

# Millfields Mag

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## End of Another Term at Millfields

We have had a very sad and subdued, and at times, difficult week following the news of the passing of our dear colleague and friend, Steve. This news has come as a shock to our whole school community and we are all very, very sad to have lost one of the Millfields family. The love, support and compassion shown by all the staff and children, as well as parents, carers and the wider community has been remarkable. As always, the Millfields community have come together as a family, united in their grief, while holding on to the memory of Steve – a kind, gentle, patient and dedicated colleague, caring and loving friend and such a very special person who will be greatly missed.

Steve's brother and partner visited this week and said they were 'truly bowled over by the sentiment shown towards Steve by all the staff' and said that the 'reaction from the children will be something that will stay with him for the rest of his life and something that Steve would have been so proud of'. If the children would like to write, or make something for the Scrapbook for Steve's family, please take some time over Easter to do that and bring it to me on our return to school. We have started a book of condolences, so if you wish to write in there, please come to the office, and we also have a collection that will be donated to a charity/cause of his family's choice - collections on each gate and at the main reception.

We are all in the initial stages of grief but we know that this is going to be an ongoing process. We have already supported pupils, staff and parents, and will continue in the days, weeks and months to come, as appropriate. Thank you to all the parents who have shown their support through emails, cards, other messages and hugs. Thank you to the Educational Psychologists and other Officers from Hackney Education who have been brilliant in their support for the Millfields community.

Despite our collective sadness, classes continued with their routines and have thoroughly enjoyed STEAM - the 'World of Work' Week. We started the week with a special assembly. Nursery children learnt about different jobs including being a builder, a doctor, a shop-keeper, a postal worker and a police officer. They enjoyed dressing up and learning about what all the different people do in these jobs. Reception classes also learnt about jobs with nature - being a zoo-keeper, being a gardener, vet and farmer as well as enjoying a workshop visit from Nadia from Empathy Animals - the charity that we work with already in school. They also got to meet one of our empathy dogs, Peppi! Year 1 learnt about engineering jobs and took part in a workshop when they became an engineer today, and had a task to build a tower from different materials and decide which was best and why. Year 2 learnt about jobs in the emergency services, and enjoyed a visit from the local fire brigade with fire engine firefighters! Year 3 got involved in the world of architecture and engineering and visited the national Architecture Association to learn more about these jobs. Year 4 enjoyed a visit from the Hackney Shed and learnt about being a scriptwriter, a performer, a lighting technician and set-designer. Year 5 learnt about ethical businesses and visited KPMG and Wilson Wright to learn more about how they operate. Finally, Y6 spent the week in the 'Dragon's Den' world - designing and presenting a new product that they have created to staff at Here East (A dedicated campus for innovators, disruptors and visionaries!). Look out world for our future business successes! It is always an amazing week for the children to think about what they might like to be in the future! I am sure that your children will have been talking to you about the week, so please ask them lots of questions! Thank you to staff at Inspire and Lucy and Naomi who organised and managed the whole week seamlessly!

A massive 'THANK YOU' to everyone for dressing up today. It was great to see staff and children dress as Superheroes or super powers to show support for Disability Awareness Day at Millfields! Classes have had discussions and talked about differences and acceptance as part of Autism Awareness Week. This is one of those days that makes Millfields so special!

Thank you also to our amazing Eco-Champs, led by Vicky, for the launch of the Eco Shop last Friday! It was very busy! They are learning lots about how to run a business and will be feeding back to me and the school community after Easter.

Happy Holi to those who celebrated on Monday. Best wishes to all those celebrating Passover and Easter and Eid Mubarak to those celebrating Eid at the beginning of next month.

Finally, have a peaceful weekend and enjoy the break. Make sure you all cherish every moment with family and friends. Take care, Jane

## Important Dates

**First Day of Summer Term**

**Monday 15th April**

**Y5 Residential**

**29th Apr - 3rd May**

**Bank Holiday**

**Monday 6th May**

**SATs Week**

**13th - 16th May**

**Hackney Run**

**Saturday 18th May**

**Half Term**

**27th - 31st May**

**Parent & Families Week**

**3rd - 7th June**

## Word of the Week

### BIBLIOKLEPT

First recorded in 1880-85.

