



Woolmore Primary School

NEWSLETTER

January 2016

READING IS SUCCEEDING

"Overall, young people who enjoy reading very much are nearly five times as likely to read at the expected level for their age compared with young people who do not enjoy reading at all." (*Children's and Young People's Reading Today, 2012*)

In addition, research also shows that:

- Enjoying reading is more important for children's educational success than their parents' socio-economic status.
- Reading for pleasure has social and emotional benefits – it builds empathy.
- Children who are strong readers tend to perform better in maths too.

This term, as a school, we are focussing on developing our children's reading skills and their love of reading. We have lots of different activities planned throughout the term to excite and engage our children and help them build a lifelong reading habit. The Silver Birch library opening by Author Sam Gayton was a great start. Watch this space for more information on reading events such as: World book day (March 3rd), special reading homework tasks, reading workshops for parents and much, much more.

How can you help at home?

Encourage your child to explore and enjoy lots of different types of reading at home: story books, fact books, comics, annuals etc. Take them to the Ideas store to find new books or to read more on the types of things they become interested in. Support your child in finding ways for them to want to read every day at home. There is no short cut to becoming a good reader: they just need to read as often as possible.

Everyone is a reader, some just haven't found their favourite book... yet.

SILVER BIRCH LIBRARY OPENS

Our new Silver Birch Library was officially opened on Thursday 14th January by author Sam Gayton. We were delighted to have Sam at Woolmore for the day where he held writing workshops, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

After school Sam also signed books for the children and met with parents. He was very patient and friendly with the children asking about their ambitions and interests and noticed we have a few artists in the making!

On Thursday evenings 3.30-4.30 we have family drop-in sessions with Lucy and Nick so please come along and read together.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 12th February
Break up for half term

Monday 22nd February
INSET day – school closed to children

Tuesday 23rd February
Children return to school

Wednesday 23rd March
Open evening

Thursday 3rd March
World Book Day

Friday 18th March
Sports Relief

Thursday 24th March
Break up for Easter holidays

GOOD LUCK YOUNG VOICES CHOIR

The Woolmore Choir have been rehearsing extremely hard for the past few months for the Young Voices concert which will be held at the O2 Arena on Friday 29th January. Everyone at Woolmore wants to wish the choir lots of luck for the concert and we hope you have fun!

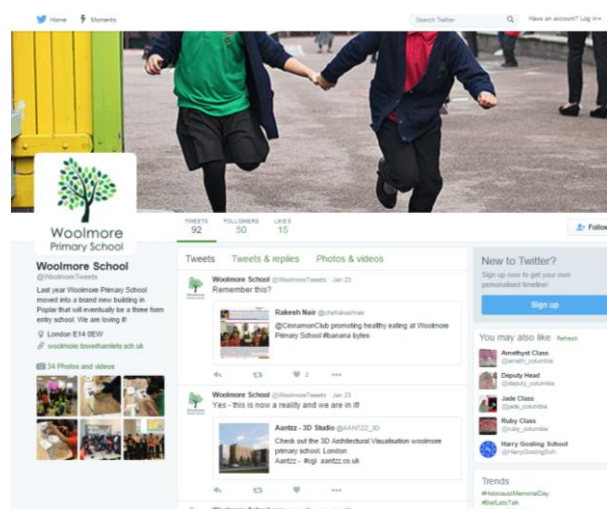
WOOLMORE ON TWITTER!

Woolmore school is now on Twitter! Have a look at the photos, news and information on our Twitter feed by going to

<https://twitter.com/WoolmoreTweets>

You can also access Twitter through the school website www.woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk

We hope you enjoy keeping up with everything that is happening at Woolmore!



CHAIRMAN OF FCA BECOMES A NUMBER PARTNER



We have a brilliant group of number partners from the Financial Conduct Authority. They come to Woolmore each week and help us to develop our skill and expertise in maths. We also have lots of fun.

Earlier this month we were delighted to welcome John Griffith-Jones, the Chairman of the FCA, as a new number partner. John joined the group and said he was impressed with the children's maths knowledge. We think he did well too! We hope to see you again soon John.

PHILOSOTHON

Last week, a group of our Year 2's from Maple Tree class visited Manorfield Primary School. They had the opportunity to work with year 2 children from other schools to carry out a Philosophy for Children enquiry.

Here they are showing off their certificates for their amazing creative, collaborative, caring and critical thinking. We are very proud of them!



ATTENDANCE SOS

Well done to our classes who consistently have good attendance. We show the pictures of the trophy winning classes on our website each week. Well done this week to Year 5 Sequoia, Year 6 Sycamore and Year 3 Oak Tree who had attendance between 97% and 99%.

Unfortunately this is not the picture across the school. Some classes currently have weekly attendance of between 89% - 92%. This means that children are missing significant parts of their education. We are holding meetings with families where there is an attendance issue. Please help us to improve our attendance by sending your child to school everyday unless they are very sick.