



## St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 3rd  
November  
2023**

### Latest news from school:

The children have come back to school with a positive attitude and a thirst for learning!

Particularly impressed by how children have been supporting each other around the school both with learning and through play. Children are calm and settled and have been working hard to improve their presentation and handwriting.

This week in assembly we learnt about the importance of our school vision:

#### **Our identity, Our world, Our voice, Our Future**

**At St Matthias we are committed to empowering our children to become independent life-long learners who:**

**Know who they are, ask questions about the world around them, use their voices to make a difference and aspire to greatness. Our Christian values nurture a safe, caring and inclusive environment where Together we have *'faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love'*.**



Together we pray for peace in the Middle East and for all our friends and neighbours affected by the conflict. This is a link to a useful resource to talk to your children about what is happening in the World <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>

We urge that all parents whose children have access to social media and youtube monitor your child's activity as many platforms like TikTok show unfiltered death and destruction and can cause trauma for our young people when scrolling.

Please come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected.

### **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 9th November</b>	Meet the WAMHS clinician (focus on behaviour)
<b>Thursday 16th November</b>	Routines for pupils with SEND
<b>*NEW*</b> <b>Thursday 16th November</b>	<b><u>ONLINE TWILIGHT</u></b> Keeping pupils safe online (Young Hackney 6-7pm)
<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><i>Moved from Autumn 1</i></b>
<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	EYFS and KS1 Maths
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>	KS2 Maths

### **Important dates:**

#### **Thursday 9th**

#### **November:**

Coffee Morning -  
WAMHS 8:45-9:15

#### **Tuesday 14th**

#### **November:**

Individual/Sibling  
Photos  
9:00am

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#### **November:**

Parents Evening  
times tbc

#### **Thursday 16th**

#### **November:**

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

Online Twilight  
Parent Session  
Keeping Pupils Safe  
Online (Young  
Hackney) 6-7pm

#### **Friday 17th**

#### **November:**

Flu Vaccination  
9:00am

#### **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

<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>		
<p><b>Hot chocolate Friday!</b> Pupils enjoyed hot chocolate this week. They have consistently displayed exemplary behaviour and learning.</p>						
<b>Yr R</b> Huzaifa	<b>Yr 1</b> Junior	<b>Yr 2</b> Selasi	<b>Yr 3</b> A'meirah	<b>Yr 4</b> Samuel	<b>Yr 5</b> Paris	<b>Yr 6</b> Armani
<b>News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?</b>						
<p><b>EYFS:</b> The children have had a great start to Autumn 2, and they have come back ready to learn and try their best - well done! This week we discussed Bonfire Night and learnt a new song to sing for it. We also made our own fireworks pictures and described them in our writing books. In PSHE we learnt about using "gentle hands" - our learning is on display outside our classroom!</p>		<p><b>Year 1:</b> Year 1 have had a great start to the term! We have been trying really hard in our learning and our focus has been amazing! In writing we have been writing to persuade Halibut Jackson to go to a royal party. We also created a conscience alley to plan our arguments. In maths we have been using resources to measure length, height and mass. We ordered ourselves from tallest to shortest.</p>		<p><b>Year 2:</b> We have had a great start to the new half term, we started reading our new book The fox and the Star and wrote descriptive phrases from objects found in the forest. In maths we have been continuing with our work with number bonds to ten and we discussed how different parts of the human body function.</p>		
<p><b>Year 3:</b> This week in PSHE year 3 was focused on appreciating others for their differences. They did this by identifying similarities and differences between humans and animals and acknowledge that regardless of this everyone is important. Alongside this, year 3 also wrote prayers in honour of remembrance day.</p>		<p><b>Year 4:</b> This week, we have been looking at perimeter. We measured the perimeter of a range of items and compared the length when straight. We've also had a go using the measurements of polygons using standard units. In writing, we have been looking at the 'The Borrowers' and planning to write our own version of the narrative.</p>		<p><b>Year 5:</b> This week, Year 5 blossomed creatively, composing an original music piece, which they performed with pride. We also dove into "Ghost," a compelling tale about a gifted runner facing academic hurdles, sparking rich discussions on resilience and potential. The children connected deeply with the protagonist's journey.</p>		

**Year 6:**

This week, Year 6 has been learning about negative numbers in maths. We have learnt how they can be used in relation to measuring temperature, sea-levels and money. The class answered reasoning questions using this new knowledge.

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

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 **Collaboration** are:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	<b>Luke</b>	<b>Reneece</b>	<b>Joellianna</b>	<b>Amelia</b>	<b>Abigail</b>	Latifah

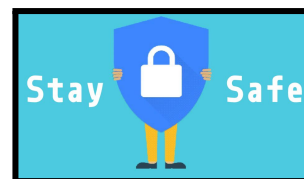
Online guidance for supporting your children at home:

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:** Ask your child what they would do if they come across something online that makes them worry. Do they know how to report and block something?



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

- **Thursday 16th November 6-7pm online**
- **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.

**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)