



Latest news from school:

School Parliament Trip to the Palace of Westminster



This week our fantastic **School Parliament** (Year 2-6) visited the **Palace of Westminster** for a tour and a workshop. They asked amazing questions about the Houses of Parliament rooms they entered (some had ceilings that were over a thousand years old!) and used their oracy skills to express their opinions on a number of topics. They also sat in the House of Lords and listened to speakers shaping and making laws. The workshop and tour guides commented on the great questions the children asked and were very impressed by their ideas. Well done school parliament and to the adults who came to support the trip!



Important dates:

Every Tuesday
starting 16th Jan:
Sewing mornings

Thursday 25th Jan:
KS2 Grammar parent workshop (8:45-9:15)

Tuesday 30th Jan:
Y6 TfL Citizenship trip

Thursday 1st Feb:
KS2 Grammar parent workshop (8:45-9:15)

Thursday 8th Feb:
Speech and Language parent workshop (8:45-9:45)

Thursday 8th Feb:
Keeping children safe online twilight parent workshop with Young Hackney (online 6-7pm)

ISINGPop Workshop



Some of the year 4 and 5 children have been chosen to perform at a special service at St Paul's cathedral. We have had a special visitor teach us the songs and routines. We are all very excited about some of us performing!

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:

Thursday 25th January	KS2 Grammar (Ms Martin)
Thursday 1st February	KS1 Grammar (Ms Martin)
Thursday 8th February	Speech and Language (Speech and Language therapist) 8:45-9:45
Thursday 8th February	TWILIGHT online 6-7pm Keeping children safe online (Young Hackney)

PE next week - please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5	Y1 and Y2	EYFS 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
Liam	Kasey	Jedidiah	Khyran	Luna	Jeremiah	Mason

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

<p>EYFS: This week we all enjoyed a fantastic drama workshop where we acted out characters from the Wild West - everyone loved joining in. We have been working hard in our reading and writing this week by making lists of what to wear in the cold weather. In maths we have been learning to order numbers using our favourite Numberblocks characters and everyone has been doing some excellent counting. Well done EYFS!</p>	<p>Year 1: This week we have published our fantastic character descriptions of Traction Man! We have developed our vocabulary and chosen some great adjectives. In maths we have been exploring shape! We have all been so engaged with our new topic. We also looked at positional language and how we can use it to describe different peoples viewpoints.</p>	<p>Year 2: This week we have looked at photographs of Walter Tull to see what we could find out about his life. We have also been writing in character as Noi, from our book The Storm Whale. We had an amazing time at our drama workshop where we used our imaginations and collaboration skills to tell a story in the Wild West. and in maths we have also been using objects to create groups as an introduction to learning about multiplication.</p>	
<p>Year 3: In year 3, we explored the concept of a promise/ covenant. Year 3 had an amazing time creating role plays to demonstrate this. We also conducted a science experiment focusing on the learning question 'how do different things move on different surfaces?' Well done year 3!</p>	<p>Year 4: In year 4, we had a fun science experiment looking at 'static'. Lots of our hairs were standing on end at the end of the lesson! We have also been incredibly lucky to be visited by a string quartet from 'Apollo Music' who will be teaching us about instruments and inviting us to a special concert at the end of this term!</p>	<p>Year 5: This week in Year 5, we explored the significance of family through essays and discussions, delved into complex multi-step multiplication problems, and examined the historical event of Edward the Confessor's succession. Our focus on deep thinking skills was evident as we navigated both historical analysis and mathematical reasoning.</p>	
<p>Year 6: The class has taken on the role and responsibilities of Playground Helpers. Each day, two children from the class volunteer to be playground buddies to the younger children in EYFS and KS1. They have set up games to play and are working hard to be role models. Keep it up Year 6!</p>			

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

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 **service** are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Maya	Safiyah	Jamal	Alberta	Jeremy	Joyce

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INNER WARRIOR

**CHALLENGE YOURSELF
TRY SOMETHING
NEW THIS YEAR**

Get Involved at Hackney RFC!
■ When - 21st January @ 10am
■ Where - Spring Hill, E9 5BL
■ Contact Us – girlsheadcoach@hackneyrfc.co.uk

GET INVOLVED AT FINDRUGBY.COM

England Rugby

Year 5 and year 6 girls are invited to a free rugby session this Sunday at Spring Hill, E9 5BL, at 10am. All girls are welcome - just show up, no need to register!

Children and young people are bound to spend lots more time on devices since Covid. **DON'T FEEL BAD** – lots will be schoolwork or healthy ways of catching up with friends or having fun. There are many ways to keep them safe, healthy and happy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or Skyping Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? **Internet Matters** has hundreds of guides to parental controls.



Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced – they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** or **NSPCC's NetAware**. And why not download the **BBC Own It** app?



Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel – there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.



Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).



Autism Education Trust Training

Are you waiting for assessment or does your child already have an Autism Diagnosis?

Are you curious and would you like to know more about Autism?



Parent Autism Education Trust Training

Thursday 8th of February 9:15 - 11:15 am @ Harrington Hill

Tuesday 19th of March 6 - 8 pm @ Online

Friday 19th of April 11:30 - 1:30 pm @ Online

Sign me up!

familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

Let us know which session you'd like to attend.

We look forward to working with you!

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

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

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.



Workshop Activities:

- Anansi storytelling and storyboarding with cartoonist Danny F.
- Learn about Anansi's origins with African and Caribbean elders.
- Decorate a friendship circle for the Hackney Wall of Friendship.
- Add your family history to the Hackney Family Tree.

Anansi Lives! is a graphic anthology of Anansi stories by Hackney comic-writer Danny F. Create your own story set in Hackney featuring the immortal Ghanaian folk character Anansi and adapt it to a storyboard. What do you love about where you live? What changes do you want to see? How will you make it happen?

We will use comic-strip panels, speech bubbles, narration boxes and images to tell your story. Don't worry if you're not confident about drawing as storyboarding can incorporate collage and text and we'll be on hand to help.

A free Anansi Lives resource pack will be available after booking.

Email: ifminuhlaughmicry@gmail.com for any enquiries.