



## St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 20th  
October  
2023**

### **Latest news from school:**

What a wonderful first half term filled with joy, love and spirituality!  
Reminder: there is no October inset. Children due back to school on  
**Monday 30th October**. See you then!

We wish love and best wishes to Ms Zerrouki who is off on maternity leave.  
We can't wait to meet the baby!!

### **Black History Month**

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for joining us for our special exhibition celebrating black British women. We are truly proud of our children who have poured their hearts and souls into their work, showcasing their understanding of the incredible contributions made by their focus subject.

The exhibition was not just a moment to reflect on the past but also an opportunity to inspire our future leaders. Together, we can pave the way for a more inclusive, equitable, and harmonious society. Once again, thank you for being part of this important journey, and let's continue to celebrate and acknowledge the successes and achievements of black women in the United Kingdom.



### **Important dates:**

#### **Monday 30th October**

ALL children return to school at 8:30am

#### **Thursday 2nd November:**

Coffee Morning -  
Handwriting  
8:45-9:15

#### **Thursday 9th November:**

Coffee Morning -  
WAMHS 8:45-9:15

#### **Tuesday 14th November:**

Individual/Sibling  
Photos  
9:00am

#### **Tuesday 14th November:**

Parents Evening  
times tbc

#### **Thursday 16th November:**

Coffee Morning -  
Routines for pupils  
with SEND 8:45-9:15

#### **Friday 17th November:**

Flu Vaccination  
9:00am

#### **Thursday 23rd November:**

Coffee Morning -  
Online Safety (Young  
Hackney)  
8:45-9:45

### Deputy Mayor Visit

Our amazing school parliament warmly welcomed Deputy Mayor Bramble to St Matthias this week. The children talked Cllr Bramble through their Black History Month exhibitions and took part in a forum where they applied their oracy skills of turn taking, listening and building on ideas: asking the Deputy Mayor about her role and work in Hackney. Deputy Mayor Bramble was very impressed with our school parliament and believes there are future prime ministers and other future leaders among them. We are very proud of our school parliament and how they hosted this special visit.



### Coffee Mornings and Parent Workshops

Please join us from **8:45-9:15** in the **Community Room**.

These are opportunities for us to share information with you about a range of subjects. We hope to see as many people as possible.

#### **Autumn 2:**

<b>Thursday 2nd November</b>	Handwriting
<b>Thursday 9th November</b>	Meet the WAMHS clinician (focus on behaviour)
<b>Thursday 16th November</b>	Routines for pupils with SEND
<b>Thursday 23rd November</b>	Online Safety (Young Hackney 8:45-9:45)
<b>Thursday 30th November</b>	Oracy (speaking and listening) <b>Moved from Autumn 1</b>

### Thursday 30th

#### November:

Coffee Morning -

Oracy

8:45-9:15

<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	EYFS and KS1 Maths
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>	KS2 Maths

<b>PE after half term- please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit</b>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Y1 and Y2</b>	<b>EYFS Y3</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>Y5 (swimming)</b>

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

<b>Yr R</b> Artuhan	<b>Yr 1</b> Cataleja	<b>Yr 2</b> Veera	<b>Yr 3</b> Kendrick	<b>Yr 4</b> Israel	<b>Yr 5</b> Aaliyah	<b>Yr 6</b> Hephzibah
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**News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?**

**EYFS:**  
This week EYFS have been learning about different Carnivals around the world, including Notting Hill Carnival and its founder Claudia Jones for Black History Month. We have enjoyed making our own carnival crowns and shakers as well as dancing to different carnival music! We have also been doing plenty of writing this week including our names and the sounds h, b, f and e!

**Year 1:**  
This week year 1 have been rewriting the story 'I want my hat back'. We have been working hard on our handwriting to make it beautiful for our published work. In maths we have been exploring tens and ones. We have used different resources to discover what makes up a 2 digit number.

**Year 2:**  
This week we visited St Paul's Cathedral to learn more about the Great Fire of London - all the photos can be viewed on Year 2's Class Dojo. We have been using objects to tell number stories and reflecting on what the Lord's Prayer means to Christians.



