



Woolmore Primary School

NEWSLETTER

February 2018

Bringing learning alive

This half term we have been reminded what a great city we live in and how many brilliant (and free) places we have on our doorstep. We think trips and visits are really important – if children haven't been to different places, they can't talk about them or write about them. This term our children had lots of opportunities to get out and bring different elements of their class-based learning to life.

Trips have included: 'People Who Help Us' fire station visits by our reception children, a year 1 zoo visit to help children with their 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic, The Tower of London for our year 2 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' learning, A Museum of London trip for our year 4 children to explore Roman London and most recently year 6's visit to St Paul's Cathedral where they explored London in the Blitz as part of their World War II work. What a lot of exploring and learning!



What have you got planned for the half term break to help your children experience something new?

Keeping our children safe online

This week marks National e-safety day. According to statistics released by the NSPCC:

- 1 in 5 children between 8 and 11 has a social media profile
- 1 in 4 children have experienced something upsetting on a social networking site
- 1 in 3 children have been a victim of cyberbullying

With statistics like this, now more than ever, we need to keep our children safe on line. Education is key to this. To help your children stay safe on line they should:

- Ask permission before using the Internet and only use websites you have chosen together (this includes looking at YouTube)
- Never give out any personal information about themselves, friends or family online
- Never tell someone online where they go to school
- Only use a webcam with people they know
- Tell you immediately if they see anything they are unhappy with.



Our Woolmore Museum

Our Woolmore Museum has now been officially opened. Many thanks to Sara, our Bow Artist who has worked incredibly hard to bring the old school history to our new(ish) building.

Our year 6 tour guides have been showing the first groups of children round and we look forward to sharing the museum with parents as part of our open evening at the end of March. We hope it will be a great resource to support various different elements of our curriculum with our year 6's have already been using it to support their World War II learning.

Many of our children are already thinking about what objects and news could represent us now, and in the future. What do you think?



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February
Half term holiday – a great chance to talk, together, read together and explore London (or beyond) together

School journey meetings for year 5/6 parents

Friday 9th February for year 5 parents.
Thursday 22nd February for year 6 parents – we will also be talking about SATs in this meeting

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day. More information to follow.

Week beginning 19th March

Sport Relief – activities and fundraising for charity. More information to follow.

Wednesday 28th March

Our annual '**Speak Out**' public speaking and performance poetry final .

Open Evening: a chance to see your child's learning.

Thursday 29th March

Break up for the Easter holidays at 1.30pm

- Summer term starts Monday 16th April
- Summer half term: 28 May-1 June
- Summer term finishes Friday 20th July

Attendance: making sure every day counts

Did you know... a child with 90% attendance will have missed a whole year's worth of school by the time they sit their GCSE's?

As you will be aware, this half term our attendance has not been as strong as we'd like it to be and significantly below our minimum 96% target. To help raise awareness, we will be sending home each child's attendance information this half term. Please look at this carefully to see if your child has lost any learning time.

We'll be doing lots of work with children and families to look at how we work together to make sure children are in school every day.

Uniform reminders

- Thank you to the many families who ensure their child is wearing full school uniform every day – this helps our children look smart and feel proud of their school.
- In the cold weather, if your child needs it, please ensure any additional layers are underneath their school sweatshirt and they have a warm coat, with a hood for playtimes.
- Please check your child has **plain, black shoes** for the start of our next half term. Shoes should not have splashes of colour as this is not part of our uniform.

Wear your Woolmore uniform with pride

RESPECT

We are interested in each other and show respect and tolerance towards everyone

LEARNING

We enjoy learning, we are curious, we develop resilience and we work hard and practice to achieve our very best every day

CARE

We keep ourselves and each other safe, we make healthy choices and we tell someone if we feel unhappy (or someone else is)

WOOLMORE SCHOOL VALUES

"All children can achieve success"



PRIDE

We celebrate success and we feel proud of ourselves, each other and our school

COMMUNICATION

We listen carefully, we think, we contribute and we ask and answer questions confidently

TOGETHER

We include everyone, we share and we work and play together to make our school a happy place

BEHAVIOUR

We are: kind, polite, helpful, honest and fair.
We are: ready, respectful and safe