

The WDPS Chronicle

Safe. Happy. Challenged. Making memories.

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2019 is drawing to a close, and the excitement and opportunities of a new year are just around the corner. Here is your round up of the wonderful things happening at our school in the last few weeks of 2019.

Early Years Impress in Nativity Performance

Children from Nursery and Reception impressed parents and children from Years 1-6 with their Nativity performance. The wonderful production was the result of hard work and rehearsal by children and staff in Early Years, and filled us all with festive spirit.



For many children, the performance brought back memories of their Nativity performances from years ago. Well done, Nursery and Reception. Now, time for a well-earned break!



Contact Details

If you have recently changed your contact phone number, please inform the school office.

It is important that we are able to contact you in case of emergency or illness.

Important Dates

School re-opens for all children
Monday 6th January 2020

Parents Meetings will be taking place during the first 2 weeks of term.

Uniform

Ensure you send your child to school in the correct uniform, and with a full P.E kit. For more information, see our website [Information > Uniforms](#)

Read Together



Remember to keep reading together! Newham Libraries are running a Winter reading challenge which is free to join!

Absence

If your child is absent please notify the school office via phone on

0208 472 3864

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



Stay safe online during the school break!

For more information, visit our website > [Safe School](#)



An Update from our Learning Partnership



This update keeps you informed about our soft federation of local schools and our work together. At the beginning of September, our partnership held a successful conference at the University of East London. Every staff member, from across the partnership, and some governors took part in the day focusing on 'The Learning Power Approach.' We heard from key educationalist, Guy Claxton, as well as shared and collaborated on ideas.

Learning Power Champions from each school continue to work together to identify how best to develop the characteristics which will support our children to become more effective learners. The work which they undertake will then be implemented and embedded in each school. Also this term, subject leaders from each school have met to discuss national and local developments in the primary curriculum, share best practice and again, focus on the learning powers. This is an important part of staff development as we learn from each other and share successful strategies and ideas to make sure all children make excellent progress.

WDPS Reading Cafe Officially Open!



Children from Year 2 welcomed their adults to school during our first WDPS Reading Cafe. The cafe provided an opportunity for adults and children to read together, and encouraged children to share their love of reading with others. The WDPS Reading Cafe will open its doors again in the new year when another class, and their adults, will be invited to share their passion for reading over a drink and a biscuit!



Christmas Festivities at William Davies Primary School

WDPS put on their Christmas best for our annual festival dinner. Children and staff across the school came together to share a festive meal, crackers and games to celebrate the Christmas season! WDPS also had the good fortune to receive a visit from a very special guest!



For more photos, and to see our annual Christmas video, visit our website.

Our 2019 SATs Results

Our 2019 SATs results have been published. They show the percentage of children who achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of Year 6. Congratulations to the Class of 2019, who achieved the following results:

Reading - 67%

Writing - 70%

Maths - 83%

Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - 80%

For a full breakdown of our 2019 results, please visit our website.

Back of the Net for WDPS!

Our newly-formed football team, WDPS F.C., recorded their first victory during a recent match against Selwyn Primary School. The team triumphed in a 3 - 2 win despite the dark and frosty weather. The match was the team's last fixture of 2019 but their training continues, as there are more matches on the horizon in 2020. We will keep you posted on future results. We will be cheering the team on at their next match!

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WDPS F.C. celebrate their win!

Year 4 Feature in Tate Exhibition



Year 4 view their portrait at the TATE.

Year 4 recently visited TATE Britain to view an exhibition which featured some familiar faces. Their photo features alongside photos of other Year 3 classes from schools across London. The class also took part in a workshop led by specialists from TATE. The exhibition runs until May 2020.

2019 has been another year full of curiosity, resilience and learning at WDPS. We can't wait to see what 2020 holds for us all. Have a safe and restful Winter break. See you next year!



Congratulations to this year's highest-earning Rockstars:

1. Zakariyya, Y5

2. Harun, 56

3. Khadija, Y5

Children at WDPS can play TTR outside of school using their app, which is available to download for free. If you fancy your chances at becoming our next rockstar, you know what to do during the Winter break - log on & get practising!

Staff Focus

This issue, we say goodbye to a member of staff who is off to travel the world. Send us a postcard!



Ms. S Smith

Teaching Assistant

"I have loved working here, and will miss you all so much!"

Governors

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.

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