



## St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 23rd  
February 2024**

### **Latest news from school:**

Before the half term, some of our pupils performed at the National Education Conference with iSingPop. We are so proud of their hard work and their confidence - they were excellent St Matthias representatives.



### **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:**

<b>Thursday 29th February</b>	PSHE and RSE
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	No workshop - World Book Day!
<b>Thursday 14th March</b>	Science
<b>Thursday 21st March</b>	Neurodiversity Week

### **Important dates:**

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

**Thursday 29th Feb:**  
PSHE and RSE parent  
workshop  
(8:45-9:15)

**Thursday 7th Mar:**  
World Book Day!

Dress as your  
favourite story  
character!  
Whole school  
community story  
time at 3pm  
followed by quiz and  
second hand book  
sale - all parents and  
carers welcome!

**Monday 11th Mar:**  
Start of British  
Science Week

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>EYFS</b> Y5	Y1 and Y2	Y3	Y6	Y4 <b>Swimming</b>

**Hot chocolate Friday!**

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

<b>Yr R</b>	<b>Yr 1</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>	<b>Yr 3</b>	<b>Yr 4</b>	<b>Yr 5</b>	<b>Yr 6</b>
Jasmyne	Buruk	Jaciara	Aiden	Winley	Jia	Hephzibah

**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

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

**EYFS:**

This week we have been immersing ourselves in a new story all about sticks - we have been feeling and observing all different sticks and describing them. The children have loved using new words like "crooked", "wavy" and "wonky" and this has come through in their

**Year 1:**

Year 1 have started a new book as part of our writing stimulus. We are enjoying "The Snail and the Whale" we have done some research into sea snails and humpback whales and built a great vocabulary bank to use for our future writing.

**Year 2:**

Year two have started writing an introduction to their animal fact file by learning all about hibernation and what happens to the environment during winter. We have also worked very hard on our multiplication facts including exploring the relationship between the 5 and 10 times table.

<p>lovely writing. We also learnt how charcoal is made and had a go at making our own charcoal art!</p>	<p>In maths we have been exploring odd and even numbers. We have been looking at the patterns of partitioning these numbers.</p>	<p>In RSHE we learnt about the importance of relaxation as part of a healthy lifestyle and we had a go at some chair-based yoga!</p>																		
<p><b>Year 3:</b> This week year 3 has been working really hard on column addition, learning the importance of its layout and applying this knowledge to word problems. Well done year 3!</p>	<p><b>Year 4:</b> Year 4 have been budding scientists, testing if materials are conductors or insulators of electricity by building circuits. We have also completed a special leaflet about Hinduism that we will share with our local Mandir!</p>	<p><b>Year 5:</b> This week, Year 5 students embarked on a cultural journey, exploring the significance of the Mandir in Hinduism and immersing themselves in the vibrant traditions of the Kumbh Mela through creative diary entries. Their musical talents shone in an African dance and music fusion, culminating in a spirited performance of 'Shosholoza'.</p>																		
<p><b>Year 6:</b> Year 6 have completed their narratives in writing! We have made these into a class book so that we can share and enjoy each others' fairy tales. Check them out on the St Matthias Writing Blog: <a href="https://www.st-matthias.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/subjects/st-matthias-writing-blog/">https://www.st-matthias.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/subjects/st-matthias-writing-b log/</a></p>																				
<p>School value in focus this week: <b>Resilience</b></p> <p>Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.</p> <p>The pupils who have shown excellent <b>resilience</b> are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="212 1337 1377 1481"> <thead> <tr> <th>Reception</th> <th>Year 1</th> <th>Year 2</th> <th>Year 3</th> <th>Year 4</th> <th>Year 5</th> <th>Year 6</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Phebe</td> <td>Kasey</td> <td>Josh</td> <td>Jamal</td> <td>Deniz</td> <td>Gabriel</td> <td>Armani</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>							Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Phebe	Kasey	Josh	Jamal	Deniz	Gabriel	Armani
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Online guidance for supporting your children at home:  
Ooo opportunities

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)

**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.

**Hackney SEND updates, opportunities, and activities for February and Spring**

Dear Parents/Carers,

This newsletter provides Spring service updates, activities, and opportunities, for young people and their parents and carers, and some SEND-relevant consultations that might be of particular interest to those of you accessing particular services. Please do take the time to look at these and have your say.

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# STARTING WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

Increasing confidence and reducing stress

Parent Empowerment group - Delivered by the Family Coach Service

WEDNESDAYS 9:30 - 10:30 AM @ ST MATTHIAS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cognition & Learning



Communication & Interaction



Social, Emotional & Mental Health



Sensory & Physical



For families with children that have special educational needs (SEN).

In any of the 4 areas of SEN.

No formal diagnosis or EHCP required.

100% of parents recommend the groups



I feel more confident managing behaviour

I don't feel as alone

28TH OF FEBRUARY

Establishing your best hopes

6TH OF MARCH

Identifying your strengths

13TH OF MARCH

How to catch and change your thoughts in stressful situations

20TH OF MARCH

Exploring what supports you when you feel stressed

27TH OF MARCH

What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail?

10 spaces available. Please send us an email to book your place today [familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk)