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Let's talk about: **Attendance.**

Why do we go on about it? Why is it so important?

Ask your child what the magic number is and they will tell you it's

97

That means that we want 97% of children to be in school at any one time (obviously, we would prefer 100%). Or, looked at differently, we want each child to come to school 97% of the time.

It's true that at Stebon we want to have the best attendance in Tower Hamlets - if it was 97%, we would be number one.

But the truth is, it's not about attendance tables; it's about **learning**. The evidence is clear - **children with higher attendance make more progress and do better in school.**

Every time a child misses a day of school, they miss the learning that takes place that day. They miss the sound that the class were learning in phonics, they miss learning mathematical concepts that they will need in later lessons and they miss social learning – those interactions with staff and other children that help them to grow as people. **Everything they miss has an impact on what comes next.**

Sometimes - if they are vomiting or have a temperature, for example - a child may be too unwell to come to school. However, symptoms like a sniffle or a blocked nose or a headache are not, by themselves, a reason to keep a child off. They would far rather feel a little under the weather in school with their friends than at home, missing out on learning.

These gaps in learning are also the reason why I won't authorise holidays during term time. We are in the business of learning - we're very good at it - and **when children are not here they are missing out.**

Before Covid, Stebon's attendance was strong. If we work together, we can make it even stronger. **Let's do everything we can to get to 97%.** Keep your eye on the weekly attendance figure in every newsletter and watch it rise!

Thank you & have a lovely weekend

Jeremy

Headteacher





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Key dates for this term:

Tue 18 Oct - Thu 20 Oct 2022: Y5
Disney performances

Mon 24 Oct - Fri 28 Oct 2022:
School closed for half term

Mon 31 Oct 2022: All pupils return
to school

Week beginning Mon 31 Oct 2022:
Parent consultations

Fri 4 Nov & Mon 7 Nov: Nursery,
Reception & Y1 Fluoride Varnish

Fri 11 Nov 2022: Individual &
sibling photos

Week beginning Mon 14 Nov
2022: Friendship & Anti-bullying
week

Week beginning Mon 12 Dec
2022: Christmas week

Mon 19 Dec 2022 - Mon 2 Jan 2023:
School closed for Christmas
holiday

Tue 3 Jan 2023: All pupils return to
school

Congratulations to Y6 Joy Adamson
and **Y5 Martin Luther King** classes for
99.3% attendance, the highest this
week!

Attendance

**Every day matters – Every minute
counts!**

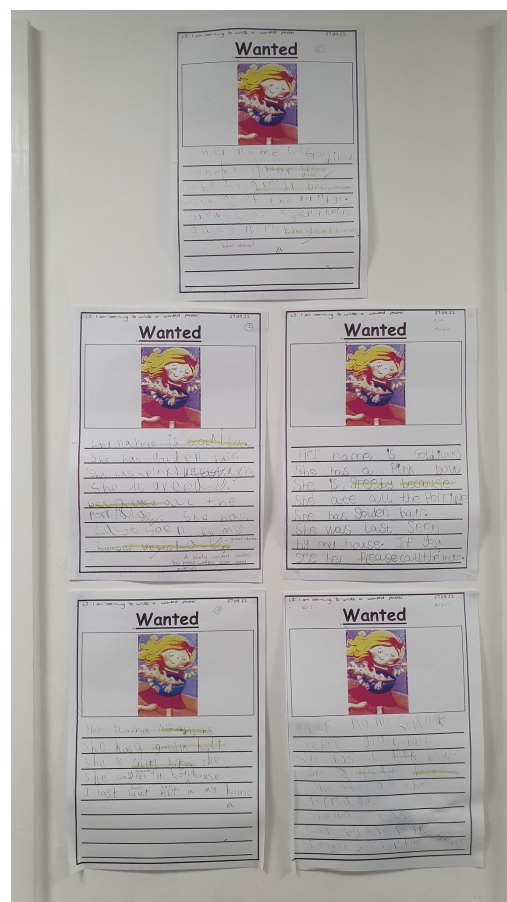
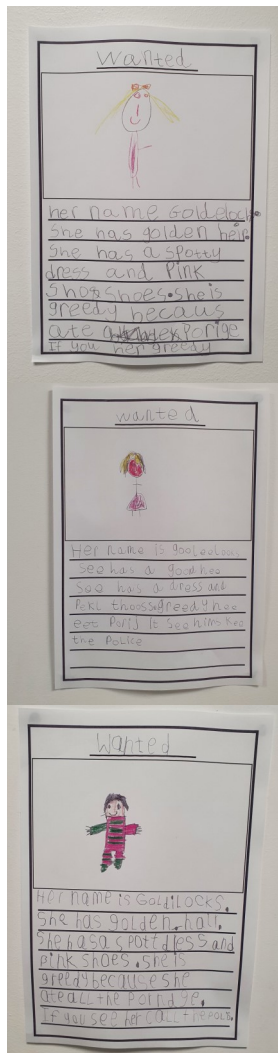
Stebon's magic number is **97**
This is because we are aiming for
97% attendance.

