

Millfields Mag

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

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Back with a Bang at Millfields!

It was lovely to welcome everyone back after half term, and to see all the children looking rested and ready for this half term's learning! A huge THANK YOU to all the children and parents for your support while we use only two entrances and only one playground! It has run relatively smoothly and the main thing is that all the children have been kept safe during this time. We are really hoping that the scaffolding removal on the back playground will be on schedule, meaning that we will be back to the usual gates and a much bigger playground from Monday 10th March.

This week, the majority of Y5 children have been on a 2 night residential trip to Kench Hill, a beautiful old mansion house and grounds in Kent. The weather was mixed, and a bit of rain and mud, but that didn't stop the excitement, enthusiasm and enjoyment. Both groups enjoyed lots of outdoor activities including orienteering, animal adaptations session, climbing, team building games and time to explore the grounds - play football, basketball, play on the play equipment, feed the ponies and spot rabbits and chickens. The highlight was a visit to the beautiful Leeds Castle, where they walked around the grounds, saw lots of wildlife, water and waterfall, then had a tour of the castle, and had a fantastic time in the maze and caverns, as well as the fort adventure playground and zipwire! The children had a great time and were engaged and interested to explore new environments and learn new things. Well done to all the children. Going away with the children on any trip is one of my favourite things to do, and I loved being with Y5 on this residential trip. A huge 'thank you' to the staff at Kench Hill, and also to our staff - Sheyenne, Emma, Claire, Debi, Isabelle, Tom and Dudley.

The Y5 back in school also had lots to do this week! They had lots of Art and PE sessions, had a bowling trip on Wednesday, and they also enjoyed playing a range of board and card games, before designing and making their own! There were some great efforts and will be in classes to be played during wet play and free time for the rest of term.

Today, we were also treated to 2 brilliant sharing assemblies - the children in both classes, Kilimanjaro and Douro were brilliant. They had all learned their lines, and delivered them well, worked together, supported each other and entertained and educated the parents and carers who came. Well done to them all, and thank you to all the parents who came in. Thank you also to the parents who came in to read in class in Y1 and Y2 today - this happens every Friday, so please try to pop in at 8:50am next week!

Reception children visited Woodberry Wetlands this week as part of their topic work and took part in pond-dipping and minibeasts exploration. The children had a great time, even though it was very wet for Shannon Class, and they found lots of interesting minibeasts. Y6 classes also visited Bruce Castle Museum for a workshop about life in Victorian times. This was very useful and has supported in class learning too.

A BIG well done to all the Y5 and Y6 cyclists who braved the cold yesterday to take part in the Mountain Bike racing at Mabley Green. This was the 5th cycle event of the season and the children did so well despite the conditions and the points collected kept Millfields at the top of the league! Thanks to Nishie for organising the riders and to Peter for his help.

A reminder that it is BOOK WEEK next week, and World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March - save the date in your diary. World Book Day 2025 will celebrate that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun. As well as dressing up as a character from your favourite book, (please do not go out and spend money on new costumes - re-use and up-cycle!) we are asking you to design and make a 'A book on a String.' Prizes will be going to children from each Key Stage with the best story! Please see the email that went out earlier this week and again today about all the book activities happening - reading breakfasts for Y3, Y4 and Y5, as well as classes visiting Pages Book Shop, and parents reading to their child's class.

Also, Creative Evening 2025 is finally here! It is taking place on Wednesday 5th March from 4pm-7pm. Tickets for the exhibition cost £2 which is payable at the door. (Adults ONLY need tickets, children are FREE) Please sign up for a slot to come and view the exhibition via the links on the email sent yesterday. There is also food available to buy on the night. Tickets are selling fast!

Finally, please make sure that we have 2 or more contact numbers for your child - this is a safeguarding issue. Please email info@millfields.hackney.sch.uk with any additional numbers/contacts or number updates.

Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim children and families! May this holy month bring you peace, joy, and blessings. Please see the email about fasting if your child is in Y5 or Y6.

Have a good weekend -wrap up warm as it is turning colder again! Take care and stay well.

Best Wishes, Jane

Important Dates

Creative Evening

Wednesday 5th March

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

Fill Up Friday

Friday 7th March

Parents Evenings

Tues 18th & Weds 19th March

Red Nose Day

Friday 21st March

Word of the Week

NITID

First recorded in 1610-20

From the Latin *nitere*

adjective

bright or lustrous

E.g.: The *nitid* wings of the dragonfly shimmered as it hovered over the pond.

The car's freshly waxed bonnet looked *nitid* under the street-lights.

Tuck Shop

Thank you to Zambezi Class for organising the last tuck shop. Amount raised was a stonking

£156.37

Thank you everyone for all of your support!





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

22nd February ~ Reuben H, Kaden N & Henry R

23rd February ~ Cece O & Nina P

24th February ~ Atif Y & Theo H

25th February ~ Hugo M, Miri S & Sidney S,

26th February ~ Tanveer A

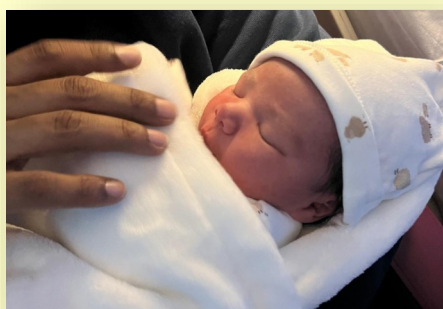
27th February ~ Robin B & Angela B

28th February ~ Matisse B, Jordon O & Bjorn R

Many Happy Returns to you ALL!

