# **The WDPS Chronicle**

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## Issue 37 - April & May 2023 -

Summer is right around the corner and, as usual, there are plenty of wonderful things happening around our school. We can't believe it's almost the final term of the year already! Here is your latest update on what's been happening at WDPS.

# Poetry Slam 2023!

Our ever-popular Poetry Slam returned to much fanfare last month. Children in Years 1-6 were invited to perform poetry solos in front of an audience of their peers, before being scored by the judging panel.



Congratulations to everyone involved in running this year's slam!

# Y2 Retell the Easter Story

Congratulations are in order for Year 2, who put on an impressive and informative show during their recent Easter assembly. The assembly is one of many throughout the school year that celebrate the important stories and traditions of different faiths.





## School Gateway App

Please remember to download the School Gateway App. Stay logged in to keep up to date with school news, and to receive important messages from our school. For help with the app, please contact the school office.

#### **Important Dates**

Monday 5th June 2023 School re-opens for all children Tuesday 6th May 2023 Y3 Reading Cafe 9 a.m. Wednesday 7th June Parent Workshop - P.E. 9 a.m Wednesday 21st June 2023 Y4 Reading Cafe 9 a.m. **Class photographs** Thursday 22nd June 2023 **Sports Day!** Tuesday 27th June 2023 Summer Fair & Community Picnic Friday 30th June 2023 **Nursery Open Day** -- Nursery Closed --

## **Contact Details**

Please ensure the school has your current mobile phone number and email address. If your details change, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

**Absence** Please notify the school office via phone on 0208 472 3864

# Y5 & Y6 Take a Dip!

Visit Your Local Library! Children across our school have made visits to our local libraries this year. Many children have borrowed their first library book as part of this year's Summer Reading Challenge! You can win stickers and prizes for reading lots of wonderful books - what a great deal! Newham Libraries also run a variety of workshops and story-telling sessions throughout the school holidays. Visit your local library to find out more!

#### **School Awards**

We are proud to share that WDPS has recently received two awards, recognising some of the wonderful things happening at our school. We received the Bronze Healthy Schools Award & the Education4Change School Award. Well done WDPS!

#### Visit our Website!

There are always lots of wonderful things going on at our school. For more photos, visit our school website using the link or the QR code below.

www.williamdavies.newham.sch.uk



Children in Years 5 and 6 been braving the early morning bus to the Atherton Leisure Centre, where they have been learning how to swim.



Annaya in Y5, and Aasiya and Abdullah in Y6, gave us an insight into their lessons.

"It's really fun because we get to do lots of exercise and it's fun!" - Aasiya, Y6

"We used our learning powers. You had to be curious because the instructors would tell you what to do, but they wouldn't get in the pool to show you. You had to try it out yourself."

- Annaya, Y5

"I wish I could go swimming every day!" - Abdullah, Y6

It sounds like a great experience! Children at WDPS will be given the opportunity to go swimming in Y4 and Y5 next year.

## Y1 Eid Assembly

Thank you to children in Y1, who taught us all about the celebrations and traditions of Eid ul-Fitr. during their recent Eid assembly. Dressed in their special clothes, they showed us what life can be like for people celebrating Eid ul-Fitr with their families and friends. They even demonstrated a prayer for the audience of their families and children across the school. The Eid assembly is one of many throughout our school year which mark significant celebrations for people of different world faiths. Congratulations on a fantastic assembly, Y1!





## **International Day a Huge Success!**

After a few year's hiaitus, our popular International Day made a sensational return to our school calendar this week. Adults joined us in school to read stories in different languages, and after school our playground was filled with music and delicious food!

















Thank you, as always, to our wonderful PTA, and to everyone involved in organising and running another fantastic event for our school community. We all had so much fun!

# **Nursery Places Available**

There are currently places available at the WDPS nursery. Children are able to join the nursery from their 3rd birthday. We have 30 hour places available for eligible families.

> **Nursery Open Day** Friday 30th June 2023

For more information, please contact our school office on 0208 472 3864

#### **Family Homework**

Remember to give this term's family homework a try! We all look forward to seeing what you create together during the break! Visit your Google Classroom, or scan the QR code below to have a look at this term's challenges!



Read Together 2022-23!

Remember to keep reading together at home - there are only a few weeks left to earn your wristbands!



# **EYFS Celebrate Cultural Day!**

Children in Nursery and Reception shared cultures, traditions, and food during their Cultural Day earlier this year. The special day followed a week of learning about different cultures and traditions. Children came to school dressed in their celebration clothes, and enjoyed sharing special food together!



# Year 3 Enjoy Visit to Kew Gardens!

Year 3 embraced all things natural during their recent visit to Kew Gardens. The visit supported their learning in Science, where they have been exploring the features and life cycles of different plants.



We know the Summer term is going to be full of memorable experiences for us at WDPS - and we can't wait! See you next month!

#### **Take Learning Online!**

Looking to tackle learning challenges at home? Take a look at some of these learning

- websites!
- <u>Numbots</u>
- <u>Timestable Rockstars</u>
- Oxford Owl
- Busy Things
- <u>Google Classsroom</u>

Login details can be found in your reading record.

#### Reminder

The school day at WDPS <u>starts at 8:55 a.m.</u> Please help your child arrive at school on time. Being punctual ensures a smooth start for all children, and helps us to make the most of their time at school.

## Join Our PTA!

Are you interested in helping to organise and run more exciting fundraising events to support our school community? Join our growing Parent Teacher Association!

### Warm Weather Update

Please ensure that your child is prepared for the warmer weather at school this term. Children can bring a water bottle, labelled with their name, to school with them each day. Children can also wear sunhats when spending time outside.

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