



Seven Mills News

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Message from the Headteacher...



The 29th of September is **National teaching Assistant Day**. At Seven Mills we are very lucky to have amazing support staff who work with our children. These staff do incredible things every day from supporting learning in class or through interventions to working with children with the most complex needs. It is safe to say that the children would not make anywhere near as much progress as they do without the support of our wonderful teaching assistants.

You will have notices that during the summer our playground changed with the installation of a number of raised beds and arches in the playground near the music room, outside Years 3 and 4 and in the EYFS playground. About 3 years ago, I applied for a grant through **Trees for Cities to build an edible playground in the school**. We found out earlier this year that we had been successful and we would have our edible garden built for us. This week we had our first session with the Trees for Cities team. Every class has a session where they planted seeds in their own bed with the hope that we will be able to harvest some vegetables over the next few months. We will also be planting a sensory garden for our children with special needs, flowers and we will have more sessions with children and

teachers to ensure that our garden is a year round success. Hopefully you child will be able to bring home some vegetables for you to sample before Christmas.



TOWER HAMLETS

Holiday Childcare Scheme

Bookings now open

Ages **3-13** years old

The Tower Hamlets Childcare Scheme offers Ofsted registered childcare.

020 7364 0523

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs

Half-term scheme Monday 23 to Friday 27 October



Parent Workshops

Please contact
Momthaj and Nicole
for more details about
upcoming workshops

Dates for the diary

Last Day of Autumn Term 1 - 15:30 finish
Friday 20th October 2023

Parent/Teacher meetings
Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st
November 2023

School photographs
Tuesday 21st November 2023

Christmas Fair
Thursday 14th December 2023

**Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper
day 2023**
Friday 15th December

Last Day of Autumn Term 2 - 13:15 finish
Thursday 21st December 2023

First Day of Spring Term
Monday 8th January 2024

**MORE
INFORMATION**
can be found on
our website:
www.sevenmills.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Stars of the Week

A huge well done to all our wonderful Stars of the Week. Please join us in congratulating them with their achievements.

Nursery: Raducanu	Arfa Leo	Year 3: Kosgei	Brodi Amarah
Reception: Hamilton	Aara Zayn	Year 4: Ali	Rehun Poppie
Year 1: Cavendish	Salma Muaj	Year 5: Kom	Fareeha Hafsa
Year 2: Bolt	Aamilah Cooper	Year 6: Ennis-Hill	Andi Maryam
Music Award	Shai Dawud Safah	Spanish Award	Kaya Aaliyah H
		PE Award	Sarah Amina

Our current attendance champions

Well done to those of you whose...

attendance is 96% or better!

Nursery: Raducanu	90%	Year 3: Kosgei	95%
Reception: Hamilton	95%	Year 4: Ali	96%
Year 1: Cavendish	96%	Year 5: Kom	95%
Year 2: Bolt	97%	Year 6: Ennis-Hill	93%

**Good attendance is essential for your
child to reach their full potential.**



FamiliesMatter

Parent and Family Support Service



Triple P Family Transitions

**For parents and carers recently separated from their partner.
Supporting families to cope positively with this change.**

This course will help parents to:

- Understand the impact of family changes on children.
- Communicate appropriately with children about the changes.
- Develop strategies to have difficult conversations ex-partners and reduce conflict.
- Develop an effective co-parenting partnership.
- Manage personal stress related to this change.

Venue: Parents Advice Centre, 30 Greatorex Street, E1 5NP

Date: Thursdays, 5th Oct – 16th November

Time: 10am-12.30pm

To make a referral please email: parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Or call on 020 7364 6398



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At Seven Mills we have a wonderful curriculum and one of the things we are doing is to try and make sure that we do not just focus on academic subjects but we put as much into what we call our **BROAD AND BALANCED CURRICULM**, Below are some of our achievements from the last 12 months.



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



In the past 12 months the school has been going on a healthy food journey which has included changing our lunch provider from the local authority to Chefs in

Schools and lots of other more subtle changes you may not have noticed. Because of the schools hard work, **we have achieved the Healthy Schools London Silver Award.**

Linked to this we have had some questions about when it is a child's birthday, what can the bring into school to share with their friends. As we are now a Silver Healthy School and are going for the Gold award, we have made some changes to what the children can bring in for a school celebration. **Please do not bring in sweets or cake.** If you would like to bring in something to celebrate your child's birthday then please think about healthy snacks with no added sugar such as fruit or plain popcorn,

Laura Quinton worked incredibly hard last year on improving the school's PE and sports provision. This meant that we were awarded the School Games Gold Award. We The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their



commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We are so proud of the hard work Laura has put into our sports and the impact this has had on what the children are able to do across Tower Hamlets.

The final award we achieved in the last year was the Artsmark Silver Award. The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. They support schools to develop and celebrate their commitment to arts and cultural education for all children and young people. Laura Nash worked incredibly hard to show all the wonderful things we do across the arts

Last year 5 children in our current Year 6 class were selected to complete the CREST awards with other children from Isle of Dogs schools. CREST is the British Science Association's scheme for STEM project work that inspires young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers. As well as completing these awards, the children went to a STEM fair at Langdon Park school and last Thursday, it was time for a celebration event at George Greens. Well done to the children who did so well in this event and hopefully they will return in the future as engineers, scientists and



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Family Fun!

Ideas to support learning, play and well-being

Create a Comic Strip

Do some internet research first- look at some comic book imagery to get inspiration. Get your child to think of a storyline and their main character or superhero for their own comic. Divide a piece of paper into grids and get them to draw out the story sequence. Add speech bubbles and thought bubbles to bring the comic to life.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Building Strong Identities

To mark Black History Month, October's Platform to Talk is on the theme of 'Building Strong Identities'. The online session will explore the importance of belonging, culture and identity.

Platform to Talk- Building Strong Identities

Delivered online through ZOOM

Thurs 12 Oct 10am-11am

More details and booking: parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Place Value Cups

Write the digits 0-9 on a set of disposable cups. Now say a two-digit number like 78 and get them to create it using the cups. Challenge them by getting them to use the cups to create even larger numbers.



Autumn Art

Create your own Autumn art- using found natural materials like leaves. Look carefully at the shape of the leaf and see if it reminds you of anything. Use paint and pens to add features and create animals or you could even invent your own imaginative creatures!

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