

## Message from the Headteacher:

Hi All,

I would like to start with a comment around World Book Day. It was amazing seeing the learners dress up in a variety of outfits but was even better than learners could talk so confidently about their favourite character. Their outfits were definitely better than the staff!

Duke of Edinburgh is now in full swing with chess, drama and guitar club being the highlights for me. It was great to see everyone so engaged and capturing interests and imagination.

Just a reminder, parents evening is on Tuesday 15th March. We look forward to seeing you then.

Have a nice weekend.

Kind Regards,

Ben Hawes

## Arbor Parent Portal

We currently have 60% usage on the portal.

Please download from your Play Store on your phone, the Arbor App.

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc/> and click Forgot your password?

To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is your email address.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

## School Calendar



<b>15 March</b>	Parents Evening
<b>28 March</b>	Inset Day 5 – School closed to pupils
<b>29 March</b>	Pupils return to school
<b>1 April</b>	Last day of term
<b>4 – 18 April</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>19 April</b>	Pupils return to school

## Parental Engagement

This term we are transitioning our virtual Wednesday meetings to our new face-to-face sessions. A schedule of activities will be issued next week Monday. We are working to secure relevant opportunities to support all Parent members.

### Parent Engagement Meetings:

We will be starting face to face meetings on the 9th March at 11 am - **at William Morris** and at the same time **at Brookfield House**. This will allow all Parent Members the opportunity to attend the site closest to their home.

**This Week@ William Morris Campus** - Our **MENCAP advisor (Keriel Stewart)** will start with bitesize employability events in each class group. This is being delivered on a Monday or Thursday for 2 weeks.

Our new **Careers Advisor (Sam McCarthy)** plans to meet briefly with every class teacher in the school. This brief meeting allows teachers to discuss class profiles - identifying where parent guidance encounters need to take place (based on student needs). Careers and Guidance documents will be updated to reflect all the great opportunities and alternative provisions being secured this Term. Updates will be made available on our website and shared in our Wednesday Meetings.

**Privacy Notice:** Lime Trust takes the privacy of pupils/parents data very seriously, therefore we would just like to remind parents that you can view/read our privacy notices on the [Trust](#) website.

A schedule for individual careers and guidance meetings (**Every Friday**) will be released this month. Teams or Outlook reminders will be issued to support all parents.

**In March**, we will begin to share our careers and guidance plans with you, ensuring all Parent Members are aware and equipped with relevant training organised.

### Parent Audit

We have issued a Parent Skills Audit to develop a register of skilled Parent volunteers for our Parent Engagement Activities.

We are reviewing all the Parent Audits received last term. We thank all Parent members for their support with completing this survey.

If any of our Parent Members wish to complete the survey (originally issued in December 2021), please contact the school office to secure a replacement form.

### MindEd - Supportive Tips



<https://www.mindedforfamilies.org.uk/young-people>

Edith Windsor-Stokes

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## Learning @ BFH – Coral Class

This week in Coral Class the learners have had a focus on world book day, in particular around the jungle book.



This has allowed the class to undertake a variety of lessons with a focus on the jungle book. The learners have undertaken sensory exploration activities which have had a communication focus with the integration of toy animals.



The class has also undertaken story massage sessions based on sections of the book, a sensory story, and art activities.



The learners have thoroughly enjoyed the jungle book focus.

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## Learning @ WM – Storey Class

We've had some exciting news and opportunities this week.

### Careers workshops

On Wednesday 23rd February and Wednesday 2nd March, we had a representative from NCS (National Citizen Service) which is a program for young people to explore their skills and future job opportunities. The visitors spoke to our learners about the universal skills needed for any type of work. The learners were keen to share their personal interests and their future job aspirations.

Also NCS will be working with our post 16 learners every week for a series of five further skills boosting workshops.

On Thursday 24th February, we also had a visitor from TFL attending William Morris school for a workshop for interviews/preparations. The workshop was based around how to prepare for interviews, and how we present ourselves. Our group of learners discussed what a CV and cover letter is, understanding what makes a good application so it can stand out. Learners were engaged and participated in the discussion, taking on board valuable advice given to them.

In our literacy sessions, learners practised writing a covering letter for a job that they wished to apply for. They did amazingly well.

### Careers and Advice Support

Our post 16 learners also covered this topic in their literacy sessions and wrote a covering letter for a job of their choice that they would like to apply for. We welcome Sam McCarthy, our new careers and Guidance advisor who will be working across William Morris Campus and Brookfield House to support our learners with securing careers or training encounters. He will be working closely with our Post 16 cohort to deliver careers related topics in classes. Next week is careers week, we will be holding a careers event in school on Friday 11th March.

### Duke of Edinburgh Programme

Some of our learners took part in their first chosen session of the skills element for the Duke of Edinburgh award session which involved taking part

in Chess, Drama, Hair and beauty and cooking. They will complete the skills element for a period of 3 months honing the same skill every week.

We plan for students to take part in their first session of the physical element of the award by going to the gym after we return from Easter break.

### Swimming Visits

Class 13W and 17W visited the Feel good centre in Walthamstow every day this week for swimming sessions with instructors to improve their swimming skills.

The learners were thoroughly engaged and after a couple of days of sessions, their swimming had improved significantly. Well done all learners who took part in this.