



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th February
2024

Latest news from school:

What a brilliant start to 2024! As our first Spring term comes to an end we can reflect on all the fabulous learning opportunities that have taken place at St Matthias.

We are particularly proud of our children who sang for the Archbishop of Canterbury, the children who worked to design a green space for our playground and the children who continually show excellent learning and behaviour across the school. Looking forward to learning and growing together in Spring 2.

Young Hackney Parent Twilight

Last night, Young Hackney ran a twilight session for parents and carers supporting with online safety. Thank you to all who attended, we hope you found it useful. Some of the top tips were:

- Check your parental controls on your child's device - you can limit time on any app!
- Play the games your children are playing to see potential risks
- Know who your children are speaking to in games, on WhatsApp etc.
- Don't stop children from using an app - teach them how to use it safely
- Equip your children with skills - always report something to a trusted adult, if something doesn't feel right.

If you have any questions or concerns about online safety, please come and speak to Ms Martin.

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 2:

Thursday 22nd February	Girls in Sport
Thursday 29th February	PSHE and RSE
Thursday 7th March	No workshop - World Book Day!
Thursday 14th March	Science
Thursday 21st March	Neurodiversity Week

Important dates:

Every Tuesday starting

16th Jan:

Sewing mornings

Monday 19th Feb:

All children return to school at 8:30am

Thursday 22nd Feb:

Girls in Sport parent workshop (8:45-9:15)

Thursday 29th Feb:

PSHE and RSE parent workshop (8:45-9:15)

Thursday 7th Mar:

World Book Day!

Monday 11th Mar:

Start of British Science Week

Thursday 14th Mar:

Science parent workshop (8:45-9:15)

Pupils visiting Stoke Newington Bookshop

Thursday 21st Mar:

Neurodiversity Week parent workshop (8:45-9:15)

Parents Evening

Thursday 28th Mar:

Last day of term

Sports sessions throughout the day - All pupils to wear sports kit

PE after half term - 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
Isla	Jaidayal	Lais	Joellianna	Israel	Daniel
					Yr 6
					Jael
News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?					
EYFS: This week we have all worked hard and challenged ourselves - especially with lots of phonics and puzzle challenges! We learnt about Chinese New Year and made paper dragons, and we also made Valentine crafts for our loved ones. In English we have been innovating new endings and characters for "Naughty Bus" and everyone came up with such imaginative ideas - well done EYFS!		Year 1: This week, Year 1 have been working really hard. In maths we have been learning about number lines and estimating where numbers would be plotted. We also had our computing day! We learnt how to move robots by programming our beebots to travel across a map.		Year 2: This week we have been learning about the story of Hanukkah. We have had our computing day where we worked in groups to program an algorithm and make our own mazes for bee bots to travel through. We also practiced counting in tens to investigate how many fingers we had in our classroom all together!	
Year 3: This week year 3 had their computing day where they focused on how to create a Scratch programme sequence. Everyone worked extremely hard and showed resilience. Well done year 3! Alongside this, in RE we were focused on the importance of the Seder meal and what each food item represents.		Year 4: We have had such a busy week this week. On Tuesday, we had our DT day, where we worked incredibly hard to make a fabulous bag to wear and use daily. On Wednesday, we had our computing day where we created looped algorithms using 'Logo' to design wallpaper. We have shared these on class dojo so check them out!		Year 5: This week, Year 5 embarked on a poignant journey with Imara's story from "Gorilla Dawn," exploring themes of resilience and hope. Through crafting interview scripts, they delved into the complexities of survival and the power of the human spirit. Their reflections showcased a deep understanding of empathy and the importance of standing up against adversity.	
Year 6: This week the class has been publishing their stories. They have written their					

own exciting fairytale stories and have thought carefully about how the theme of good versus evil is explored. We are excited to read their final pieces and share them on the St Matthias Writing Blog!

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

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 **respect** are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Daniel	Reneece	A'meirah	Kerem	Cavai	Joel

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)

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.

Keeping Children Safe When Gaming Online

Potential Risk	What can you do?
Inappropriate content	Check the PEGI rating 
	Check the content descriptors 
Speaking with strangers	Look at the chat functions in games/ apps - if you can, restrict them Lots of games have unrestricted chat functions like Fortnite Teach to report and block
Game addiction	Encourage children to take breaks Encourage playing other games or outside
Useful resources	Social Gaming and Live Streaming App guides Think U Know NSPCC Online Safety Guides Childline Online Safety Advice
Always encourage to talk to a trusted adult, if concerned.	

Short Breaks
PRESENTS
BETTER

Fun Leisure Activities

HIT
Squad

SEND Inclusive Leisure Fair

14 | 02 | 2024
2 - 5 PM

Britannia Leisure Centre

Brought to you by the HIT-Squad, Short Breaks,
and Better



The Activities (Just some of them!)

Swimming | Face-Painting | Art | Theatre | Badminton

Meet like-minded individuals, make new friends, and enjoy a day full
of laughter and enjoyment.



Registration Link | www.reallygreatsite.com

Mindfulness for Parents

5-week mindfulness group

22nd Feb - 23rd March 2024 on Fridays 10 - 12pm
at Rushmore Primary School in the Music Room

Run by CAMHS Practitioners Su and Eva

This mindfulness group is for parents / carers who would like a nurturing space to develop a practice of mindfulness to support them with caring for themselves and their families.


This group is designed to help you to develop your own self-care mindfulness practice, to make time for yourself and to meet other parents / carers who also want a space to recuperate and reflect.



Sign up via at our Eventbrite page by [scanning the barcode on the left or clicking here](#)




The Hackney Proms
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FAMILY-FRIENDLY GIG WITH
AMBIENT DJ & LIVE VISUALS



SUNDAY 25TH
FEBRUARY
4-5PM
Rich Mix
Bethnal Green Road
E1 6LA


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TICKETS FROM £5
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Come and join us for Sankofa - an immersive and joyful sound and visual experience. DJ NikNak and visual artist Loëpa present a musical story of Afrofuturism, comic book heroes and life as an artist.



SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
DOORS AT 3.30PM
SHOW 4-5PM

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CULTURE FOR A CHANGING CITY