



Woolmore Primary School

NEWSLETTER

January 2017

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents,

Keep safe on the internet

We live in a world of information technology and social media. It is hard to keep up with what is available and what it all means. Lots of it is exciting, instant and opens up communication and opportunities.

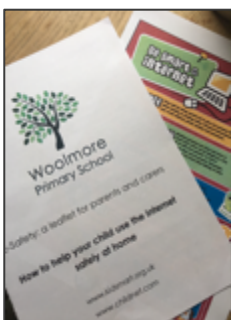
However, we all know that there are dangers too. As teachers and parents we have to do everything we can to keep our young people safe. This week we are having a focus on e-safety in our computing lessons and assemblies and some classes will be having workshops on cyber-bullying.

As parents the most important thing is that you KNOW what your child is accessing on-line and that YOU are making the judgement about whether it is suitable or not.

We have sent home a booklet with information and website links to help parents in this challenging area. **There is also a workshop for parents on Wednesday 1 Feb @ 9.00 in the computer room.**

Please speak to a member of staff if you would like further advice.

Ms Argent
Headteacher



Extra copies of our booklet are available from the school office.

Try these websites for useful information:
www.kidsmart.org.uk
www.childnet.com

SILVER BIRCH LIBRARY NEWS

It's all about reading!

by Lucy Chambers, our Librarian

I am very pleased with how keen all the children are on the school library. They love the huge variety of books: long novels, short novels, information books on many subjects from Science to Famous People with much in between, cartoon and puzzle books, joke books, funny fact books such as Horrible Histories, poetry (lots of poetry), traditional tales and picture books of course. Books don't just give you answers, they make you ask more questions and it is great that we read about, say, Space and then want to find out even more about it: planets, stars, black holes...This curiosity could lead to a child becoming an astrophysicist...who knows?

My work is all about aspiration: encouraging children to improve their reading skills, absorb information and aim high. Once children have borrowed, they can share a wide range of children's magazines in the library and study encyclopaedias and atlases. This term I am running two clubs to encourage wider reading: Premier League Reading Stars and, for older children, Woolmore Book Award. Please visit the library every Thursday after school with your family and enjoy the wonderful books and space together.

Look out for a new library competition coming soon: Reading Passports: children earn points for reading different sorts of books....watch this space.



Well done to eight of our wonderful Woolmore writers who have become published authors in a book called 'Ancient Adventures – East London Tales'. There is a copy in the library.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th – 17th February is half term
(Finish on Friday 10th, return Monday 20th)

Wednesday 22 Feb @ 9.00am

Reading workshop for KS1 parents

Thursday 23 Feb @ 9.00am

Reading workshop for early years parents

Thursday 2nd March

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

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

Woolmore Speak Out Festival and

Open Evening – come and see your child's learning, talk to the teachers and tour the school

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

www.woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk

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,

Bring YOUR favourite book character to life on World Book Day!

Book Aid International

DONATE £1* TO DRESS UP

Help make a HUGE difference to thousands of children's lives
www.bookaid.org/worldbookday

Thursday 2 March 2017

38 DRESSING UP IDEAS

For every £1 you donate, we can send a new children's book to a school or library in Africa

@Book_Aid #BeTheBook

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March

Trips are great - so let's go!

At Woolmore we believe in taking our pupils out on trips that support their learning and enable them to see the wider world. We find that these shared experiences make a big difference to children's learning and their achievement. It also gives them interesting things to talk and write about.

We encourage parents to take their children out and about too. How about:

- A park? Victoria? Greenwich? Thames Barrier?
- Swimming? Have you been to the new Poplar Baths yet? It's new and you could really help your child by giving them extra swimming practice
- A museum? Docklands? Science? Natural History?
- A walk? Keep active and notice what is around you
- A city farm? Mudchute is just down the road
- A ride on the DLR?



Last week there were lots of trips:

- Y1 went to Mudchute farm
- Y3 went to the British Museum
- Y6 went to the Churchill War Rooms and Westminster (right)
- Reception went on the Cutty Sark in Greenwich (left)

What an amazing city we live in!

Thank you to the parents who were able to come on the trips with us. Hopefully you will be inspired to go back there with your children. Let us know if you do – we love to hear.

