



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 20th
September 2024**

News from this week:

Dear all,

We are really proud to announce to our families that we have been chosen to become a 'choral partnership' school. This means that every week all children from year 3 to year 6 will take part in choral workshops during the school day. This practice and discipline will result in our children singing as part of a choir at St Paul's cathedral! Every child will have the opportunity to sing and perform. If you would like to further deepen your child's knowledge and skills then there is a choir after school on a Monday as well. This is fully paid for. Your child will be escorted to choir and will need to be collected from St Paul's west church Stoke Newington at 5pm. There are no auditions and no payment. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to develop as choristers!!!! We are so proud and can't wait to see them perform. If you are interested please register here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtwLPnxjD33vBrvu3--TeWx8jZkFwVBILrMwNvHO0YYfRKnQ/viewform>.

St Paul's cathedral here we come!

PE next week - please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		Year 3	Year 1&2	EYFS

Hot chocolate Friday!

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

EYFS	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Emerald	Phebe	Angelica	Berekia	Nayala	Amelia	Jia

Important dates:

Thursday 26th September
Headteacher Welcome &
Home Learning Coffee
Morning (8:45-9:15)

Thursday 3rd October
BHM Event Organisation
Coffee Morning (8:45-9:15)

Thursday 10th October
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities (SEND)
Coffee Morning (8:45-9:15)

Wednesday 16th October
Year 5 Trip to Hackney
Museum AM only

Thursday 17th October
Early Reading Coffee
Morning (8:45-9:15)

Friday 18th October
Year 4 Trip to Hackney
Museum AM only

Friday 18th October
Year 6 Trip to Hackney
Museum PM only

Thursday 24th October
Family Support Coffee
Morning (8:45-9:15)

NEW STM COFFEE MORNING

Join us every Thursday 8:45-9:15 in the community room

[Schedule](#) [Come to the office for info!](#)

26.09.24	Headteachers Welcome & Home Learning (Mrs Blewett & Ms Frohock)
03.10.24	Black History Month Event Organisation (Ms Calixte)
10.10.24	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) (Mrs Cherid)
17.10.24	Early Reading (Ms Zerrouki)
24.10.24	Family Support (Dionne Collins)

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

EYFS: EYFS have had a busy week full of creativity and learning! We started our new story 'Hello Friend' and we learnt how to say hello in different languages. We looked at each others families and discussed what is different about them. We also started our self portraits, looked after babies in the home corner and practised the song 'This little light of mine.' We've also been looking at people in our community and how they help us.	Year 1: Year 1 have been hard at work this week! In maths we have been counting and representing 20 in different ways - we have been so impressed by the children's efforts. In science we began our unit on Everyday Materials and explored outside searching for materials such as wood, metal and stone. We have continued to reflect on our Year 1 rules for our classroom to help keep everyone safe.	Year 2: This week we have had an exciting week of learning in Year 2. We started the week by creating a timeline of the events for the fire of london. In maths we continued our work on place value by identifying where numbers sit on a number line. In writing we analysed a good example of a circular narrative to inspire our own writing and we had a toffee stretching competition to explore how we can alter the shape of solids by applying forces.
Year 3: This week in writing year 3 I have continued to focus on the story 'Fox'. To further deepen their understanding of each character within the book year 3 conducting a hot seating activity followed by the creation of a conscious alley. In RE they were focused on the phrase 'people of God' by identifying what makes someone a person of God, this allowed them to reflect on their own actions. Well done year 3!	Year 4: We have had another great week! In humanities we have been continuing learning about the Romans. We learnt about how Boudicca fought the romans and destroyed Colchester. In science we have been looking at our teeth and which ones are used for different purposes. In writing we have written some amazing setting descriptions about a stormy sea setting.	Year 5: This week we have been participating in role play, based on a character description in our writing text Farther. Alongside this, we had an computing lesson on coding, year 5 really enjoyed it and learned some new skills. In science we explored different forces and experimented by dropping two different objects to see whether they would drop at the same time, year 5 were very surprised!
Year 6: This week in PSHE, year 6 has been continuing to learn about the things we need to be successful learners. We have reflected on how we are fortunate to be able to go to school and have an education, and have learnt about other parts of the world where this isn't possible. We have really strengthened our learning behaviours this week and this has been reflected in the high quality work we have been doing.		
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:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Marcus	Maison	Cataleja	Khalid	Harry	De`keirah	Diamond

Hackney CAMHS Parent and Young people support padlet

Hackney CAMHS have produced some fantastic padlets filled with resources for your children, and for yourself as parents of children with Special Educational Needs.

Please click through the links below to find drop in clinics, workshops and training, as well as many more resources to help support you.

For parents and carers:

<https://padlet.com/CityHackneyCAMHSSPA/support-for-parents-carers-in-hackney-wy5uhy2jp9izhgsm>

For children:

<https://padlet.com/CityHackneyCAMHSSPA/support-for-young-people-71a1q574lr3vn5rw>

Please contact Ms Cherid (SENDSCO) if you need any support signing up for any services posted in these links (see below!)