**This week's whole school
attendance was 93.4%**

Come on Stebon, we've got work
to do!



Year 1 are learning about traditional tales this term. 'Wanted' posters have popped up around the corridor of Goldilocks who has been up to mischief!



Yesterday our Eco-Protectors enjoyed taking part in a workshop with Will from the Recycling Improvement team at Tower Hamlets council. They were able to share their own prior knowledge of the ins and outs of recycling and learn a whole lot more too. A great morning shared by all!



[Click here for 2022-23 term dates](#)

[Click here for lunch menu](#)



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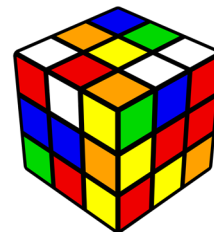
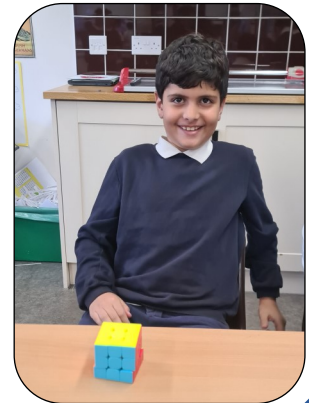
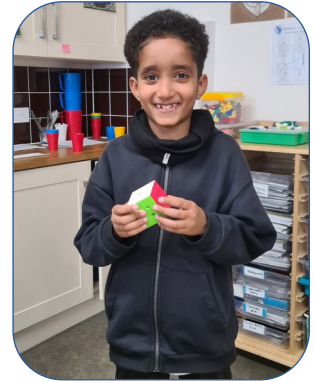
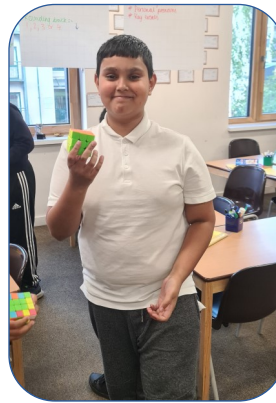
YEAR 5 PRESENT

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NELSON MANDELA - TUES 18TH OCT 2:15
MARTIN LUTHER KING - WED 19TH OCT 2:30
MALALA YOUSAFZAI - THURS 20TH OCT 2:30

Rubik's Cube Club

Zak (Y5 MLK), Iman(Y5 MLK) and Adam (Y5 NM) all solved their first cube last week. Well done!



Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be at Stebon until next Wednesday morning, 19 Oct. The main pupil gate will be open earlier in the mornings at 8:45am and in the afternoons at 3:15pm. Fill our school with free books and resources when you buy from the book fair!

We are accepting cash. Parents can [buy gift vouchers](#) so you can pay without cash, these will need to be printed out.



Thank you for everything you have donated for the Harvest Festival! We will find out on Monday who has won the Best Decorated Box and who has donated the most.





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Packed lunch guidance

Packed lunches should include:

- At least one portion of whole fruit such as apple, banana, orange
- At least one portion of vegetables or salad every day such as cucumber, pepper, carrot sticks or cherry tomatoes
- One to two portions of meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel) every day
- oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks.
- One to two portions of starchy food such as wholemeal or 50/50 bread, wraps, pasta, rice, couscous, potatoes etc
- One portions of dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais

Choosing the right portion size is always challenging. A good guide is to use the fist size of the child who will be eating the food, that is one portion.

Packed lunches must not include:

- nuts or seeds or any foods that contain nut and seed due to the severe nature associated with nut allergies
- Crisps including low fat or baked, Instead add one portion of savoury crackers, rice cakes or breadsticks (with no added salt, sugar or fat).
- confectionery such as chocolate bars, cakes, biscuits, chocolate-coated biscuits, cereal bars and sweets. no chocolate or chocolate covered foods of any variety is allowed. Instead add one portion of whole fruit or vegetable
- Sweet spreads such as chocolate spread, jams etc
- Pastries of any sort such as croissants, pancakes, sausage rolls, pies etc
- Fried food should such as samosas
- Any drinks other than water- this includes smoothies, fruit juices and no added sugar squashes and flavoured water. Children are encouraged to bring fruit and yoghurt instead.

Packed lunches are monitored by Midday Meals Supervisors and letters will be put in children's packed lunch box if their lunch does not meet the above guidance.

If you have any questions regarding packed lunch please contact Sam, Health and Wellbeing Lead.

Caribbean Theme Menu—Wednesday 19th October

Curry mutton
Caribbean chickpea and vegetable curry
Rice and peas
Fried plantain
Seasoned mixed salad
Sweetcorn and green beans
Tropical fruit salad
Fruit yoghurts
Cheese and crackers

Eco-Protector tip #1!
Re-use your takeaway containers and food jars. These can be easily washed and re-used to store food in your fridge or freezer. You save money by storing and not throwing away food and save plastic waste too! Win - win!





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Community information & Events

All Stars & Dynamo Cricket

What is All Stars Cricket - All Stars Cricket provides boys and girls from **5-8 years old** with 4 days of non-stop fun. The activity and game based programme is suitable for all skill levels, providing your child with the foundations to begin a lifelong love of physical activity and cricket, while making friends in a safe and enjoyable environment. Each player will also receive a personalised pack which includes back pack, bat, ball and t-shirt.

