



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd
February 2024

Latest news from school:

Next Thursday is World Book day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please can we reassure families that no costumes need to be purchased. We are aware of both the organisational and financial pressure this puts on us all! We will be encouraging children that if they wish, they can dress as a character from their own story. They can be their own main character! Please come to the school gates at 3pm that day as we will be doing a shared family story time.

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 7th March	No workshop - World Book Day!
Thursday 14th March	Science
Thursday 21st March	Neurodiversity Week

PE next week - please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5	Y1 and Y2	Y3 EYFS	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
Valentina	Angelica	Enzo	Ruzgar	Lionel	Dennikye	Mazin

Important dates:

Thursday 7th Mar:

World Book Day!

Dress as your favourite story character!

Whole school community story time at 3pm

followed by a second hand book sale - all parents and carers welcome!

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

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

<p>EYFS: Another busy week in EYFS as the children continue to challenge themselves in their independent learning! They have enjoyed completing puzzles, word games, dominoes games and art activities. We explored using watercolours and also collage, making some amazing kites after the windy weather on Monday! In maths we made “number staircases” to see how numbers grow on a number line. Well done everyone!</p>	<p>Year 1: We have had another busy week learning in year 1! We have loved reading our new writing text the snail and the whale. We have been writing setting descriptions ready for our story writing next week! In science we have been looking at seasonal changed and exploring the last signs of winter and how nature is developing into spring.</p>	<p>Year 2: Another great week of learning in Year 2. We have been planning our writing about hibernation. In humanities we have been learning more about the seven continents and using our knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times table to solve problems.</p>	
<p>Year 3: This week in PSHE year 3 have been focused on the topic 'being fit and healthy'. As part of this topic year 3 discussed different food options and identified ways to make healthy food choices.</p>	<p>Year 4: We have had a busy week learning about coordinates in maths. We have learnt about how shapes can be translated to a new location. In reading, we have finished our hard hitting book 'Journey to Jo'burg'. This book has been very inspiring and full of examples of courageous advocacy for us to follow.</p>	<p>Year 5: This week, Year 5 explored solubility, conducting experiments with sugar, salt, and olive oil to understand which substances dissolve in water. Their scientific curiosity shone as they learned about different materials' behaviours in water, reinforcing key scientific concepts while fostering a hands-on approach to learning in their journey of discovery.</p>	
<p>Year 6: In RSHE, the class looked at the importance of exercise on our health. We discussed the benefits that playing sports has on mind and body. Year 6, enjoy playing football at lunch; we decided the rules and designed logos for our basketball teams.</p>			

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

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 **kindness** are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jaidayal	Safiyah	Steven	Israel	Yagmur	Joyce

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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

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.

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



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

In any of the 4 areas of SEN.

No formal diagnosis or EHCP required.



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?

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