

Diary Dates:

Coffee Mornings

Friday 7th February

Application for FSM
with Ms Bee and Ms
Martin 9-9:30am

Wed 12th February

E-Safety with Ms Mar-
tin 3-3:30pm

**Thursday 13th Febru-
ary**

WAHMS Wellbeing
with Kelly Durcan

9-9:30am

Last day of Term

Friday 14th February

**Children Return Back
to School**

Tuesday 25th February



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Friday 7th February 2020**

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and carers,

St Matthias school has been hit hard by significant gov-
ernment funding cuts.

'Union reps at Hackney National Education Union (NEU)
have warned of the bleak funding outlook for the bor-
ough's schools as new figures reveal they face some of
the harshest cuts in England'.

St Matthias asked for your support. The outstanding
debts are starting to impact on what we can offer in the
school and have now been referred to our governing
board. We asked that you have paid all outstanding
debt for clubs/school dinners by Half term (Friday 14th
February).

A big thank you to all the families that have been com-
ing into the office to pay these off. It makes a real differ-
ence to the school and shows your ongoing support
and commitment to St Matthias. Please come and
speak to Ms Janiece if you need further help with parent
pay and/or registering for free school meals.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Mrs Blewett



Around our School - Mr Ross

How long have you been at St Matthias and what do you do?

I have been at St Matthias for 3 and a half years now as the PE teacher for the school. My job is to enhance the children's ability at sport and to make PE fun. I am also a mentor and role model for the children.



What did you want to be when you were younger?

Bit cliché but my dream was to be a footballer and that was my goal from day one. I could have been a cricketer but I didn't want to pursue it. Now I want to be a teacher but it all comes down to hard work and determination.

What was your favourite book as a child and what are you reading now?

My favourite book at school was 'Of Mice and Men', as it was a really fascinating book to read. I enjoyed the characters and it made me want to read more. At the moment, I'm reading autobiographies, which I find really interesting.

What do you do when you're not working?

I enjoy life! I go out a lot with friends, play football, go to the gym and spend time with my loved ones. Other places you could find me is bowling, at the cinema, Nandos or at Top Golf. Life is too short to get bogged down and be discouraged. You have to keep moving. You have to keep going. Put one foot in front of the other, smile and just keep going.

What do you like most about St Matthias?

The thing I love most is that we are a family! It's not just about their sporting ability - I want to develop children as a whole person. I want children to leave St Matthias with a sense of life and happiness, for them that they are not alone and we will always be there for them.



Y5 Trip to Apollo Music

On Tuesday, Y5 went to see Apollo Music, an amazing orchestra who has been coming into school over the last few months. There, they learnt more about different instruments and had an opportunity to listen to classical music. They had such a lovely time and were hopefully inspired by the incredible talent that they saw.

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Battles		Home	Away
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Children have been working really hard on TTRS this week competing against other classes to win the Battle of the Bands competition that is currently taking place across the school! There is one week left of the competition before the winners are announced.

Please, please encourage your child to go on TTRS - the impact that the game has on children's progress in their time tables is so important. Every child from Year 1-6 should be going on TTRS. Thank you for supporting your child with this! Miss Fraddock



Train to Teach with Primary Advantage

Are you interested in becoming a teacher?



If you would like to find out more about the different routes available to train to be a teacher, and how to apply, please come along to our informal Train to Teach Event and meet our Teaching Schools team.

Thursday 13 February 2020

- Session 1: 2.45 - 3.15pm
- Session 2: 3.45 - 4.15pm

St. John the Baptist Primary School
Crandall Street
London N1 6JG

Book your free place through Eventbrite, places are limited - search 'Train to Teach with Primary Advantage'.

For any further information about training to teach with us please email teachingschools@primaryadvantage.hackney.sch.uk or call 0207 254 1010 ext.5.