*Noun*

a person who steals books

E.g.: Often forgetting to return library books, he admitted to being a bit of an unintentional *biblioklept*.

Please see the Tuckshop Rota in the mag for next term.

Thanks you to everyone who donates and participates!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the children and staff who celebrated their birthdays this week:

- 23rd March ~ Ceylinaz A & Frederick P
- 24th March ~ Nina H, Dixie M, Cherish P & Belen F
- 25th March ~ Amelia J, Mika'il M & Blake T
- 26th March ~ Freja P & Isla R
- 27th March ~ Tehreem F, Ayda G, Leo M & Asmin U
- 28th March ~ Humaira H
- 29th March ~ Jane E
- 30th March ~ Mohammad Ayaan T
- 1st April ~ Ayla C & Charly P
- 2nd April ~ Thomas W
- 3rd April ~ Noah D & Alenna P
- 4th April ~ Bay H & Aislinn H
- 5th April ~ Otto H
- 6th April ~ Jacob C
- 7th April ~ Xavier T
- 9th April ~ Maariya S
- 10th April ~ Tobi M & Chris B
- 11th April ~ Eliyah W, Rana M & Debi C
- 12th April ~ Elsie J & Rosie H

Many Happy Returns to you ALL!

## PSA After-school

### Tuck Shops — Summer 2024

We always need people to volunteer time to run the stall on the day and will need lots of donations of food on the day. Just take your food to the office on the day of your stall. Please remember that all food must be nut free to comply with school policy.

Date	Class
Friday 19th Apr	Mersey (Rec)
Friday 26th Apr	Olympus (Yr1)
Friday 3rd May	Mile (Yr2)
Friday 10th May	Fuji (Yr3)
Friday 17th May	Mekong(Yr4)
Friday 24th May	Fitz Roy (Yr5)
<b>HALF TERM</b>	

## Millfields Coffee Morning

Is your child or young person neurodiverse?  
How are you doing?  
Come in on a Friday morning from 9:00am to 10:00am  
and have some time just for you!

You can:

- Meet other parents/carers
- Chat to your friends
- Have a free cuppa
- Share your experiences and support each other.
- Eat biscuits and celebrate that it's Friday!

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers, Aunties, Uncles and friends of the family are ALL welcome!  
It's child friendly too  
Starting Friday 19th April 2024

Make Friends    Learn From Each Other    Laugh Together



Thursday 25th April 2024

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Check

Parents Meeting

9.00am & 4.30pm



[Click Here](#) to sign up!

## SHARING ASSEMBLIES

Spring Term 2024

Date (Fridays)	(Middle/Bottom Hall @ 9:10am)	(Middle/Top Hall @ 9:10am)
26.04.2024	Fuji Class (Yr3)	Ararat Class (Y3)
3.05.2024	Annapurna Class (Yr3)	Mekong Class (Y4) & Yangtze Class (Yr4)
10.05.2024	Acatenango Class (Yr5)	Ganges Class (Yr4)
17.05.2024	Fitz Roy Class (Yr5)	Shenandoah Class (Yr5)
24.05.2024	Kilimanjaro Class (Yr1)	Zambezi Class (Yr2)
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
14.06.2024	Karisimbi (Yr1)	Duoro Class (Yr2)
28.06.2024	Shannon Class (Rec)	Nile Class (Yr2)
5.07.2024	Olympus Class (Yr1)	Trent Class (Rec) & Mersey Class (Rec)

# Millfields

# Life

# in Pictures



# In Memoriam

Steve Webster

1970 - 2024





Formally known as..



HELEN O'GRADY  
DRAMA ACADEMY



Operating in North  
London since 1998!

