



Woolmore Primary School

NEWSLETTER

October 2020

Half term reflections from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the beginning of September we reopened to all families following on from Lockdown and partial opening for some children from March.

We have been delighted to see you and your children and to be back together as the Woolmore Team doing what we all love: teaching, learning and supporting our Woolmore community. And, of course, it's been different. Very different. With the government guidance and the Local Authority and School Risk Assessment we have needed to run Woolmore in quite a different way. The control measures we have in place have meant changes, including:

- Mask wearing, queuing and staggered timings
 - No gathering for assemblies in the hall (although we now do them on Zoom); no singing (yet)
 - Lots and lots of handwashing, sanitising and cleaning
- We have done these things (and more) because we all know how vital it is that we keep as safe as possible because, of course, we are still in a global pandemic.

And yet, we are still very much Woolmore rooted in our School Values and standing with, and as part of, our community.

I want to thank all our parents and carers for your support and trust in these continuing difficult times. We will get through this and the joy of seeing all our wonderful pupils helps us to stay positive and hopeful for the future.

Thank you everyone and enjoy half term.

Ms Argent

Headteacher

PS. You may have seen me walking around the playground a bit more than usual. That's because I am walking 400,000 Steps in October to raise funds for Breast Cancer Now. If you would like to donate there will be a bucket for donations on Friday or I have a JustGiving page:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tracy-argent Thank you.



Some half-term highlights

Healthy Me Books

All children have been working on creating their own Healthy Me book. This has been a successful and motivating way to support healthy living and learning on our return to fulltime school.

Black History Month

We have been doing lots of important and exciting learning linked to Black History Month. Our work on Equalities, anti-racism and Black Lives Matter will continue throughout the year.

The Bleep Tests – Keeping Active

Since returning to school we have been running a Daily Mile and keeping active. Last week Wesley, our sports coach, did the 'bleep test' with our KS2 pupils and I am delighted to say that every single child has made progress in terms of their fitness. Some children doubled their scores! Well done and keep up the good work.

#HelloYellow Charity Day

Thank you everyone for wearing yellow and making donations on World Mental Health Day. We learned so much and raised £500 to send to Young Minds.

How to find out more about our learning:

- Talk to your child
- Look at Twitter

#Community



The Bleep Test Award Winners



#HelloYellow supporting mental health

Communicating with parents

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Communication has always been very important as it enables strong relationships to be built. Although things are a bit more difficult at the moment please know that we still want to communicate with you and we hope these ways can work:

- ❑ Call the office to make enquiries or leave a message for a member of staff. We will get back to you.
- ❑ Send an email to the office with your enquiry.
- ❑ Check the website
- ❑ Speak to a member of SLT or Susan and Lorraine from the Family Team. We are at the school gates at the beginning and end of each day.

PS. Please ensure we have your current email address

Contact us

- 020 7987 2778
- admin@woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk
- www.Woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk
- @woolmoretweets



Welcome Meetings on Zoom

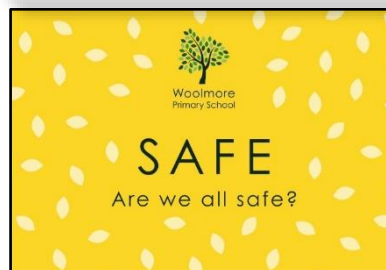
It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our year group welcome meetings on Zoom. The bonus was that your children joined the meeting too. The feedback we have received tells us that you found them very useful.

Parent governor vacancies

Our school has a Governing Body. Governors give their time and skills voluntarily to support our school. They work hard behind the scenes to help me and the Woolmore staff do our very best for our children.

We now have two vacancies for parents to join the Governing Body. If you are interested in helping Woolmore to achieve success for all, please ask for a Governing Body Information Pack and nomination form at the school office. If there are more than two nominations we will hold an election.

KEEPING SAFE IN COVID-19



Please do look on Tower Hamlets Website for the latest information, advice and updates. Here are some of our often asked questions:

Our parent/carer FAQs

Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19. What should I do?

- Do not send your child to school
- Inform school immediately by phone or by email if test results come through over the weekend/over the school holidays.
- Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.
- They must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Has anyone at Woolmore tested positive for Covid-19?

- Not yet. Many other schools have already experienced and managed positive test results.
- When we do, we contact the DfE for advice about which children and adults need to be identified as possible contacts and who should be asked to stay off school to isolate
- This will be communicated with parents by text, email and letter. Children will be asked to use our home-learning links so they don't miss out on their education.

A sibling in another school has been sent home to isolate as their class/year group bubble has 'burst'. What should I do?

- Sibling identified as a possible contact self-isolates at home.
- Children in our school can come to school unless their self-isolating sibling starts to show symptoms.

Oscar Winner

Oh – and did we mention that we have won a Tree Oscar? You can find out all about it on Twitter and watch the video which was filmed on location...in our school garden! Thank you Lois for being our Film Director!

A few dates for your diary

- Next week is half term
 - Return to school: Monday 2nd November
 - Break up for Christmas holidays: Friday 18th December
 - Start of spring term: Monday 4th January 2021
- (term dates are available on the website)

Friday 13th November
Will be a Charity Day for BBC Children in Need – and yes, that means an Own Clothes Day!



And finally, thank you to everyone in the Wonderful Woolmore Team for a very successful reopening of our school and working extremely hard to ensure we are doing our very best for every child #community I am proud of you all – enjoy the break!

