



Woolmore Primary School

NEWSLETTER

February 2017

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is on Wednesday 8th March. This year's theme is #BeBoldForChange and it is a call to make the world a more 'gender inclusive' place.

International Women's Day is an opportunity to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, as well as highlight those areas where action is still needed to bring about equality.

Malala Yousafzai is one example of an inspiring woman

We all know about Malala's incredible journey and how she became the youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Her 2013 speech to the UN, in which she spoke powerfully about every girl's right to an education, has been set to music. It is called "Speak Out" and will be broadcast on BBC Radio 3 on IWD. It includes the following words:

Let us pick up our books and pens,

Let us wage our glorious struggle,

We can never have success when half of us are held back.

One child, one pen, one teacher, one book can change the world.

And finishes with:

Today is the day of every woman, every man, every boy and every girl.

Today is the day we speak out.



Tower Hamlets Council have organised an International Women and Girls' Week from 6-12 March. It includes sporting activities, films, inspirational women speakers, swimming and beauty workshops. It's all free and you can register on the day. We have some copies of the programme in the school office or you can download information from www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/sports or call 020 7364 2433

At Woolmore we have been looking at equalities with a focus on gender this term. We think that a person's gender should not limit what they believe they can do even though society can often have different expectations. We have also organised our own IWD event and we hope you will be able to join us for some exercise and refreshment.

Please join us for International Women's Day at Woolmore – Wednesday 8th March

9.10 – 10.00am Zumba exercise class with Nancy, in the hall

10.00 – 11.00am Coffee, cake (or fruit) and chat, in the community room

We look forward to seeing you

HISTORY: Do you know?

What was a suffragette?
Who was Emmeline Pankhurst?
Who was Rosa Parks?
Who was Marie Curie?
Who was Hedy Lamarr?
Who was Ada Lovelace?

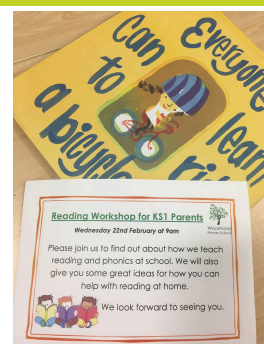
Happy researching!

READING WORKSHOPS – Collect a pack

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our reading workshops for early years and KS1 last week. We had some very positive feedback and everyone went away with ideas for helping their child with reading, phonics and spelling at home. Don't worry if you weren't able to attend as we have information packs available for you to collect from the school office. Please pop along when you have a moment.

If you would like to talk to anyone about reading at Woolmore please see Tasnim for Early years and Katie for KS1.

Look out for news of a KS2 reading meeting soon when we will be sharing exciting news about a new reading programme we are introducing called Accelerated Reader.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day – dress up as a character from a book and bring £1 for charity.

Wednesday 8th March

International Women's Day – 9.10 Zumba class for parents followed by coffee morning

Friday 24 March

Red Nose Day – helping to make the world a better place through fundraising and fun – and an own clothes day for charity – red noses optional!

Wednesday 29 March

1.45pm Woolmore Speak Out Festival and
3.30-6.00pm Open Evening – come and see your child's learning, talk to the teachers and tour the school

Please pick up children early at 3.15pm

Friday 31 March: Break up for the Easter holidays at 1.30pm

Tuesday 18 April: Start of the summer term

Check our website for more dates and information and don't forget to follow us on twitter where we post news every week. [schuk](https://twitter.com/WoolmoreTweets)



Who will you be on World Book Day?

IN BRIEF

Why not come along to our family drop-in sessions in the Silver Birch Library? Every Thursday 3.30-4.30.

Maths Week is coming up in March. Our next newsletter will have a mathematical theme.

Week beginning 13 March is '**Breakfast Club drop-in week**'. Parents can join us for a free breakfast any morning between 8 -8.45am.

What do you think? We are considering a plan to provide after-school childcare for working parents. If you think you might be interested and would like to find out more, please speak to Janet (Assistant Head for Early Years) or Jahanara in the office.

Please let the office know if your phone number, address or other important details change. We will ask you to check the details we hold for you when you come to Open Evening,

Twitter – it's where it's at!

We can't share very much of the day-to-day learning in our newsletter, however you can keep up with what we do by looking at our twitter feed. Check it regularly and you will see Woolmore pupils in all sorts of scenarios as well as information about Woolmore and what's coming up.

Put this into your browser and you should find us:

<https://twitter.com/WoolmoreTweets>

Here is a selection of recent photos from twitter:

