 am = 10:45 am	Introduction to guest panel
10:45 am - 10:55am	Comfort break
10:55 am = 11:10am	Introduction to Task - Design an innovative invention to assist in RTC's
11:10am - 12:15pm	lask time
12:15 pm – 12:40 pm	Lunch
12:40pm – 1:40pm	Presentation
1:40 pm – 2pm	Awards and terewells.

Guest Panel List

Member of Spotlight TBA	SPOTLIGHT
Evelyn Morrison	LPS
Member of SLT TBA	LPS
	School Based Officer
Rhiannon Evans	Air Ambulance
	Young Mayor

Student Hosts

Faiza	School President
Rothan	Vice President
	Y7 REP



Do you have a child in primary school in Tower Hamlets?

Would you like some support and guidance around healthy lifestyle for your child and family?

Come and speak to a member of the School Health team! They can help with concerns around healthy eating, physical activities, emotional health, oral health, and more!

John Smith Family Hub 90 Stepney Way London E1 2EN



Last Wednesday of every month



Mile end Stadium

(Rhodeswell Rd entrance)
90 Burdett Road E3 4HL



First Tuesday of every month







The team is **NOT** able to support with medical queries. Pleas









THGPCareGroup

www.gpcaregroup.org











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
65 %	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 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 4 95.37%

2nd Place: Year 2 94.40%

3rd Place: Year 5 93.82%

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

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!











(For parents of Year 4 and 5 children with EHC plans)

Presentation from SEN Department on Secondary Transfer Independent Travel Training Local Offer & FIS Meet the Secondary SENCos

Date:

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Time:

9.30AM - 2.00PM

Venue: BRADY ARTS CENTRE,

192 – 196 HANBURY ST, LONDON E1 5HU

Lunch will be provided

For more information or to book a place please contact us on 020 7364 6489 or email:

towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk



FREE TO JOIN

Women's Aerobics Sessions

4 Sessions taking place in the Bromley by Bow Centre main hall 12pm - 1pm

> 7th March 14th March 28th March 4th April

No booking required just turn up on the day to register



