



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 30 September
2022

Latest news from school:

Story Telling Drama Workshop

Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 had a special drama workshop to help develop their creativity and imagination. Each class explored a magical scene and developed our own performance skills through re-enactments. It was a fun day for all and we took that learning back into our writing lessons!



Harvest festival: This year our harvest festival will be on Friday 7 October at 2.45pm in St Matthias Church. Parents/families are more than welcome to join us at this event. Each class will be putting together a hamper so please check on your child's google classroom for details. We will be giving our hampers to the



Church who will see that they are given to families who are in need. Thank you in advance for your support.



Hot chocolate Friday! Pupils who enjoyed hot chocolate this week. They have consistently displayed exemplary behaviour and learning.

Yr 1 Veera	Yr 2 Asmin	Yr 3 Kerem	Yr 4 N/A	Yr 5 Le'Shayne	Yr 6 Jaelianna
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City of London 'Getting Help with the Cost of Living' [webpage](#)
Hackney money help and advice [webpage](#) including a [new PDF guide](#) of support available to Hackney residents

General Advice: The MoneySavingExpert '[Cost of Living Crisis Survival Guide](#)' has some good tips.

Mental Health support ([CAMHS Alliance Support](#))

Important dates:

Harvest festival
celebration in Church
at 2.45 Friday 7
October. Everyone is
welcome.

Individual/Sibling
Photos
Tuesday 11th October

Parent consultations
(more details to
follow)

2 November 13.00 -
15.30 and 16.00 -
17.00

Remembrance service
Friday 11 November
at 2.00pm. Everyone
is welcome

14 - 16 November Year
4 residential to Ufton
Court

21 -25 November Year
6 residential to
Penrith

Thursday 8th
December

School Panto

<p style="text-align: center;">Support Service Locator (Hackney) Parenting Resources (City of London) Domestic Abuse Support in City of London and Hackney Council Tax Rebate in City of London and Hackney Foodbanks: The Trussell Trust 'Find a Food Bank' (includes a Hackney specific page) Search 'food bank' on the City of London Family Information Service directory</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Friday 9 December</i> <i>School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Monday 12 December</i> <i>Service of Thanksgiving at 2.45pm. Everyone is welcome</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuesday 13 December</i> <i>EYFS Nativity at 9.00</i> <i>KS1 and KS2 Carol service at 2.00pm</i> <i>Everyone is welcome</i></p>
<p>News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?</p>		
<p>Year 1:</p>	<p>Year 1: This week Year One got to attend a drama workshop where they could retell a mystical story to help Merlin escape a dragon. We loved using our creativity! We also carried out an investigation to see what materials are waterproof in order to make the best umbrella for our teddy.</p>	<p>Year EYFS: This week we learnt about different people who help us. We named fire fighters, police officers, paramedics and more. We discussed what they each do to help people. We then looked at what an emergency was and practised what we would do in an emergency. We discussed how Kamirah's uncle was a firefighter and we saw a photo of him with a fire engine!</p>
<p>Mr Daniel's PE:</p>	<p>Mr Daniel's PE: This week Year One and Year Two have been playing games to help with coordination and throwing and catching skills. Year Threes and Fours have been working on handball. Year Five and Six have been working on Netball.</p>	
	<p>Year 2: This week in RE we were looking at what temptation and forgiveness means in the Lord's Prayer, in History we went to visit the Monument and looked at where the Great Fire of London started .</p>	<p>Year 3: We have been lucky enough to take part in a drama workshop this week where we travelled into the past! We used the role play there to feed into our writing lessons to retell a story set in the Stone Age. Check class dojo for our pictures!</p>
<p>Year 4: Year 4 are at Ufton Court this week! Please check our school Instagram to see all the exciting activities they have been getting up to every day!</p>	<p>Year 6: This week Year 6 has been learning about classification in science. We thought about the key features of different animals and how they can be grouped together. We have made Top Trump cards that we play with in our next lesson!</p>	
<p>Year 5:</p> <p>This week, Year 5 conducted an experiment to measure friction on different surfaces and we learned about the significance of certain animals in the Benin Kingdom.</p>		
<p>School value in focus this week: Resilience</p> <p>Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.</p>		

The pupils who received badges are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Iqra	Isaiah	Lachlan	N/A	Armani	Amber

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Family Friday: What is a Family Friday? This is a time when you can come into school to find out about the curriculum your child is learning. It is a great opportunity to ask all the questions you may have. Family Fridays run from 8.45 - 9.30 each week. We will share the themes for each week but if there is something in particular you would like to know more about then please let us know so we can organise a session.

Keeping Children Safe:

The safeguarding of the children at St Matthias is our number one priority. We adhere to stringent safeguarding procedures to protect the welfare of all the children who come to our school. We will endeavour to work with parents and carers as it is our duty as a school to protect our children and to keep them safe.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our designated safeguarding lead (Ms Redman) or leadership team (Ms Martin)

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Dear Parents or Carers

At St Matthias, we are committed to improving support for our students emotional and mental wellbeing, and therefore are excited to be working with the Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools (WAMHS) initiative. This has been set up by the CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) Alliance to help schools help their pupils. Hackney Education also supports this work in a number of ways.

We have a CAMHS link worker - Dr Emma Sinclair- who comes to school regularly to support school staff and pupils. Our CAMHS link worker helps us to think about our students' needs in school, how to best

support them, and how to refer them to specialist services if they need more help. This might mean school staff discussing pupils with the CAMHS link worker to decide what help needs to be given. The CAMHS link worker also advises school about how to make school a success for all our pupils – this is called a 'whole school approach'.

At St Matthias we will also have help from another CAMHS team working with schools, the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). In addition to supporting the whole school work they will be able to offer direct support to pupils and their parents/carers when having problems with their emotional wellbeing. By direct support we mean, taking part in a group or having some sessions with a CAMHS worker. With your agreement it may be helpful if you can join some meetings with the CAMHS worker.

If your child requests support, either themselves or through a member of staff, the MHST would normally let parents/carers know in writing. Sometimes young people ask the MHST not to tell their parents. Only if they think it is safe not to let you know, and they judge the young person to be competent to make that decision (as required by the law relating to Gillick Competency*), would they not inform you. This is unlikely to be the case for younger secondary school pupils. An older adolescent who is judged to be competent to make a decision about treatment may opt to speak with us without your consent. Usually, the MHST will want to speak to parents / carers about a child as we know this is helpful for all, and we work to encourage students to involve their parents.

For further information on WAMHS and the MHST and how we will securely store information as part of WAMHS, please see the attached leaflet. This information is also available on the school website.

If you have any queries about WAMHS, please contact Dr Donna Oxley, Clinical Team Lead donna.oxley@nhs.net.

If you have any queries about MHST, please contact Dr Deborah Kemp, Clinical Team Lead Deborah.kemp2@nhs.net or Tasha D'Aguiar, Deputy Clinical Team Lead on Natasha.daguiar@nhs.net

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