



## St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 17th  
November  
2023**

### Latest news from school:

It was fantastic to see so many of you at parents' evening on Tuesday. A really lovely opportunity to hear about the progress your child is making at school. If you have any further concerns about your child's learning please do seek out Ms Baez, our SENDCo, who will talk to you about strategies and other professionals we could engage to ensure your child gets all the support they need.

We have already raised over £100 for the Gaza emergency appeal and will continue to sell maths text books to support both your children at home and raise money to help the children affected by what is happening in Gaza.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/emergencies/gaza-emergency-appeal>

Next Tuesday we invite all parents to a coffee morning at 8:45 to discuss our Christmas plans. Do you want to bake cakes? Or run a stall? Come and find out how you can help. We also need some Christmas elves to help wrap gifts for the children.



### Young Hackney - Keeping Pupils Safe Online (Thursday 8:45-9:45am in the Community Room)

Thank you to everyone who attended the Young Hackney session online on Thursday evening. We hope you found it as useful as we did. Young Hackney will be coming into school next Thursday morning to repeat the same session for those of you who were unable to attend online.

“Talking about the internet can be overwhelming, as there's constantly something new being released. This session aims to support you to start conversations about internet safety, how to utilise security settings and provides information and resources to support your child/children as they use the internet.”

### Important dates:

#### Tuesday 21st November

Coffee Morning -  
Christmas planning  
8:45-9:15

#### Thursday 23rd November:

Coffee Morning -  
Keeping Pupils Safe  
Online (Young  
Hackney)  
8:45-9:45

#### Thursday 30th November:

Coffee Morning -  
Oracy  
8:45-9:15

#### Wednesday 13th December:

EYFS Nativity  
Time tbc

#### Thursday 14th December:

Christmas Fayre -  
times 3:45-5:30

#### Tuesday 19th December:

Christmas lunch

#### Wednesday 20th December:

Festive clothes day

Last day of term

#### Tuesday 9th January:

All pupils return to  
school

## Coffee Mornings and Parent Workshops



A huge thank you to our parents and carers who attended our *SEND Coffee Morning* this week on *Routines and SENDiags*. It was a pleasure to welcome Iysha from the SENDiags team to explain the service for parents and to think about how early morning and evening routines prepare your children for a successful day of learning!

### Useful Links Discussed at the Coffee Morning:

SENDiags: <https://hackneysendiags.co.uk/>

Routines: <https://schoolhouse-daycare.co.uk/blog/create-a-daily-routine/>

### Upcoming Coffee Mornings

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 23rd November</b>	Keeping pupils safe online (Young Hackney 8:45-9:45)
<b>Thursday 30th November</b>	Oracy (speaking and listening) <b>Moved from Autumn 1</b>
<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	EYFS and KS1 Maths
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>	KS2 Maths

### **PE after half term- please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit**

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.

Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Inaaya	Seline	Joshua	D'Neisha	Amelia	Jeremy	Faith

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

	<p><b>EYFS:</b></p> <p>Another busy week in EYFS! We have been enjoying reading our Everywhere Bear story and imagining all the different activities we would like to do with the teddy at home. We have learnt about how we are all different and talking about what makes us special. We have loved showing each other our teddies and having a tea party with them.</p>	<p><b>Year 1:</b></p> <p>Year 1 have had a really focused week! We have been celebrating anti-bullying week and have been thinking of all the wonderful things we do at St Matthias to show kindness. We have also been learning how to use equality and inequality signs in maths and tackling some tricky questions.</p>	<p><b>Year 2:</b></p> <p>We have had an excellent week focussing on our anti-bullying week discussions and letters. We explored what a campaign is and why they are important and what we could do to raise awareness in our local community. We have used our maths learning this week as an opportunity to develop our fluency with our addition and subtraction skills.</p>
	<p><b>Year 3:</b></p> <p>This week year 3 have been focused on our anti-bullying campaign discussing different ways in which we at St Matthias show kindness and how we can use these strategies to help raise awareness to others. Well done year 3!</p>	<p><b>Year 4:</b></p> <p>We have been learning about how rivers form across the world in anticipation of our trip to a man made river (canal) in Stratford. We have also been exploring the relationship between the the 3 and 6 times tables as we strive to learn all of our number facts. Keep quizzing Year 4!</p>	<p><b>Year 5:</b></p> <p>This week, our class explored formal informative letters, delving into their structure and purpose. In Maths, we tackled challenging problems involving decimals and money. For Science, we learned about plant reproduction through bulbs, runners, and tubers, enhancing our understanding with engaging fill-in-the-blank activities.</p>
	<p><b>Year 6:</b></p> <p>In Geography, Year 6 have been developing their fieldwork skills. They have been learning to read maps and provide grid references to locate places. We look forward to use this skills when we go to Ufton Court on our residential.</p>		

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 R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	<b>Angelica</b>	<b>Enzo</b>	<b>Steven</b>	<b>Taaraz</b>	<b>Abigail</b>	<b>Faith</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)

### **Online Safety**

TIP: Check to see if certain apps that your children are using has a parent mode for you to monitor things they are accessing.

Come to our **Keeping Children Safe Online workshops with Young Hackney:**

- **Thursday 23rd November 8:45-9:45 in the Community Room**

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

### **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.



### **Speech and Language Update**

Parents and carers of children on the speech and language caseload can contact our SaLT, Isobel, on Fridays at the details below.

	<p>Isobel Stockton Speech and Language Therapist Working days at St Matthias: Fridays Focus: All year groups Mobile: 07785 700 885 Tel: 020 7683 4262 Email: i.stockton@nhs.net</p>
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### **Talking Walk-in Dates**

If you are a Hackney resident, your child is under 5 years old and you'd like to see a Speech and Language Therapist, please get in touch and you will be invited to attend an appointment. These are stay-and-play style sessions where your child can play and interact with others in a relaxed environment. A Speech and Language Therapist will talk to you individually about your concerns and observe your child. You will be given some advice and, if appropriate, you will make a plan together about the most appropriate next steps (this may include further assessment of your child or booking in for some therapy sessions).

#### **Dates and Locations:**

<https://gethackneytalking.co.uk/healthcare-professionals/tiwi-dates/>

