



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!

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)



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

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

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Week 1</p>
<p>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!</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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!</p>	<p>Week 2</p>
<p>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.</p>			<p>Week 3</p>
<p>School value in focus this week: Resilience</p> <p>Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.</p>			

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-wy5uh2jp9izhgsm>

For children:

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

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

City and Hackney CAMHS SPA + 1 + 7d

Support for Parents & Carers in Hackney

In a mental health crisis, phone 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.

Mental Health Support for Parents

IRIS Hackney
North East London
IRIS Domestic Violence Guidance & Resources for GPs - GP Website
Referral pathway for GP practices; we support victims of domestic violence and abuse who are standard-medium risk.

IDVA 55+ Hackney
Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA)
The service is for women aged 55 and over who are experiencing domestic abuse.

Parenting Support for Parents of Infants (0-5)

Bump Buddies
Bump Buddies is a free service for women in Hackney who are pregnant, or who have recently given birth. Many women feel anxious or worried about aspects of pregnancy. Bump Buddies offers support from expert staff and highly-trained peer mentors who can give you reassurance, time to ask questions, and chance to meet women who understand how you are feeling.

To request a Bump Buddy: Complete the [Bump Buddies self-referral form](#). Email it to us at jane@shoreditchtrust.org.uk. You can also call us on: 020 7033 8524 or drop into our weekly group, [Baby Buddies](#) for a chat and more information.

First Year & You Parenting Program

Parenting Support for Parents of Children (5-11)

Understanding and Managing your Child's Behaviour
For parents of children aged 5-11 who want support with emotions and behaviour.

Next Group: Understanding and Managing Behaviours parent's group at Linden Children's Centre on the following dates: Monday 1st July 10AM - 12PM Monday 8th July 10AM - 1PM (12-1PM optional Q&A)

The group is a standalone intervention, with the option for review at the end of the second session.

Where: Linden Children's Centre, 86 Rectory Road N16 7SH
Ph: 0207 014 7135

Managing Child Anxiety
6-week in-person parent/carer

Cygnet
Post diagnostic support for parents of young people aged 9-15 with a diagnosis of Autism (with or without Learning Disability). There are also Cygnet groups specifically for fathers from the Orthodox Jewish Community.

Group 1: LD Cygnet: Wednesday 10am-12pm
03-Jul, 10-Jul, 17-Jul, (no group 24th July - week off), 31-Jul, 07-Aug, 14-Aug.

Group 2: ASD Group: Mondays 10am-12pm
01/07/2024: Week 1 - Understanding Autism and diagnosis.
08/07/2024: Week 2 - Communication
15/07/2024: Week 3 - Sensory issues
22/07/2024: Week 4 -

People Participation Opportunities for Parents

First Steps Interview Training Parents
LOOKING FOR PARENTS/CARERS WHO HAVE USED COMMUNITY CAMHS TO HELP US INTERVIEW NEW STAFF!

THE TRAINING WILL COVER TOPICS TO TRAIN PARENTS TO SIT ON FUTURE INTERVIEW PANELS FOR NEW EMPLOYEES TO OUR SERVICE

WHY GET INVOLVED? AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE CREATIVE, PUT SOMETHING INTERESTING ON YOUR CV, GET A CERTIFICATE AND GET PAID!!

When & Where: 16/07/2024 10-12PM @ Hackney Ark (free snacks and £10 voucher)

CONTACT: eleanor.english@nhs.net 0207 014 7135/07901116508

Hackney Education & Other Education Services

Hackney Educational Psychology Service (EPS)
If a child or young person is having difficulty at school or college, staff will try to help them with interventions for pupils at SEN Support level including using the [Graduated Response \(PDF 846 KB\)](#). If, despite getting help, the pupil does not make progress and parents have given their permission, the setting can ask an Educational Psychologist (EP) to suggest ways of helping. The EP may then:

- work with key members of staff in the school or setting
- observe a child or young person
- work with a child or young person individually

They may also contact other professionals who know the child or young person well.

The service also offers free

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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 5/08/24 - 8/08/24

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

Therapeutic Support for Teenagers (Individual & Group)

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

Transition to Adulthood

Bootstrap Charity



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

Book: by emailing eleanor.english@hhs.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.

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If a child or young person is having difficulty in school, staff will work with parents to identify interventions using the [SEN Support Guide](#) (PDF 846 KB).

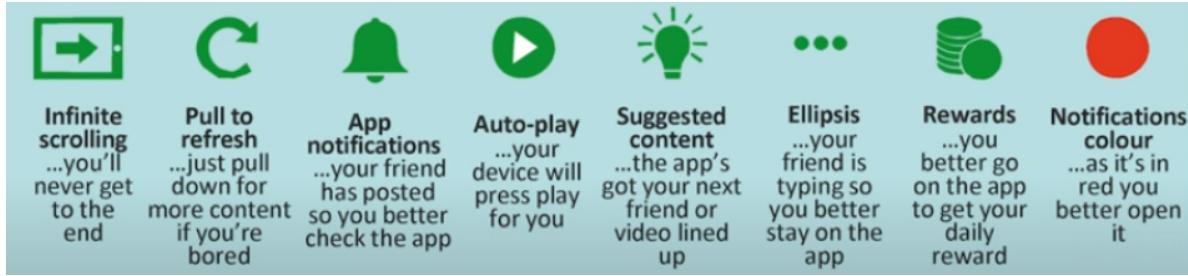
If, despite getting support, the child or young person does not make progress, parents have permission, the Educational Psychologist will suggest ways the EP may try:

- work with staff in the school
- observe a person in the school
- work with the person individually

They may also involve professionals or young people.

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

How do apps get us to come back?



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.