



**Latest news from school:**

Next week there are two strike days planned-we support our teachers in their industrial action but do recognise the disruption this causes you. Wednesday/Thursday school is closed to all but year 6. All children due back on Friday to celebrate red nose day!

Next week is science week why don't you try this experiment at home:

# COLOURFUL SKITTLES

**You'll need**

- Skittles
- White plate
- Warm water



**Instructions**

Place the skittles around the edge of the plate.

Carefully pour warm water over the top.

Watch as the colours spread through the water!

**What's happening?**

Skittles are coated in food colouring and sugar. When you pour water over the skittles the coloured coating dissolves and diffuses through the water.

Now try with cold water. What happens?



Science Sparks™  
Adult supervision required. You are responsible for your own safety.  
www.sciencesparks.com

**Save the date:** Easter celebration family assembly: 2:30pm  
Thursday 30th March

**Hot Chocolate Friday!** These children have exemplary behaviour and learning.

Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Rome	Christopher	Winley	Jia	Anniyah	Anthonia

**Important dates:**

**Every Monday:**  
*Fresh produce from Felix project in school office - 13:00 pm*

**Strike action (school closure)**  
*Wednesday 15th March & Thursday 16th March*  
**School open for year 6 only**

**Red Nose Day**  
*Friday 17th March*



*This will be a normal uniform day but we will be face painting red noses if children would like to take part!*



**Class Dojo App**

*Make sure you're logged in and checking your child's class story!*

## News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?

### Year 1:

This week Year One have created some incredible adventure stories! I am so proud of them, they have edited their own writing which is a hard skill. They have also published their work. We also created some great music when thinking about "Timbre"

### Year 2:

Year 2 has practised their story teller voices this week during reading, and used them while narrating their expectational writing piece about Hibernation.

### Mr Selvin PE:

Nursery and Reception were PE superstars for this week, showing off how well they have learnt how to throw and catch a ball while working with a partner.

Yr 4 demonstrated very good dribbling skills in football.

### Year 3:

Year 3 have been building different structures using just paper. We investigated how we could use different methods to strengthen our models. In computing, we've started our unit on 'stop motion animation'!

### Year 4:

Year four have been doing some amazing writing this week. Their adventure narratives are based on Charlotte's Web but with an interesting twist. Year four have also been delving deep into the world of the Anglo-Saxons, combining their knowledge with their debating skills.

### Year 6:

The class have finished publishing their AMAZING biography on a famous suffragette. These have been proudly displayed; children will also take a copy and hope to share with their families.

**Year 5:** This week, we have composed our own music based on an image. In Humanities, we looked at what factors made the tundra biomes the coldest on earth. In writing, we have started a third person narrative based on our book, *Hearthstone Odyssey*.

### School value in focus this week: **Kindness**

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

The pupils who have shown excellent kindness are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Sharon</b>	<b>Ruzgar</b>	<b>De'Keirah</b>	<b>Jeremiah</b>	<b>Abigail</b>	<b>Nickyanae</b>

Online guidance for supporting your children at home:

A reminder of the web address for our school YouTube Channel. There are lots of useful short clips; for example, maths strategies which we use at school.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoP\\_ymSdwEBhB530cmcBW\\_g?app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoP_ymSdwEBhB530cmcBW_g?app=desktop)

### **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 Durcan) or leadership team (Ms Martin/Ms Frohock/Mrs Blewett)



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2023

**Hackney**

## Autism Acceptance Week 2023

HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE OUR  
AUTISM PRACTICE IS CULTURALLY  
SENSITIVE AND MEANINGFUL?

**Autism Education Trust**

- March 27**
  - staff training**  
Autism and Anxiety module  
9.30am-12.30pm at The Tomlinson Centre
  - autism awareness for parents**  
Making Sense of Autism module  
8-7.30pm online
- March 28**
  - autism awareness for parents**  
Making Sense of Autism module  
9.15-11am at The Tomlinson Centre
  - staff training**  
Autism and Exclusion module  
1-4pm at The Tomlinson Centre
- March 29**
  - autism awareness for all**  
Making Sense of Autism module  
9.30-11am online
  - parent conversation**  
We will be hosting a conversation with parents about autism and how it relates to their sense of cultural belonging. If you would like to get involved, or can signpost, please contact Fiona: [fiona.jones@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.jones@hackney.gov.uk)
- March 30**
  - student workshops**  
We are looking for Hackney students to be our local AET Young Autism Experts. If you are interested in engaging in a conversation about your autism diagnosis and what this means in terms of your cultural identity, ask your SENCo to contact: [jason.shonibare@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:jason.shonibare@hackney.gov.uk)

for more information email [lydia.scaletti@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:lydia.scaletti@hackney.gov.uk)



The Hackney Schools' Challenge is an amazing opportunity for pupils, aged 4-11, to take part in the Hackney Moves weekend. It will be hosted at the Hackney Marshes on Saturday 20th May 2023, at approx. 10.30am. Pupils who want to take part will cover as much of the 12 mile distance as possible in school, before running their final celebratory mile at Hackney Moves.

If you and/or your child would like to take part, please complete this form. We have a limited number of spaces for adults to participate so will confirm with you as soon as we can. <https://forms.gle/PRq2ypwF1doGdHGS9>

ACS Non-Violence  
Resistance Parenting  
Programme in City  
and Hackney



Starts from 26th April 2023  
for 12 weeks every Wednesdays 10 AM - 12PM

Register at: [bit.ly/ACSNVR23](https://bit.ly/ACSNVR23)

Taster Session: 19th & 26th April 10AM - 12PM

Course start date: 26th April 2023

Location: Morningside Community Centre, E9 6SJ



## About the programme?

This programme is specifically for parents from African Caribbean Heritage Community (ACH) whose children may be experiencing emotional wellbeing or behavioural challenges at home or at school.

The 12 week programme focuses on topics such as:

- De-escalation.
- Parental presence.
- Reconciliation gestures.
- Understanding parent' trauma and child trauma.

The programme runs within City and Hackney over a 12 week period.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/acs-non-violence-resistance-parenting-programme-nvr-registration-570056513377?fbclid=IwAR2OGKXpZcVTxoYiBP331BFx2qqwgWsLjRFprs-K7E-4gRQVnGQAcsyEcjE>