



## St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd  
February 2024

### Latest news from school:

#### StoryTeller Week 2024

We have had a very successful Storyteller week! We have already had a submission from every class, with children choosing to give in paper and electronic versions of their own creative story. Children have also enjoyed visiting classes across the school to show off their best storyteller voices!



### Important dates:

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

**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)

**Friday 9th Feb:**  
Last day of term

**Monday 19th Feb:**  
All children return to  
school at 8:30am

### Y4 Afternoon Tea

Year 4 had the opportunity to visit St Matthias Halls to claim our prize of a lovely afternoon tea, with freshly baked cupcakes and scones. We loved the tea and hot chocolate, as well as the chance to thank such important members of our community.



### St Paul's Service

Our Collective Worship Ambassadors attended the annual service based on the theme of 'Reconciliation'. We participated in the procession, sang the hymns and visited the beautiful Globe art installation.



### 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 8th February</b>	Speech and Language (Speech and Language therapist) 8:45-9:45
<b>Thursday 8th February</b>	<b>TWILIGHT online 6-7pm</b> <b>Keeping children safe online (Young Hackney)</b>

<b>PE next week - please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit</b>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Y1 and Y2</b>	<b>EYFS</b> <b>Y3</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>Y4</b> <b>Swimming</b>

### **Hot chocolate Friday!**

Pupils enjoyed hot chocolate this week. They have consistently displayed exemplary behaviour and learning.

Yr R Omotayo	Yr 1 Ryaan	Yr 2 Berekia	Yr 3 A'maiyah	Yr 4 Jahiem	Yr 5 Abigail	Yr 6 Le'Shayne	
<b>News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?</b>							
<p><b>EYFS:</b> We have been working hard this week, especially in Literacy. We have been writing facts about transport and some of us have been reading ditties and storybooks everyday! We have welcomed lots of visitors to our class for Storyteller week and enjoyed many stories. In RE we asked "Why is Jesus special?" and enjoyed listening to lots of Bible stories about him. The children also enjoyed sharing their own knowledge about his life. Well done Early Years!</p>		<p><b>Year 1:</b> This week we have done lots of amazing learning. We have been using tens frames in maths to explore '5 and a bit' method. In humanities we have been learning about Amy Johnson and researched the struggles she might have faced flying to Australia by herself in 1930! We also had our D.T Day where we learnt about Henry Ford and took inspiration from his work to construct our own junk model car!</p>		<p><b>Year 2:</b> We have been working hard this week to write a persuasive letter using the facts we have learnt about whales as a foundation for our arguments. We also explored what a family tree was in Humanities and learnt more about the Jewish festival of Sukkot. On Thursday we came together for our Design and Technology day where we tried our hand at designing a pouch. We had to learn to thread a needle and use running stitch as well as cutting out a template. We have also really enjoyed reading with other year groups during our storyteller sessions!</p>			
<p><b>Year 3:</b> This week year 3 went on a trip to the Science Museum. Here we explored the exhibition and related it back to our previous learning. Head over to class dojo to see some of the photos taken on this trip.</p>		<p><b>Year 4:</b> We have been completing our spine poem based on the spider from Charlotte's Web. It's been hard work including alliteration and similes in every line. In Science, we have been learning the scientific symbol for the parts of a circuit - we're great at drawing them!</p>		<p><b>Year 5:</b> This week, Year 5 excelled in maths, crafted imaginative stories in English, and explored science through engaging experiments. They showed teamwork in physical education and collaborated effectively in group projects. Their enthusiasm and dedication made it a week of significant learning and personal growth. Well done, Year 5!</p>			
<p><b>Year 6:</b> Year 6 took part in the Transport for London of Citizenship Award. The class took part in a range of workshops which helped to develop key life skills and knowledge that will be helpful as the children transition into secondary school. Some of the workshops that we attended included: The London Fire Brigade, Metropolitan Police, NHS Dentistry Service, Transport for London, Road Safety, Banking, Well-being.</p>							
<p>School value in focus this week: <b>Collaboration</b></p>							

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:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Meela</b>	<b>Maya</b>	<b>Preet and Iqra</b>	<b>Romeo</b>	<b>Deniz</b>	<b>Nathan</b>	<b>Jael</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.

[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)

**Speech and Language Coffee Morning (Thursday 8th February)**

Next Thursday's coffee morning will be on speech, language and communication needs and autism and we encourage all parents to attend whose child is open to the speech and language service or who is autistic. The session starts at 8:45 am - 9:45 am in the community room and will be led by our speech and language therapist.

**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.



#### 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.

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