

Message from the Head teacher:

The first half of the Spring Term has been very busy, learners across both campuses have been working hard, and have continued to demonstrate active engagement in their learning. Some highlights of the term have been hosting the careers fair, trips to the Science Museum, going swimming, horse riding, and of course sharing the news of our Ofsted report.

This week both campuses have been preparing for different celebrations, there have been Valentines cards going into the post box at Brookfield House and preparations for a bake sale and learner disco at William Morris. It is great to see how through these events learners are provided with extended opportunities to develop their communication and independence.

We are working with many local community partners to develop further opportunities and experiences for our learners at Hornbeam. The Waltham Forest Parent Forum are looking for parents and carers to join them in their work, promoting parent and carer voice in the borough and supporting families. Please see the leaflet below for further details.

As the week draws to a close, we will reflect on the progress and achievements of the term so far and look forward to a well-deserved rest for all next week. For information on activities and support during the half term break, please explore the family hubs offer which can be found below.

[Waltham Forest Childrens Hub](#)

We wish you a happy and safe half term break.

Samantha Chaplin



Deputy Headteacher

SCHOOL CALENDAR

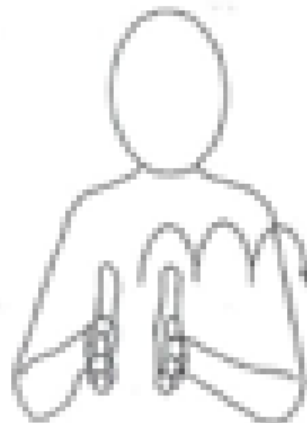


9th February Last day of half term

19th February Return to school

Makaton -Sign of the Week -Tidy Up

This week's Makaton Sign is: [Tidy Up](#)



Tidy up

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This Week's Top Attendance

Whole School Attendance

(Average this year)

86.5%

Attendance Congratulations

Classes with above 90% attendance

- (WM) Charles – 97.8%
- (WM) Fotheringham – 94.6%
- (WM) Mandela – 94.5%
- (WM) Capaldi – 94.0%
- (WM) Adepitan – 93.7%
- (WM) Wonder – 93.4%
- (BH) Maroon – 93.2%
- (BH) Blue – 92.5%
- (BH) Gold – 92.4%
- (WM) Fox – 92.1%
- (BH) Ruby – 91.7%
- (BH) Coral – 90.9%
- (WM) Bronze – 90.3%
- (BH) Goldberg – 90.1%
- (WM) Lilac – 90.1%

Recycling @ BH Site

'Make a Mess' is the theme for Brookfield House this term. We'd be grateful for any clean recycling you might have for junk modelling. We also need rolls of tape, especially masking tape. Please make sure that the items you send in are clean, with no residue or crumbs in the bottom.

Thank you!

Learning @ WM – Valentine Cake Bake

In anticipation of the Valentine's Cake Sale on **February 9, 2024**, the halls of William Morris High School have become a hive of culinary creativity. Engaged in their food tech lessons, students have been crafting a delectable array of baked treats, from cupcakes to intricately decorated heart-shaped cookies. The kitchen has transformed into a collaborative space where students not only refine their baking skills but also immerse themselves in the art of marketing.



Beyond the ovens and mixing bowls, students are learning valuable life skills. Precise measurements, mixing techniques, and baking finesse are being honed under the guidance of dedicated food tech instructors. The project extends beyond the kitchen as students venture into marketing, designing captivating posters and leveraging social media to promote their sweet creations.



Photographs capture the essence of these preparations, showcasing the students joyfully engaged in the baking process. The images reflect not only culinary prowess but also the teamwork and camaraderie fostered within the school. As the community eagerly awaits the Valentine's Cake Sale, it's clear that this event is not just a showcase of delicious treats but a testament to the students' passion, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit at William Morris High School. Save the date for a delightful celebration on **February 9, 2024**.

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Learning @ BH – Lilac Class

Lilac class have been really enjoying the start of the Spring Term. They have been busy focussing on texts such as 'Don't Throw That Away', 'Too Many Carrots', 'Music is Everything' and 'The Blue Giant'. Through these stories they have continued to develop numeracy and literacy skills but also investigated themes of reusing and recycling. You can see here learners working together to create bird feeders to hang in the trees outside.



Lilac class were also excited to invite a team of Fencing coaches into the class and had the chance to try on the equipment and practice some introductory techniques.



SPACE 4 ALL – FEBRUARY HALF TERM

FOOTBALL, FOOD, WORKSHOPS,
TABLE TENNIS & MUCH MORE

SPACE 4 ALL

MON 12TH FEB '24
16:00 - 18:30

TUE 13TH FEB '24
16:00 - 18:30

Free

February Half Term

WED 14TH FEB '24
13:30 - 16:00
SPORTS HALL ACTIVITIES

WED 14TH FEB '24
16:00 - 18:30

THU 15TH FEB '24
16:00 - 18:30



For Ages:
11-25 years old

Pastures Youth Centre
15 DAVIS LANE, LEYTONSTONE, E11 5DR

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Waltham Forest Parent Forum

With YOU, WE can make a difference!

JOIN YOUR LOCAL PARENT FORUM

Are you a parent or carer with a child or young person aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disability?

WHO WE ARE

- *Parents and carers of children/young people with additional needs (0-25)
- *All passionate about improving our young people's lives
- *All experts by experience

WHAT WE DO

- *Reach out to parent carers to hear their views
- *Present parents' experience and expertise to decision-makers
- *Make recommendations for service improvement
- *Offer training and signposting to provide information and empowerment to parent carers.

YOUR VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES MATTER

We work together to ensure every parent carer feels that their voice, their views and their experiences matter.

GET INVOLVED - YOUR VOICE IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS

Visit our website: www.walthamforestparentforum.com or email walthamforestparentforum@live.co.uk for more information



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ONLINE PARENT/CARER DROP-INS

**ARE YOU A PARENT/CARER IN WALTHAM FOREST?
IS YOUR CHILD AGED 3-18?**

Seek advice from our family practitioners on any of the following topics:

- Explore safeguarding and risks
- Explore the fundamentals to relationship building with your child
- Explore the benefits of positive discipline methods
- Gain and build parenting confidence
- Build a support network and meet other parents to create new friendships



**ATTEND WHEN ITS
CONVENIENT FOR YOU**

**DROP IN ANYTIME
BETWEEN
1 - 3PM
FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY**

**TO BOOK A PLACE
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