



Portway Press

Highlight of the week

As we start to reflect on the many successes of the half term, we celebrate how stable our staffing is. We are proud of the quality of teaching that we provide for our children at Portway and we are very proud of the fact that Portway children get taught by Portway staff every day. We are very fortunate to be able to boast in this fact, as many schools, all over London, struggle to fill their classes with permanent members of staff.



Permanently Proud to be Portway

Forthcoming Events

Friday 20th October

-Gardening Club

Half Term Holiday

-There is no school during the weeks commencing 23rd October and 30th October.

-School begins again on Monday 6th November and **Arty Party are coming in that week so don't miss out!**

-The last day of this half term is Friday 20th October and all children are expected to attend school.

-Please visit the school website for all term dates.

-See your child's curriculum letter for relevant trip dates for this half term.

Lost? Just ask Year 2

This week, Year 2 has been learning to use compasses and maps to navigate their way around school. The children could identify which parts of the school were North, South, East or West.



Stanley said, 'I enjoyed learning outside of the classroom.'
Miqdad said, 'I can give directions if someone new joins the class.'

Congratulations!

Congratulations to both Westferry and Old Street in achieving 100% attendance.





The Great Green-Fingered Gardeners!

This week, Gardening Club was relaunched with a fantastic bunch of head gardeners, who worked extremely hard to tidy and water one of the school's gardens.



They picked and swept up dead leaves, watered the planters and picked some fresh and delicious baby tomatoes and parsley to enjoy at home with their dinner!



Alina (London Bridge) said, "I think gardening club is the best club ever and I'm looking forward to next Wednesday already!"

Azmaeen (Mile End) said, "I liked looking after the garden by picking the dead leaves, watering the plants and sweeping the leaves around the plant pots."

Place to Talk

This half term, children learned to get a Place2Talk appointment by asking their teacher for slips. This has helped them to get help with their worries and for their teacher to get to know them better.



Place2Talk is a place where children deal with everyday issues such as friendship problems. The service also gives children an opportunity to talk about anything that's worrying them. Anyone can make an appointment so children always have the chance to be listened to.

Want an appointment? Ask your teacher for a green slip!

Made of Money

School is offering a parent workshop, which will help parents to make the most of their money. On Thursday, there was a taster session for parents.



Wendy Zadigue, Portway's Family Liaison Officer wants to encourage parents to make the most of the course, 'It is going to be very useful and very practical. If you ever worry about money, come along and learn how to make small changes that will help to make you feel in control.'

Interested? Ask in the office about the course.