

William Davies Primary School

Newsletter

February 2017 Edition



92% of children at WDPS feel safe most or all of the time.

-Results from our 2016 Children's Survey

A Few Words from Ms Norris

"William Davies is a very special place. I consider it a privilege to be asked to lead a school of staff and children who mean so much to me.

I am determined to maintain the high standards and family atmosphere established by Mrs Maher



NEW HEADTEACHER APPOINTED

Our new Headteacher was appointed on 6th February. Here is a message from our Chair of Governors regarding the appointment.

I am writing to all children and parents and carers at William Davies Primary School to let you know the good news that the governors of the school appointed Ms Norris as the new head teacher. She will take over from Ms Maher on 1 September 2017.

Ms Norris will bring her long experience of the school to her new role. She has taught at the school for over 20 years and enjoys the respect of all the staff, parents and children. She has been an inspirational teacher and highly effective manager and governors are sure that she will become a great head teacher. A further advantage of her appointment is that the changeover will be smooth and the children's education will not be interrupted.

Ms Norris will take over a wonderful school where children flourish. The school has been made great under the leadership of Ms Maher who has made William Davies what it is today. As Ms Maher moves towards a well-deserved retirement she and all of us can be assured that the school remains in very good hands.

Tim Potter
Chair of Governors

Contact Details

If you have recently changed your contact phone number, please let the school office know. It is important that we are able to contact you in case of emergency or illness.

Important Dates - Parents meetings

6th March – Nursery closed for Parents Meetings

9th March – Parents Afternoon & Evening Reception – Year 6

1.30pm – 6.30pm

All children will need to be collected from school at 1.30pm

Safeguarding

Year 5 went to a Junior Citizens Event, to learn from the Police, Fire Service, and First Aid professionals.

The day included training on what to do to stay safe at home, on the roads and what to do if there was a fire. We learned to keep ourselves safe with lots of fun activities and a few surprises!

Aneesa & Shakeeb, Year 5

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“I like that the teachers take a lot of care and help us improve things”

Quote from the 2016 Children’s Survey

Cultural visits

Year 2 went to the Royal Festival Hall to see Giddy Goat.

“We went on the train and then we walked and saw the River Thames! We heard a story called Giddy Goat! We all got to sing along and do actions with the story. There were percussion instruments, violins, trumpets and wind instruments. The conductor helped the orchestra stay in time. We can still remember the songs and story!”

Esther, Joseph, Zak, Year 2.

Year 6 went to see a performance of Romeo and Juliet at Stratford Circus.

“It was a love story about two families, the Montagues and Capulets, who are enemies. Romeo and Juliet loved each other even though their families didn’t agree. The performance was set in modern times, they had good props, music and lights to make it more exciting. The stage was quite small but the performance was impressive.”

Inaaya, Hassan K, Awais, Murtadha, Zara, Year 6.

50 YEARS OF WDPS!

William Davies Primary School is celebrating its 50th birthday in 2017!

We plan to hold a celebration event in the summer, reflecting on the school’s past successes and looking to the future with hope!

If you know of any past students or staff who would like to be involved in our celebrations, please ask them to contact the school at

info@williamdavies.newham.sch.uk

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on 2nd March 2017. Children can dress up as their favourite character from a book. Take the chance to start planning your costume over the holiday! We encourage parents to discuss books, reading, and their favourite characters in the lead up to World Book Day.

School Council have planned some fun activities and competitions to take place on the day!

Who will you be?

Absence

If your child is absent please notify the school office on
0208 472 3864

For more information regarding absence and attendance, please visit our website.

Governors

Our school governors are always interested to hear from you. If you would like to contact a governor there are two post boxes, one in our front entrance and one at the Bristol Road entrance. Alternatively, you can email:

governors@williamdavies.newham.sch.uk