

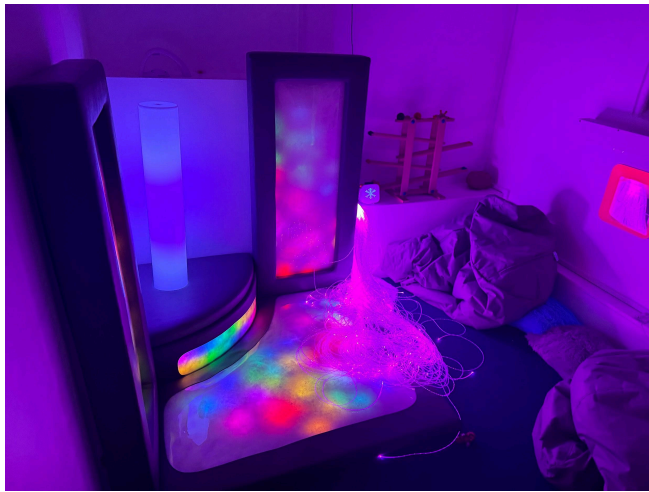


St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th
January 2024

Latest news from school:

We have a really special new space in the school. This week we saw the launch of our sensory room. This is a space primarily for our children with special needs. However, research shows that a space like this has a huge impact on all learners, helping children to develop and engage their senses and regulate their emotions. We are proud to be able to offer this therapeutic space. You'll know where to find us!



Important dates:

Every Tuesday
starting 16th Jan:
Sewing mornings

Tuesday 30th Jan:
Y6 TfL Citizenship trip

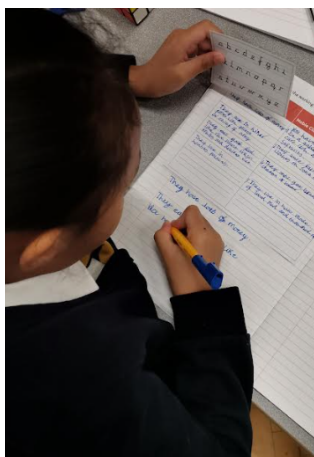
Thursday 1st Feb:
KS2 Grammar parent
workshop (8:45-9:15)

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)

Handwriting

We have all been working so hard to improve our handwriting by focusing on letter formation, joins and finger spaces. On Tuesday, we had another handwriting assembly and the improvement was amazing - well done St Matthias!



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 1st February	KS1 and KS2 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
Maison	Daniel	Mustapha	Kayden	Lola	Zayn	Jane

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

EYFS:

This week we have been exploring the Naughty Bus story - we have had a naughty, cheeky bus visit our classroom to play! We have been using adjectives to describe him and come up with lots of interesting words. In PSHE we have been talking about things we find difficult - and how important it is to keep on trying and never give up.

Year 1:

This week we have been exploring 3D shapes. We have identified real life objects in the classroom or at home that represent 3D shapes. In writing we have been focusing on expanded noun phrases and building vocabulary to describe a terrifying tiger that meets Traction Man.

Year 2:

This year we have been using our voice to write persuasive letters in Writing. We continued our work on multiplication in Maths and in science we looked at what organisms you might find in different habitats. .

Year 3:

This week, year 3 have been exploring different playscripts, they have had a go at acting one out and using another

Year 4:

We have been exploring the life of Anglo-Saxons and what they may have worn, eaten or lived in. It was interesting

Year 5:

This week in Year 5, students engaged in diverse activities, mastering new multiplication concepts and exploring subordinate

to identify key features of a playscript. Next week, year 3 will use this knowledge to publish their own script.	delving into the Dark Ages and exploring the artefacts they left behind.	conjunctions in their writing. They showed great enthusiasm in science and participated actively on our sports inspired physical education day at the Britannia Leisure Centre.
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Year 6:
 We have drawn on inspiration from our reading book, 'Blackberry Blue', to create our own fairytale characters. We have thought carefully about what horrible traits our villains hold, and what conflicts they will be a part of in our story writing.

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 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aishat	Olamiposi	Mariam	Chloe	JJ	Abigail

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.