Dear Parent or Guardian,

## Development through Drama

One of the greatest skills we can give our children is the ability to communicate confidently. At the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, our students learn to do this while making friends and having fun!

If you want your child to join the most popular drama academy in the world to perform, to learn to speak well, learn skills to help them on leaving school and have great fun, then act now!

**CLAPTON** - Saturday's 10-11am & 11-12pm Clapton Park Methodist Church Hall, Chatsworth Rd, E5 OLH

**Free Trial - Only £10 per lesson - Sibling Discounts - Monthly Payment Plans & Instalments Available**

LAMDA Exams available for students 8yrs + (Exams are not compulsory)

- \* Improve communication skills
- \* Presentation skills & public speaking
- \* Creativity & lateral thinking
- \* Improved English language & clarity
- \* Increase self-esteem
- \* Act in plays
- \* Teamwork & leadership skills
- \* Widening friendship groups
- \* Discuss social issues
- \* Increase concentration & listening

Our programme provides the opportunity for children to become confident in themselves and develop their social skills and self-awareness:

**JOIN US TO PERFORM AT THE THEATRE IN JUNE 2024!**

Our internationally acclaimed Drama Academy which has already benefitted tens of thousands of children around the world will be starting rehearsals soon for our end of year productions. Contact the office to receive a FREE TRIAL on:

**Tel: 0208 360 4020 or 07777 672284**  
**nlonon@dramakids.co.uk**

Kind regards,  
Nicola Gossip & Andrew Mayer - Joint Principals - BA in Acting

[www.dramakids.co.uk](http://www.dramakids.co.uk)



## FUN 4 SPORTS Holiday Camp

[www.fun4sports.com](http://www.fun4sports.com)

**OUR CAMPS ARE FULL OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT ENERGETIC AND LIVELY COACHES.**

**THE PRICE IS £33 PER DAY AND £154 FOR THE FULL WEEK**

Football, Athletics, Archery, Tennis, Dodgeball, Basketball, Netball, Dance, Gymnastics, Nerf War And Plenty More!!!

**April 2nd - April 12th 2024**

**9 - 4:30PM**

**Rushmore Primary School**

Elderfield Rd Lower Clapton, London, E5 OLE



If you would like to sign up your child for our holiday camp, then please go to [www.fun4sports.com](http://www.fun4sports.com) and press the **BOOK NOW** button.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EASTER EGG RAFFLE WINNERS

Valeria -Ganges, Huseyin -Mississippi, Isaiah -Trent, Lee R -Shenandoah, Jaya -Fuji, Taviarna -Fitz Roy, Jayden D -Fitz Roy, Ela -Trent, Eliyah -Nile, Cosimo -Yangtze, Lene -Thames, Jonatan -Ararat, Bette -Mississippi, Khadija -Trent, Eimear -Kilimanjaro, Ellie -Yukon, Tabitha -Zambezi, Obu -Shannon, Imma -Shannon

**WELL DONE EVERYONE!**



Why should role play end in Reception?

Our fab PSA have kindly donated a brand new dressing up stand for our playground so that everyone has the chance to take part in make believe every day. Now all we need are the dressing up clothes.

**Do you have any children's costumes, dressing up props like hats and bags in clean and good condition?**

Please drop off at the main office whenever you can

# TERM DATES CURRENT YEAR

Millfields Community School Term Dates 2023-24

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	School Holidays
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Bank Holidays
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# NEXT YEAR

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The UK produces more plastic waste per person than almost any other country in the world. It is believed that almost half of all UK plastic waste is incinerated (toxic fumes contributing to air pollution), with 25 percent sent to landfills and just 12 percent recycled in UK reprocessing facilities. The remaining waste is shipped abroad.

Millfields staff & families took 42 bottles out of this process by reusing them at our Fill up friday shop. Please bring your 500ml bottles into school for us to reuse at our next Fill Up Friday shop on Friday 17th May



**AWE  
SOME**

