



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4 November
2022

Latest news from school:

It was lovely to see the children after the half term break. I do hope that you all found time to relax and enjoy being together.



Please do forward the names of anyone you would like to be remembered in our special Church service for remembrance on Friday 11th November

Year 1 visit to the Science museum visited the science museum yesterday and today I received this email from a member of the public.

Hello

I hope this finds you well.

I visited the Science Museum with my family today and I must say how impressed I was with the behaviour of the children from your school, who were enjoying their school trip.

The children I saw in the interactive play area were kind, courteous and managed to play nicely - in spite of their excitement - while also sharing the space with the younger children without taking over or occupying the space.

The children are clearly a credit to their families, the teachers and your school community.

Netball Competition



Eight players across year 5 and 6 were selected to represent St-Matthias in a mini netball competition at Holy Trinity. We finished second in the competition. I am really proud of the players who were selected, they played exceptionally well and we are looking

forward to the next competition.

Important dates:

Remembrance service
Friday 11 November
at 2.30pm.
Everyone is welcome

Year 4 residential to
Ufton Court
14 - 16 November

Children In Need - Non
School Uniform Day
18th November

Year 6 residential to
Penrith
21 - 25 November

School Panto
Thursday 8th
December

School Christmas
lunch and Christmas
jumper day
Friday 9 December

Service of
Thanksgiving
Monday 12 December
2.45pm. Everyone is
welcome

Christmas Events
Tuesday 13 December
EYFS Nativity at
9.00am
KS1 and KS2 Carol
service at 2.00pm
Everyone is welcome



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

Yr 1 Milla	Yr 2 Mc'Kai	Yr 3 Gurshmanprit	Yr 4 Jeremy	Yr 5 Armani	Yr 6 Le'Mari
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News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?

<p>Year 2:</p> <p>This week in Year 2 we have been looking at poems! We wrote a great class poem to celebrate All Saints today. We have also been studying animals including humans and we have created our own skeletons.</p>		<p>Mr Daniel's PE:</p> <p>In PE all classes have moved onto a new sport for this half term. Year 1 and 2 will be looking at invasion games. Whilst year 3-6 will be looking at basketball and trying to perfect their basketball skills and knowledge.</p>	<p>Year EYFS: This week EYFS started their learning on the topic of Autumn. We've started learning the words in the story 'We're Going on a Leaf Hunt' and we recited the words whilst going on our own leaf hunt in Father David's garden! We also learnt about the Hindu festival, Diwali and made our own Rangoli. We ended the week by learning about fireworks night and making our own fireworks pictures!</p>
		<p>Year 1:</p> <p>This week Year 1 went on an exciting trip to the Science Museum! We learnt about space and took part in lots of interactive Science Experiments! We also started to read a new book 'Halibut Jackson' and we imagined what it would be like to be in his world.</p>	<p>Year 3: Year 3 are learning about Light in Science. We need to work out what is a source of light and what isn't. We will be learning about how shadows are formed and what true darkness is.</p>
<p>Year 4:</p> <p>Year 4 started the week analysing the eggs they left in vinegar and orange juice over the holidays. The kids were very surprised at the effects that the liquids had on the egg shells. They had to draw from their scientific knowledge to write a conclusion for the experiment.</p>		<p>Year 6:</p> <p>In Computing, Year 6 created their own game and the algorithms (rules) to play the game. They had to think carefully about making their instructions clear as they then tested them out!</p>	



Year 5:

We are thoroughly enjoying our new reading book, Ghost. In Humanities, we have started our geography topic, slums; looking at what conditions define a slum.

School value in focus this week: **Resilience**

Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.

The pupils who received badges are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Joshua	Elif	Kerem	Daniel	Sakura	Emilio

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)



Christmas Fayre 2022

St Matthias Primary School and St Matthias
Church

Thursday 15 December 14.00
- 16.30

We are planning the Christmas Fayre! This year we are joining forces with Father David and St Matthias Church. If you would like to get involved we would love to have you on the team; just let the school office team know and we will be in touch. We are looking for volunteers to be on a stall, help set up, clear up etc.

We are also looking for the following donations:

- Items for the bottle raffle
- Items for the book stall
- Items for the second hand clothes stall
- Cakes, biscuits etc for the tea and coffee stall (baked

goods to be brought into school on Thursday 15
December).



**Please note that this event will be a cash only
event - we can not take any electronic
payments.**



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26th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that the term is going well for you, your children/young people. I am writing this letter to express my appreciation for all you do to ensure Hackney's Children and young people are well educated and cared for. I have been on school visits and look forward to seeing more of your children and young people, throughout the term.

I also want to congratulate all of you on some very strong results for so many Hackney children at primary, secondary and post 16 level this year. I know we await more detail on some groups and verification of some results; however we are immensely proud of the primary schools ranking 7th in the country for KS2 results. Well done to all those involved, It is a credit to the work you do as the parents and carers of our students.

I hope the first month of term has gone well for you. The death of HM Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of HM King Charles III has been a time for reflection, as well as looking ahead.

As we look ahead to this year we are further supporting your children's education. You may have heard from officers about planned improvements and developments in anti-racism and in the graduated approach for children with SEND. Jason Marantz is leading the work on school improvement this year and has already woven the inclusive work alongside the academic standards work of his team.

We are aware that the cost of living crisis will affect many families. The council has a number of initiatives in place: you can find out more [here](#). In particular I draw your attention to the free uniform grant for year 7 pupils for parents and carers who are eligible ([here](#)): I know the majority of eligible pupils will have accessed this but please do make others aware.

We are keen to ensure that every child learns and achieves as best they can consistently, and to ensure they each flourish. Hackney is proud to have well resourced mental health support working in schools and across the borough which is well placed to enhance the national offer ([here](#)). It is also important to look after yourselves and access the support you need. You can find a link to a number of support services here: <https://find-support-services.hackney.gov.uk/>

Please do get in touch with me if you have any queries or

comments. With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anntoinette Bramble', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Cllr Anntoinette Bramble

Deputy Mayor and Cabinet member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care

Hackney is seeking to improve its co-production with parents and carers.

To do this, and as part of resetting Hackney's SEND services, we are seeking a new provider to help establish and develop Hackney's next official parent carer forum.

We want good engagement with a wide range of parents to help feed into the process of developing the forum as a strategic voice for parents and carers in Hackney.

Parent-Carer engagement sessions - Developing a new Parent-Carer forum for Hackney

- Face to face session November 16th **11:30 am-1pm** at Forest Road Youth Hub (light lunch after the session)
- Online session November 22nd **7pm - 8:30 pm** via Zoom.

[Further details and booking links can be found here.](#)