



Woolmore Primary School

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2015

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of the first autumn term in our new school building I want to thank everyone for all their hard work: the teachers, all the support staff, the children, the parents and the governors. Everyone connected to Woolmore gives his or her absolute best every day. Thank you and it is now time to have a little bit of a rest over the holiday.

Next term will have a 'Reading is Succeeding' focus. We will be getting really great at reading, there will be book clubs, a book fair, workshops for parents and the opening of our new Silver Birch school library with author Sam Gayton. We are really looking forward to lots of exciting reading opportunities and I hope you will want to support your children in this.

May I wish all our families Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2016.

With kind regards,
Ms Argent

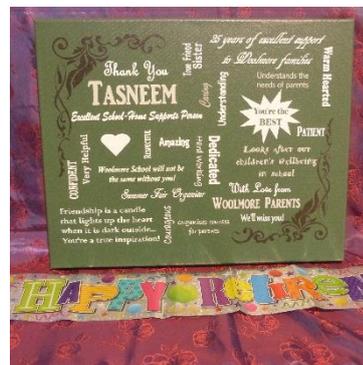
HAPPY RETIREMENT TASNEEM

This week we say farewell and happy retirement to our dedicated long-serving home-school worker, Tasneem Raja. Tasneem has worked at Woolmore for 25 years and in that time has supported and guided families too numerous to mention.

Last week the parents of Woolmore organised a very special farewell party for Tasneem and this really showed how much she has been appreciated and how much she will be missed. There were speeches from parents (past and present) and from the Chair of Governors. Everyone spoke of Tasneem's kindness, her care, about going the extra mile and how she has always been there in times of need. Sometimes life seems very busy and it rushes by, yet all the parents described how Tasneem made time to listen to them.

There were some beautiful presents from parents including the personalised appreciation below.

Thank you Tasneem from the families, the children and your colleagues for everything that you have given to Woolmore. Your loyalty, your commitment and your care will be greatly missed and being without you will seem a little strange for a while. However, we wish you a long, healthy and happy retirement and please come back and see us regularly.



YOUNG LEADERS

Recently we were proud to appoint our first Woolmore Young Leaders. The children had to undergo an application and nomination process (by staff and children) to show how they demonstrated our school values. In addition, they had to talk about how they have shown a 'Growth Mindset.' This group of year 6's are already being great role models to others and are helping to inspire others to make good choices and be the best they can be. We are looking forward to working with them to help represent and lead our school community. Look out for them around the school!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th January 2016

Start of Spring Term

9am – 11am

Nursery Open Morning for families wishing to join us in September 2016

Tuesday 12th January

9am – 11am

Reception & Year 1 Parents – Phonics in a play bag

Friday 12th February – Tuesday 23rd Feb

Half term holiday

Thursday 24 March

Break up for the Easter holiday

Check our website for further dates and lots of information

www.woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk

OUR AUTUMN TERM IN PICTURES

We have had many exciting learning opportunities this term including trips, workshops and visiting.

In October Kwame Bakoji Humes taught the children how to play the Djembe drums.

Andy Instone came to Woolmore in November and held street dance sessions.

What are your favourite learning moments of the term?



Woolmore was host to the Poplar Partnership Maths League where we came in 3rd place!



Attendance trophies are awarded to classes weekly. Year 3 Oak Tree have managed to get 100% attendance twice in the last half term!



Here is Ms Argent handing the trophy to Reception Lemon Tree!



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Early Years Foundation Stage took the lead on opening Woolmore's Christmas week with the first of our three concerts. More than 100 parents turned out to see their children perform 'The Sleepy Shepherd', a version of The Nativity. The children gave a marvellous performance and all our parents loved it!



Pupils have been involved in sporting events, competitions and enjoying our brand new playground. Exercise is fun and vital as part of a healthy lifestyle.



HOLIDAY HOMEWORK- DON'T FORGET!

The holiday homework over Christmas includes:

- Learning and practising times tables and number facts – get ready for your HTTA!
- Practising all your spellings from this term – really make sure you know them!
- Reading every day – of course!
- Poplar Partnership homework – a bank of ideas for exploring and finding out more about Poplar – have fun!
- Being gorgeous and kind and helpful to your friends and family - and do some exercise every day!