CONGRATULATIONS TO KIMBERLIE!

Her baby boy arrived on Thursday 27th February!
So many happy and wonder-filled times ahead for you all. Welcome to the world, little one!



PSA Updates and Achievements

This Month

A massive thank you to everyone who has donated to the PSA so far! In the past month, we've raised over £1,200 from the KS2 disco alone and more than 30 new parents have signed up to the Direct Debit scheme. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to fund the entire Creativity Week—bringing art, imagination, and inspiration to the children.

But we are not done yet. With further cuts to schools we need support more than ever. How?

💖 [Donate here](#) – either monthly or as a one-off contribution. Every bit makes a difference!

🏢 Did you know we're a registered charity? Donate via your company and have them match your donation!

📧 Does your company want to sponsor us? Reach out to us : psamillfields@gmail.com

Thank you for being part of this community and making a real impact! 🙌



PSA After-school Tuck Shops — Spring 2025

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 7th Mar	Ganges (Yr4)
Friday 14th Mar	Acatenango (Yr5)
Friday 21st Mar	Mersey (Rec)
Friday 28th Mar	Kilimanjaro (Yr1)
Friday 4th Apr	Nile (Yr2)
EASTER	HOLIDAYS

SHARING ASSEMBLIES Spring Term 2025

Date	EY, KS1, (Middle/Bottom Hall @ 9:10am)	LKS2 and UKS2 (Middle/Top Hall @ 9:10am)
07.03.2025	Thames Class (NM - Rana)	Lea Class (NS - Sohra)
14.03.2025	Olympus Class (1M - Joy)	Mersey Class (RM - Rosie)

For the safety and health of our school community, we are committed to being a



We need your help to make our school a safe place for those with food allergies. Please do not bring any nut products into school



Millfields Life in Pictures



Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they are automatically entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

THIS IS NOT THE SAME AS INCOME BASED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Help the school by registering for Free School Meals!

By registering for Free School Meals, you will also allow school to receive PUPIL PREMIUM, which is extra money from the government to support children from families on lower incomes. The funding that school receives can be used for a range of interventions including help with costs of school trips, music fees, after school programmes and equipment.

Even if your child prefers packed lunch, it is worth registering to receive:

- ♦ A discounted place on school trips
- ♦ Discounted music tuition
- ♦ A £10 shopping voucher per child for each week during school holidays

See if you are entitled...
It costs nothing to try, so why not give it a go!

You may also be eligible for additional support via benefits related Free School meals if you are receiving:

- ♦ Income Support
- ♦ Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- ♦ Child Tax Credit with an annual income less than £16,190
- ♦ Universal Credits (no more than £7,400 take home pay)
- ♦ Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- ♦ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- ♦ Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

Families in receipt of Working Tax Credit are not eligible for Free School Meals and

Have you registered yet?

To apply click [HERE](#)

**READ
YOUR WAY**

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



**Millfields
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Reading Breakfast

Millfields Reading

Join us in school for a light breakfast while reading books with your children!



9.00 - 9.20am

Year 4: Monday 3rd March 2025

Year 3: Tuesday 4th March 2025

Year 5: Wednesday 5th March 2025

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KARL NOVA

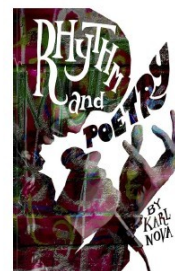
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Visits

**Millfields
Community School
and
Children's Centre**



Monday 3rd March 2025

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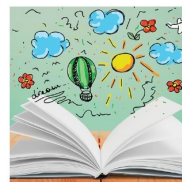
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Read in Your Child's Class

During Book Week, we are inviting parents to come in and read to their child's class. If you would like to do this please email swatson@millfields.hackney.sch.uk and we will organise a date for you to come in to read your favourite book.

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Story on a String Competition!



What to do:

1. Use a piece of string
2. Think of your favourite story
3. Recreate your story by pegging or threading images or objects across your string
4. **GET CREATIVE** with characters, themes, colours, poems or objects to symbolise story ideas.

All entries to your class teacher by:

FRIDAY 7th March 2025



Prizes for the winning entries from each year group!

After judging, we will showcase all of our entries in bottom hall during parents evening!

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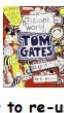


Changing lives through a love of books and reading
Thursday 6th March 2025

World Book Day 2025 will celebrate that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun.

Thursday 6th March 2025

Come to school dressed up as a character from your favourite book!



Remember to re-use and upcycle!
Spend as little as possible!
Be as creative as you like!

Which book will you buy using your £1 World Book Day token?



TERM DATES CURRENT YEAR

Millfields Community School Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024							Key
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Bank Holidays
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NEXT YEAR

Millfields Community School Term Dates 2025-26

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Bank Holidays
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Millfields VIPs



IXS1



IXS2



IXS3

