



## St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th  
January 2024

### Latest news from school:

#### What a fantastic start to 2024!

In assembly this week we all thought about ourselves as precious metals and gave ourselves a really good start of term polish. This week your children have been shining bright, all sparkly and the best versions of themselves. We are excited about the learning ahead, with lots of trips planned and many opportunities for exploring and discovering. Our parents craft workshops will be back on Tuesday next week due to popular demand!

#### 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.

#### Spring 1:

<b>Thursday 18th January</b>	Storytelling (Mrs Cherid)
<b>Thursday 25th January</b>	KS2 Grammar (Ms Martin)
<b>Thursday 1st February</b>	KS1 Grammar (Ms Martin)
<b>Thursday 8th February</b>	Speech and Language (Speech and Language therapist)

PE next week - please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5	<b>EYFS</b> Y1 and Y2	Y3	Y6	Y4 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
Hansraj	Junior	Khloe	Elif	Amelia	Diamond	Chaneya

### Important dates:

**Every Tuesday**  
**starting 16th Jan:**  
Sewing mornings

**Wednesday 17th**  
**January**  
Year 5 trip to Salters Hall

**Thursday 18th**  
**January:**  
Storytelling Coffee Morning  
8:45-9:15am  
Community Room

**Friday 19th January**  
Year 5 Sports Festival trip

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

<p><b>EYFS:</b> We've had a lovely first week back - the children have come back well rested and excited to learn. We have enjoyed learning about Winter and seasonal changes through our core text "A Snowy Day" - we have been looking out for more snow! Thanks to the cold weather we know lots of new words such as "chilly" and "freezing"!</p>	<p><b>Year 1:</b> We have had a wonderful first week back at school. We have been reading an exciting book called Traction Man. We have created an amazing word bank filled with adjectives to write expanded noun phrases. We have been editing our sentences in order to publish our character descriptions next week!</p>	<p><b>Year 2:</b> We have really enjoyed spending the week together, after the Christmas holidays. In maths, we have started learning about putting things into equal groups for multiplication and, in writing, we have been reading 'The Storm Whale', where we have been responding to the beautiful illustrations.</p>	
<p><b>Year 3:</b> Year 3 have had a fantastic start to term. We have been focused on angles, specifically identifying right angles in maths. In history, we have been answering the learning question 'how did the Shang Dynasty start?' have a go at testing your child!  Well done year 3!</p>	<p><b>Year 4:</b> We have already done so much learning for our first week back. In RE, we started exploring the religion of Hinduism. In history, we looked at why the Dark Ages were so dark! In maths, we're having a look at the sneaky 7 times table that doesn't have a pattern. In RSHE, we started the new year strong by setting ourselves some long and short term goals.</p>	<p><b>Year 5:</b> This week in Year 5, we embraced a world of learning. Our students crafted life cycle posters and delved into complex multiplication problems. In drama, they shone brightly, interpreting characters with depth. Their analytical skills were honed through peer performance reviews, showcasing their growing maturity.</p>	
<p><b>Year 6:</b> Year 6 has enjoyed starting our new book in Reading. Blackberry Blue is a collection of fairy tales that Jamila Gavin has written; the author has drawn inspiration from traditional fairy tales to write modern, representative tales that the class are eager to continue!</p>			

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 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Seline</b>		<b>Aiden</b>	<b>Taaraz</b>	<b>Nathan</b>	<b>Roshni</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.

### Coffee Morning (Family Coach Taster Session)

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended this week's coffee morning led by the *Family Coach Service*. The session explored the links between thoughts, feelings, actions and covered *5 Ways of Wellbeing*. Stay tuned for the next course run by the *Family Coach Service* after half term!



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



Thursday, 1 February

## **Online Parent Workshop: Helping your child to manage anxiety and stress**

Join our online parent workshop to learn effective ways to help your child manage anxiety and stress.

**MHST are running workshops for parents on managing anxiety. This workshop is free and online, see link below to join:**

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-parent-workshop-helping-your-child-to-manage-anxiety-and-stress-tickets-667426018187?fbclid=IwAR1kWYoeXU4y-LrsdtdAXjGjOFo\\_Q7bGUKhINMnnVW7yv-Xx87ICLa7-cpc](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-parent-workshop-helping-your-child-to-manage-anxiety-and-stress-tickets-667426018187?fbclid=IwAR1kWYoeXU4y-LrsdtdAXjGjOFo_Q7bGUKhINMnnVW7yv-Xx87ICLa7-cpc)

## **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/>

