



# Woolmore Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

## July 2016

## SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE THINGS THIS YEAR

As we come towards the summer holidays we would like to share some of our highlights of this year at Woolmore:

- We raised £1300 for Teenage Cancer Trust at our Community Charity day. We also had lots of fun!
- Our pupils have done really well in their assessments and we already know that our results in Early years, phonics and KS2 are above national averages – well done everyone!
- This year we appointed our first Young Leaders. They have done an excellent job of being Woolmore ambassadors, helping with the smooth running of the school and being leaders!
- Our girls team won the number partners competition – beating 73 schools. Well done Team Hexadecagon!
- We gained our Silver Healthy Schools Award- well done!
- Two residential school journeys – Suffolk and Norfolk where children were intrepid explorers and had some incredible experiences. And a sleepover in school for Year 4 – yes!
- A variety of enjoyable assemblies including The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, World Refugee Day, the Olympic Games, Diwali, Eid, Christmas, Chinese New Year, World Book Day, Burns Night, Growth Mindset, Y2 Graduation and all the class assemblies.
- Sam Gayton opened our new Silver Birch library and we love it!
- The Woolmore Reading Oscars celebrated our work on Reading is Succeeding
- Our Young Voices choir performed at the O2 with 7,000 other school children from across the country 🎵🎵🎵
- Jim Fitzpatrick, MP for Poplar and Limehouse paid us a flying visit and gave the Y6 Champions for Change some campaigning advice.
- We have had a fantastic year of sport and it's a massive thank you to our sports coach, Wesley Driscoll, who has ensured our children have exceptional sports teaching and enter a wide range of inter-school tournaments. We are loving sport, keeping fit and using the amazing facilities we have at Woolmore.
- Ducklings, butterflies, Sports Relief, World Book Day, HTTA, clubs...we could go on and on... What are *your* highlights?

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE AND DON'T FORGET TO:

- Do lots of reading – sign up for the Challenge at the IDEAS Store and win prizes – and remember your summer holiday homework
- Be safe and healthy (lots of fruit and vegetables and plenty of sport and exercise)
- Be kind, considerate and helpful
- Have a wonderful holiday – see you in September!

## HAPPY RETIREMENT GWEN

It is hard to believe (especially for those of us who have been part of Woolmore for a long time) that Gwen Hunt, our extraordinary nursery nurse, is actually retiring.

Gwen has worked at Woolmore for 27 years and in that time has taught hundreds of children. Not only that, Gwen has been so much more, she has been a friend to so many, a doctor, a nurse, a confidante, a support – in fact, Gwen is the perfect person because she is everything! People say that they are a better person for knowing Gwen as she is kind, generous, wise, honest, always positive and so very caring and it helps them to be like that.

We are all going to miss Gwen enormously and life at Woolmore will be a bit different. But we also wish Gwen a long, happy and very well deserved retirement. You can be extremely proud of what you have achieved in your life Gwen. Now it is time to rest a bit and start the next chapter.



*Thank you for everything Gwen and lots of love from all of us. You will be missed but never forgotten.*

## ● DIARY DATES

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Break up for the summer holidays at 1.30pm  
Nb.,Nursery finish on Thursday 21st

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

First day of the new school year for Reception- Year 6

● **Nursery children** will start during week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September. Details have been sent to parents.

Next year's holiday dates are on the school website

[www.woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

## OUR NEW CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

YEAR AND CLASS	TEACHERS
Apple tree nursery	Farzanah
Pear tree nursery	Milu
Lemon tree Reception	Rounell
Lime tree Reception	Ella
Orange tree Reception	Tashim
Year 1 Banyan tree	Nancy
Year 1 Fig Tree	Rabia
Year 1 Holly tree	Kirsty
Year 2 Magnolia tree	Jen and Nicola
Year 2 Maple tree	Joanie
Year 3 Oak tree	Laura
Year 4 Poplar tree	David
Year 5 Rowan tree	Matthew
Year 5 Sequoia tree	Rakhshanda and Harish
Year 6 Sycamore tree	Richard and Mary

## FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES

We have very few departures this year, in fact only two. We say good luck and bon voyage to Emily – but only for a while: Emily is travelling and plans to be back with us next September. We are delighted.

It's many thanks and good luck to Noel who has been our SENDCo since Christmas but, sadly, has to leave us to work closer to his home.

We have new teachers because, as we continue to expand, we have more classes. We welcome Farzanah, Kirsty, David, Ella, Nicola and Marie (our new SENDCo) to our growing team.

## APPRECIATIONS

### Thank you to:

- **Our AMAZING pupils** – who love coming to school, want to learn, work hard and demonstrate a growth mindset. You have all worked so hard this year and achieved success to be proud of.
- **Our FANTASTIC parents** who support their children and support the school from helping with times table practice, coming on trips and really wanting your children to succeed.
- **Our TERRIFIC support staff** – that's teaching assistants, sports coaches, nursery nurses, office and premises staff, our cleaners and kitchen staff – a school cannot function well without all this support going on in the background
- **Our HARD-WORKING governors** – for their support, advice and complete commitment to Woolmore School.
- **Our PHENOMENAL teachers** – we are very fortunate at Woolmore to have the most incredible team of teachers. From colleagues new to the profession to senior leaders, each and everyone of them is dedicated to ensuring that every child at Woolmore achieves their very best.

**Thank you everyone and please have a well-deserved rest.**



## GOODBYE CLASS OF 2016

And last, but by no means least, we wave a fond farewell to the wonderful children in Year 6. You have all been amazing – you have worked so incredibly hard **and** had lots of fun. We are going to miss you all – big time! Lots of luck with the next stage of your school career and remember to:

- Work hard and be nice to people
- Have a growth mindset
- Seize interesting opportunities that come your way
- Have dreams, have goals and live a great life