



Portway Press

Highlight of the week

On Wednesday evening, proud Portway pupils proficiently performed their expertly-penned poems to a panel of West Ham FC stars. As part of the West Ham Heritage Project, our children learned about West Ham's rich history and then wrote poems in celebration of all they learned.



Portway children were the only children out of the 25 schools from Newham who took part in the project to perform their poems and the children won tickets to watch West Ham play with their families!

Here are the names of the children who shone for us:

- Isabella Adshead-Jones - Liverpool Street
- Teddy Celder - Baker Street
- Ruby McCallum - Hoxton
- Elfrida Tackie - Hoxton



Forthcoming Events

Clubs

We are in the process of organising the clubs that will be offered in the summer term – watch this space and get ready for an activity-filled summer term.

Fairplay House

Year 5 children are going on a residential trip to Fairplay House (26th – 28th February).

Year 5 Trip to the Science Museum

On Monday 26th February, the remaining Year 5 children are going to the Science Museum.

Every Minute Counts

This is a very short half term. Please support your child's learning by making sure that they come to school every day, on time! Thank you.



Year 3 Germination Joy

At the end of last half term, Year 3 took part in a germination workshop.



They learned all about the process that seeds go through when they encounter the conditions that they need to grow. The children were fascinated to learn about the germination process.

Attendance

Our school target is 96%. This week the whole school attendance was **95.6%**, an improvement on last Term!

Congratulations to Angel class who achieved the highest attendance AGAIN this week with **99.1%**! That's 3 weeks in a row!

Congratulations to Green Park, Baker Street, Hoxton, Hamstead Heath and Whitechapel, with no late marks, keep up the great work!





Views on the News



I really enjoyed the article about saving spiders that are endangered – it really captured my attention. Interestingly, I learned that if we don't help, these spiders will die and it will affect humans. I didn't realise that it could affect us like that if we don't look after animals.



I like this article because it is showing how kind people are and how they care about animals and the environment because we care about this issue. I learned that animals and insects should be treated equally to humans.



I would improve this report by adding the problems that people are causing that are affecting spiders all around the world. However, they should also write about how humans are affected by spiders. I think that we need to hear both sides of the facts so that we can really become fully informed – that will help us to become responsible citizens.



Multiverse has Landed!

Children can now access Mathletics' latest times tables resource – Multiverse.



Help your child become fluent in their times tables by encouraging them to get onto Multiverse each and every day! Got a spare five minutes? Get onto Multiverse!

Stay Safe Online



Last time, we learned that more than 1 in 4 children have come across racist or hate messages online.

Don't know how to start to talking about E-Safety with your children?

Follow this link and watch a few clips with your children. Some of them are fun and will help you to start conversations about online life and to stay in touch. Other links tackle very important and relevant issues about staying safe online.

www.bbc.com/ownit