<p><b>Year 3:</b> This week year 3 had a computing day where they were able to understand the three key functions of a digital device. Using this knowledge year 3 were able to create their own digital device which consisted of both an input and output process. Well done year 3!</p>	<p><b>Year 4:</b> We have had a busy week learning about the history of Romans in Britain. We learnt about Boudicca and how she revolted against the Romans, as well as how the Romans finally left the UK. We have created amazing fact files in writing about the Human Digestive systems. Please read your child's wonderful writing by logging on to their google classroom account.</p>	<p><b>Year 5:</b> In Year 5's exciting week, students embarked on a journey of cultural exploration with a visit to the British Museum, where they marvelled at the Benin Bronzes. Additionally, they ventured into their local community, capturing the beauty of diversity in Butterfield Green for a photo competition aimed at securing vital science funding for the school.</p>																		
<p><b>Year 6:</b> On our computing day, we explored how people can communicate and collaborate to produce content. We also identified how we can stay safe off and online and discussed the importance of seeking support if needed.</p>																				
<p>School value in focus this week: <b>Forgiveness</b></p>																				
<p>Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.</p>																				
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<p>Online guidance for supporting your children at home:</p>																				
<p>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.</p>																				
<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoP_ymSdwEBhB530cmcBW_g?app=desktop">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoP_ymSdwEBhB530cmcBW_g?app=desktop</a></p>																				
<p><b>Keeping Children Safe:</b> 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 Baez) or leadership team (Ms Martin/Ms Frohock/Mrs Blewett)</p>																				



**Pupil Attendance and Punctuality**

As a school it is really important that we keep accurate records of the children’s attendance and punctuality. If your child is unwell, or will be absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office and speak to Ms Janiece to report the absence. Alternatively you can email on: [admin@st-matthias.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-matthias.hackney.sch.uk)

It is important that we have this information by 9:00 am at the latest.

**STARTING AFTER THE OCTOBER HALF TERM!**  
 The Family Coach Service - 6 Week Parent Empowerment Groups

**Would you like to meet other parents who may have similar parenting experiences?**  
 If you've answered yes, our group could be for you!

For families with children that have special educational needs. No formal diagnosis or EHCP required.



**100%** of parents who attended previous groups would recommend the groups!

*'It's nice to meet other parents that are going through similar things as me'*

*'I now believe that I am a good mum and am doing my best'*

**MONDAYS**  
9:30 - 10:30 AM

**Parkwood Primary School**  
 Increasing confidence and reducing stress

**TUESDAYS**  
9:30 - 10:30 AM

**Haggerston School**  
 Finding tools for a successful school year

**WEDNESDAYS**  
5:30 - 6:30PM

**Online**  
 Increasing confidence and reducing stress as a parent

**THURSDAYS**  
9:30 - 10:30 AM

**Thomas Fairchild Community School**  
 Finding tools for behaviour

**FRIDAYS**  
9:30 - 10:30 AM

**St John and St James Primary School**  
 Increasing confidence and reducing stress as a parent

10 spaces available. Please send us an email to book your place today [familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk)

# Dyslexia Awareness Month 2023



## Understanding Dyslexia FREE parent edition

Get it free

### A short course to quickly learn the basics of dyslexia

Learn how to identify it, and how to help.

#### **Link to course for parents:**

<https://www.nessy.com/en-gb/product/understanding-dyslexia-free-parent-edition-for-dyslexia-awareness-month>

### **CAMHs Update**

## Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools (WAMHS) project

The City & Hackney Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Alliance are currently involved in a service redesign project that aims for **closer integration** between Well-being and Mental Health in Schools Services (WAMHS) and the Mental Health Support in School Team (MHST). As part of this process, we are inviting the school community to consultations to hear about WAMHS & MHST and to give feedback and views about experiences and changes needed.

The time of the online parent/carer forum is **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7-8pm.** Attendees will receive £20 voucher. Please register to attend and receive a Zoom link via: <https://bit.ly/45b8zwq>

# MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS

## CONSULTATION ON SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Your opportunity to give your views on the development of the Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools services  
Each parent/carer participant will receive a £20 voucher



**OCTOBER 30TH**  
**7PM TO 8PM**

Use the link below or the QR code to register and receive the Zoom link

<https://bit.ly/45b8zwq>



Please visit our school website for more top tips!

<https://www.st-matthias.hackney.sch.uk/children/well-being-2/well-being/>



Better and HIT Squad present

# FAMILY FUN DAY

Find inclusive activities for children and young people with additional needs

**WEDNESDAY  
25TH OCTOBER**

2 - 5pm / Free entry



MEET LOCAL LEISURE PROVIDERS AND TRY TASTER SESSIONS INCLUDING FOOTBALL, AFRICAN DRUMMING, TENNIS, SOFT PLAY AND MORE!

SEND SWIMMING TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE AT 1.30 AND 2PM - THESE MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

Join us and register for your free ticket on eventbrite:



**Short Breaks**  
HACKNEY

