



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 10th
November
2023**

Latest news from school:

Looking forward to seeing all our parents and carers for parents evening next Tuesday. We have amazing learning we would love to share with you.

Tuesday is also sewing day! Look what we have started making to sell at the summer fair. Come along to the Community Room and join in.



Pupil Parliament has relaunched at St Matthias. We are seeing amazing work around oracy and discussions around democracy and social action. Today, Ms Baez and Ms Darlene were accompanied by Pupil Parliament to go to Westminster to visit the Houses of Parliament. What an amazing opportunity!



ONLINE TWILIGHT: Young Hackney - Keeping Pupils Safe Online (Thursday 6-7pm)

Young Hackney will be running an online workshop on Thursday via Google Meets. If you can, we strongly recommend for all parents and carers to join, as they will speak about all the different ways we can keep our children safe online.

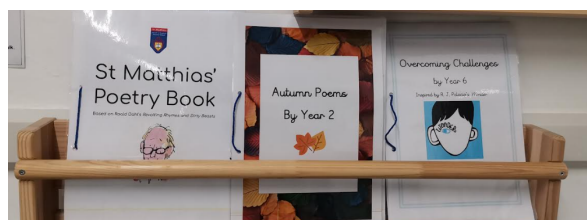
“Talking about the internet can be overwhelming, as there’s constantly something new being released. This session aims to support you to start conversations about internet safety, how to utilise security settings and provides information and resources to support your child/children as they use the internet.”

If you would like to join, follow this link - it will be texted out next week too:
<https://meet.google.com/aig-itth-wco>

If you can’t make it, they will run the same session in-person the following Thursday morning.

Come and read some of our amazing writing near the office!

We’ve all been working hard and would love to share our incredible work!



Important dates:

Tuesday 14th November:

Individual/Sibling
Photos
9:00am

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Parents Evening
times forms have
been sent out

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

WAMHs Coffee Morning



Thank you so much to all our parents and carers who attended our WAMHs coffee morning this week led by Emma Sinclair from WAMHs. We had some great discussions about how we can support our children's mental health and behaviour. Thank you!



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:

Thursday 16th November	Routines for pupils with SEND
NEW Thursday 16th November	ONLINE TWILIGHT Keeping pupils safe online (Young Hackney 6-7pm)
Thursday 23rd November	Keeping pupils safe online (Young Hackney 8:45-9:45)

Thursday 30th November	Oracy (speaking and listening) <i>Moved from Autumn 1</i>
Thursday 7th December	EYFS and KS1 Maths
Thursday 14th December	KS2 Maths

PE after half term- please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y4	NO PE	EYFS Y3	Y1 and Y2 Y6	Y5 (swimming)

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
Meela	Cataleja	Crystal	Kayden	Alberta	Dennikye	Joel

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

<p>EYFS:</p> <p>In Early Years we have been practising using our phonics sounds to write down our ideas and to describe our new Class Teddy. We have also been learning about Diwali - we listened to special Diwali music and practised some traditional dance moves, and used salt dough to make our own divas! In PSHE we talked about what we are good at and what makes us proud. Well done EYFS!</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <p>In Year 1 we have been writing persuasively. We carried out some drama activities and thought about oracy skills when trying to persuade someone to go to a royal party. We also visited the church to do some beautiful drawings of the stained glass windows of saints to celebrate All Saints' Day last week.</p>	<p>Year 2:</p> <p>In Year 2 this week we have created some amazing poems about autumn using expanded noun phrases and similes. We have also continued developing our subtraction skills, conducted an experiment to understand what effect exercise has on the heart and explored how the climate in the UK differs from Jamaica.</p>	
<p>Year 3:</p> <p>This week, year 3 has been focused on writing a newspaper report by identifying key features of a newspaper and going a step further to create a newspaper report based on a key scene within the story 'Whizzwig' which they are focused on in both</p>	<p>Year 4:</p> <p>Year 4 has worked so hard this week on planning their narratives in writing, focusing on showing sentences. We are also so proud of the kindness and collaboration they have shown to one another whilst Mrs Cherid has been away. Well done</p>	<p>Year 5:</p> <p>This week in Year 5, students engaged in a diverse curriculum. They practised persuasive letter writing, addressing Diane Abbott about refugee issues. In maths, they began a unit on money, learning about its value and use. Additionally, they started exploring life cycles</p>	

reading and writing. Well done year 3	year 4!	in science, delving into the stages of growth and development in various organisms.
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Year 6:

Year 6 has published their stories!
Check them out on the St Matthias School Writing Blog!
Scan this QR code:



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 have shown excellent **Resilience** are:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kamirah	Mateo	Delaney	Ja'niyah	Lachlan	Nathan	Joyce

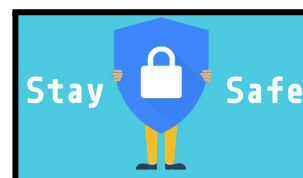
Online guidance for supporting your children at home:

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

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 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

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

ANTI BULLYING WEEK Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November 2023



HOW CAN PARENTS HELP PREVENT BULLYING?



- *Be a role model by treating others with respect and kindness.*
- *Encourage activities that boost self-esteem in your child.*
- *Regularly monitor your child's computer or cell phone usage – be aware of what sites they access and who they are communicating with.*
- *Talk to your child often about school.*
- *Seek support if you are worried about your child.*
- *Support the school rules and policies.*