ALL STARS CRICKET:

Dates: 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th October

Time: 10am – 12pm

Venue: Stewart Headlam Primary School

Registration Link: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/a9ca19a8-881e-4f09-a36f-52bbf1fb46c9>

What is Dynamos Cricket - Dynamos Cricket provides boys and girls from **8-11 years old** with 4 days of non-stop fun. Each session there will be a focus on a different cricket skill to build their confidence and ability, before they take part in a 60-ball countdown cricket match. Dynamos Cricket will help grow young peoples love of the game, and will give them the opportunity to socialise and make friends in a safe environment. Each player will also receive a personalised New Balance playing shirt, Cricket Attax Cards and access to the Dynamos Cricket app

DYNAMOS CRICKET:

Dates: 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th October

Time: 12pm – 2pm

Venue: Stewart Headlam Primary School

Registration Link: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/4fad4edc-4011-4d57-bf28-5540e2777d8e>

Magic Breakfast who supports us to run our breakfast club is doing some research with their partner schools to understand children and young people's morning routines and breakfast eating habits.

Follow this link to fill out the survey: <https://surveys.qaresearch.co.uk/magicbreakfastparent.asp>

There is an opportunity to win a prize for finishing the survey! Your child does not have to attend breakfast club for you to participate.

magic breakfast
fuel for learning



15 Hours **FREE**

Early Learning for two-year-olds

020 7364 1553

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/earlylearning

Development for children

Learning through activities and play enables children to grow and develop, as well as improve their communication and social skills.

Opportunities for parents/carers

Early education can also allow you to pursue a hobby, have some 'me time', get into education, start training, or go back to work.



HOW TO APPLY

1 Check eligibility

You can usually qualify if:

- you are in receipt of Universal Credit
- your child is under the care of the council
- you earn below £16,000 pa. per household
- your child is in receipt of DLA

If you need more information, visit your local Children and Family Centre or contact the Family Information Service on 020 7364 6495.

2 Choose provider

- Contact your local Children and Family Centre for details
- Contact your local early education provider
- Contact the Family Information Service

3 Complete application form



Scan me to apply for free Early Learning for your two-year-old or visit <https://bit.ly/LBTHEL2>

4 Arrange start date

Your early education provider will contact you to agree a start date for your child.

Your child can take up their free place from the term after they turn two

Turns two between 1 April – 31 August
Start from September (autumn term)

Turns two between 1 September – 31 December
Start from January (spring term)

Turns two between 1 January – 31 March
Start from April (summer term)





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Half Term Events for families & kids at Poplar Union

[Baby Broadway Gospel](#)

Sunday 23 October | 3.30pm

Sign along to some classics with London's CK Gospel Choir celebrating Black History Month

[Plastic Free Halloween Party](#)

Monday 24 October | 10.30am

A crafty meet up where you learn how to make healthy Halloween inspire snacks and eco crafts to make your Halloween plastic free.

[3D Printing workshop \(Halloween Special\)](#)

Tuesday 25 October | 10.30am & 2pm

Learn how to design 3D printing projects - this month you'll be making spooky pumpkins

[POP-Corn presents: Turning Red](#)

Friday 28 October | 10.30am

Film screening of Disney Pixar's Turning Red

We also have a [drama workshop](#) here on Sunday 16 October (this Sunday) for 8-11 year olds celebrating Black History and iconic hero's we should know more about. A great one if you're learning about Black History this October.



DCOS COFFEE MORNING



For Parents whose child has a diagnosis of ASD

Come along to meet other parents and share your own experiences, ideas and resources on 'strategies to support behaviour'

Date:

- Monday 17th October
- Tuesday 6th December

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 (we will start promptly at 10:00)

There is also time after the coffee morning for you to chat to parents and the DCOS team.

Place:

Kitcat Terrace, Bow, London, E3 2SA
Kitcat Terrace is near to:
- Bow Church DLR
- Bow Road Tube.



You don't need to book - just drop in at 10:00

A Bengali interpreter will be part of the coffee morning



If you would like any information about the coffee morning please email DCOS.INFO@towerhamlets.gov.uk



Coffee mornings are facilitated by the Disabled Children's Outreach Service (DCOS)

Do you want to do more physical activity but don't know where to start? Or perhaps you love getting active and feel you could help others too? Then help us in our mission to get Tower Hamlets moving.

TGO activate is partnering with LBTH's Public Health Team to help Tower Hamlets' residents and workers become more active and make strides towards the Borough's long term health objectives. The Outdoor Gym Activation Programme is providing activities, classes, movement advice and digital support at all 16 outdoor gyms in parks across the borough. Help us spread the word by getting people to sign up. You can find out more [here](#):

[LBTH TGO Activate information signup](#)

Please also email on enquiries@tgo-activate.com if you would like to become an activator and take on an important role in helping people on the gyms to keep moving.



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Awarded by Arts
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