The screenshot shows a Padlet titled "Support for Parents & Carers in Hackney" with a subtitle: "In a mental health crisis, please call our Crisisline on 0800 073 0006, or go to your nearest A&E if you need to. This is a live and dynamic document (not an official website) that we change all the time as we become aware of new offers. Please tell us if there is something you think needs to be added, removed or altered." The Padlet is organized into six columns, each representing a different support service:

- Mental Health Support for Parents:** Includes links to IRIS Hackney, North East London Board, and IDVA 55+ Hackney.
- Parenting Support for Parents of Infants (0-5):** Features "Bump Buddies" and "First Year & You Parenting Program".
- Parenting Support for Parents of Children (5-11):** Includes "Understanding and Managing your Child's Behaviour" and "Managing Child Anxiety".
- Parenting Support for Parents of Teenagers (12-18):** Features "Cygnets" and "First Steps Interview Training Parents".
- People Participation Opportunities for Parents:** Includes "Hackney Educational Psychology Service (EPS)" and "First Steps Interview Training Parents".
- Hackney Education & Other Education Services:** Includes "Hackney Educational Psychology Service (EPS)".

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Sign up

Support for Young People

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Mentoring, Youth Clubs & Activities

we depend on volunteer mentor availability. Please contact your local XLP Mentoring Manager to discuss the referral before completing the form so we can ensure we have space on the programme.

After accepting a referral, we'll arrange an assessment meeting with the parent/carer and young person. This helps ensure suitability and commitment. We'll then match them with a suitable mentor. There is no set timescale for this process and we ask that referrers are patient with us as we look to make the best possible mentoring match.

Please note that we are not set up to work with young people who, due to their high risk needs or the requirement of specialised help, would not be safe in a 1-2-1 environment with a volunteer mentor.

Summer Holiday Play Schemes

Apex Summer Holiday Club

Free for Pupils on Free school meals.

Small group activities including arts and crafts, drama and theatre, dance tuition and learning, multi sports and well-being, martial arts, boxing and cycling.

10am-2pm Mondays to thursdays

Week 1 29/07- 1/08/24
Week 2 5/8/24 - 8/8/24

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING 19/07/24

Daubeney Primary School

info@alh.org.uk
020 8432 6699
www.alh.org.uk

Bethnal Green Holiday Scheme

The summer holiday scheme will

Therapeutic Support Children (Individual & Group)

Growing Minds

Growing Minds aims to improve children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing in City & Hackney during the important transition years from primary to secondary school and secondary school to adulthood.

The project, which supports children and young people aged 11 to 25 of African, Caribbean and mixed heritage (ACH), is funded by the Department of Health, Hackney Council and City & Hackney CCG.

Children, young people, young adults and parents/carers can self-refer or be referred by Children's and Adult Social Care, CAMHS, a GP, education providers, or the Voluntary and Community Sector. Access the referral form [here](#).

Contact: For further information about Growing Minds, please

Kooth

Online mental health support for young people including activities to boost well-being, journal, forum, podcast and 1:1 messaging or live chat.

[Sign up at: https://www.kooth.com/](https://www.kooth.com/)

Child Well-Being Practitioner (CWP)

Young people who have never needed to access mental health services in the past, who are presenting with mild mental health symptoms can access 6-8 sessions of manualised Cognitive Behaviour Therapy with a CWP.

The courses for young people aged 11-18 are:

- Adolescent Anxiety
- Low mood

Therapeutic Support for Teenagers (Individual & Group)

Transition to Adulthood

Bootstrap Charity

bootstrapcharity.com

Contact Bootstrap Charity

YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORT

We help young people in Hackney to make informed career choices through running Industry Insight Days, promoting Work Experience and offering Career Mentorship.

Contact:
<https://bootstrapcharity.com/contact/>

Hackney Quest - New Futures

The aim of our New Futures HQ employability programme is to provide young people aged 14-

People Participation Opportunities

Young People's Forum

Ellie (from Community CAMHS) is aiming to design a fun, relaxed group for young people who have accessed CAMHS to share their honest views and work on projects and think about community engagement with mental health.

Currently she is seeking a small group of young people to design it with her.

When: Thursday 16/05/24 5-6pm ONLINE

Book: by emailing eleonor.english@nhs.net

Youth Council

We are looking for young people aged 14-19 at school in Hackney to join a Youth Council working with professionals in Health and Education.

Hackney & Other Services

Hackney Ec Psychology

If a child or young person is having difficulty at school, college, or university, it's important to get support. We offer a range of services to help young people with their mental health. We can help with:

- work with staff in the school
- observe a person
- work with person in the community
- They may also offer professionals or young people

Tip for keeping pupils safe online (taken from saferinternet.org.uk)

How do apps get us to come back?

Infinite scrolling
...you'll never get to the end

Pull to refresh
...just pull down for more content if you're bored

App notifications
...your friend has posted so you better check the app

Auto-play
...your device will press play for you

Suggested content
...the app's got your next friend or video lined up

Ellipsis
...your friend is typing so you better stay on the app

Rewards
...you better go on the app to get your daily reward

Notifications colour
...as it's in red you better open it

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 Blewett) or the deputy safeguarding leads (Ms Blewett, Miss Frohock, MS Thomas).

Please be aware that there is **new government guidance for unauthorised absence and irregular absence** came into effect from 19th August 2024. If your child has more than 5 days off across a 10 week period you run the risk of being fined and going to court. Hackney will be closely monitoring attendance at St Matthias. Please ensure no term time holidays. Only appointments with evidence will be authorised. Repeated sickness will be referred to the school nurse and without doctors notes will be unauthorised. Please ensure all pupils are in school every day as lateness and absence effects learning outcomes for our pupils! New government guidance: [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#) every child needs to have >95% attendance.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered where there have been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

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FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days.
No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes apply to unauthorised absence and irregular attendance after 19th August 2024.

Please follow the link for the full government publication:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.
Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.