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More Maths at Millfields

It seems to have been a very long week for us all. Following on from my earlier email to the school community, the confirmation of the school financial position means that we find ourselves at a point where changes must be made in order to future-proof the financial viability of the school, and therefore there is the need for an imminent re-structure. The falling rolls -fewer children of school age, the national education funding cuts, unfunded pay awards and the lack of SEND funding have all contributed to this over the last few years. This is and will continue to be a challenging time for us all, so thank you to those who have already contacted me with your understanding and support.

Nonetheless, the children in class and around school and the local community have of course continued to have enriching and enjoyable learning experiences this week.

Firstly, a massive congratulations to our girls football team - Rosie, Safi, Tianna, Mia, Iris B, Iris J, Rose and Alina who represented Millfields brilliantly and were almost the champions, until a late winner from the opposition snatched the gold medal from them! BUT a very worthy silver medal - well done girls! Thank you to Izaac and Sharon for their support! And thank you to Simon at Vitale Digital who bought and sponsored the lovely new football strips for both girls and boys! Massive Thank you!

Today was NSPCC Numbers day! THANK YOU to everyone for getting into the spirit and dressing up! There were some fabulous t-shirt designs, lots of dominoes and dice, as well as lots of home-made maths puzzles. Thank you also for the donations that will be sent directly to the NSPCC to support vital services like 'Speak out, Stay safe' and Childline. We have raised more than £400! The children have enjoyed a day of Maths puzzles, games and problems. Thank you to Emma for organising us all!

Also, we are all very excited for next week as it is 'Creative week'. The theme this year is 'Look Around' combined with the theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Day - 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' when the children will think about the more we know ourselves, the more able we are to connect and form strong, healthy relationships, and the more we know ourselves and feel supported by our connections, the more able we are to cope with life's challenges.

The children in each year group will be focussing on one thing e.g. buildings in Reception, birds in Y2 or Transport in Y5. The children will then produce pieces of artwork based on their specific area throughout the week. For those who are new to Millfields this year, all of the work produced during this week - something from every child, will form an exhibition that parents are invited to visit. Our **Art Exhibition** will be ready for you all to see on **Wednesday 5th March from 4pm-7pm** - save the date and look out for more information via email and text about how to book a ticket for the sell-out event!

Also today, all of the children have been making their Art Sketchbooks for next week! In the meantime, you could get creative and produce some amazing artwork to submit to the Royal Academy of Art. See the link here for more information: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>.

Finally, if you have a moment, please comment on the proposal to introduce local cycling hire parking bays (TT1760). The council is planning to install a Lime Bike Parking Bay opposite the small black school gate on Elmcroft Street; not ideal for the safety of the children at school. The email address is; streetscene.consultations@hackney.gov.uk

I hope you have a good weekend. Take care and stay well. Best Wishes, Jane

Important Dates

Creative Week

10th—14th February

National E-Safety Day

Tuesday 11th February

Children's Mental Health Day

Friday 14th February

Half Term

17th - 21st Feb

Word of the Week

COUNTERPOISE

First recorded between 1375-1425

Combines counter + poise, related to the Latin *pendere*, meaning "to weigh."

verb

to balance by an opposing weight; counteract by an opposing force

E.g.: The cool breeze from the lake will often *counterpoise* the heat of a summer afternoon.

Tuck Shop

Thank you to Trent Class for organising the last tuck shop. Amount raised was a delightful

£126.72

Thank you everyone for all of your support!





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

1st February ~ Gabriel H & Loulou J

2nd February ~ Noa D, Lauchlan M & Ashraf M

4th February ~ Liya E & Otto Y

6th February ~ Inaayah K, Florence M & Abdou N

7th February ~ Idrees B & Tashnim A

Many Happy Returns to you ALL!



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Girls Bring Home Silver Medals !

On Thursday, the girls' football squad went to Queensbridge Sports Centre to compete in the HSAA Borough Girls 5-A-Side Finals-Night for the second year in succession. First up were Queensbridge. Millfields came out fast and hard, playing some good football to secure a 3 goal advantage with a couple of minutes to go. Unfortunately, a slight foot off the pedal allowed a strong team a couple of consolation goals, resulting in a 3-2 win.

Game 2 was against our arch-nemesis from all of this season, Mossbourne Riverside. A typically even, hard-fought and skilful tie was decided by one goal, which sadly went to the opposition, putting them in pole position to become champions. Millfields destiny was out of their hands.

The final two fixtures resulted in good wins for the girls; 1-0 over Kingsmead in a match that wasn't as close as the result sounds, and 3-0 vs Gayhurst in a game where the team saw out the competition with a performance that showcased some of the best of their abilities.

Unfortunately, Riverside went on to win their last two games to finish top of the table as champions, with Millfields as runners-up.

Congratulations to Alina, Iris B, Iris J, Mia, Rose, Rosie, Safi and Tiana for their EPAS! (They know what it means!)

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 14th Feb	Zambezi (Yr2)
HALF	TERM

SHARING ASSEMBLIES Spring Term 2025

Date	EY, KS1, (Middle/ Bottom Hall @ 9:10am)	LKS2 and UKS2 (Middle/Top Hall @ 9:10am)
14.02.2025	Zambezi Class (2C - Rosa)	Nile Class (2M - Ashraf)
HALF TERM		
28.02.2025	Douro Class (2S - Polly)	Kilimanjaro Class (1C - Dean)
07.03.2025	Thames Class (NM - Rana)	Lea Class (NS - Sohra)
14.03.2025	Olympus Class (1M - Joy)	Mersey Class (RM - Rosie)

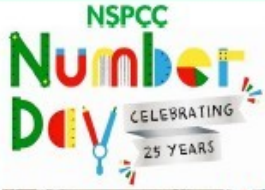


Can you say hello in French?

What do you know about France

Can you name these French things?

Millfields Life in Pictures



Well done for a fantastic effort Millfields!



SKC
Sammy Kids Camp

George Downing Estate, Gazanova Road, N16 6BE

AGE 5+

£40 Per Child

HALF TERM CAMP

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb

BABYLON PARK **LASER TAG**

AIR HOP **KBO₂ SOFT PLAY**

GRAVITY MAX

VR SOFT PLAY

07931259836

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sammykidscamp@gmail.com

sammykidscamp.magicbooking.co.uk

PSA Updates and Achievements



This Week

Following the email this morning from the school regarding staff cuts, there are lots of parents wondering what they can do to help. The easiest way, is to contribute by donating regularly to the PSA via direct debit. This will make an impactful difference that will be felt IMMEDIATELY:

SIGN UP HERE: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/5688#!/DonationDetails>.

All PSA funds raised go directly to the school to try and fill the gap made by the budget cuts, to support a range of activities which otherwise the children would not have access to, and to enrich their learning environment.

We do not just fund fun stuff. In fact, most of what we fund are vital items. In the last Financial year we have paid for the following:

BOOKS

EARLY YEARS READING WRITING SCHEME
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES – (WHOLE SCHOOL)
STEAM WEEK
BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
And, of course, the playground refurb.

Thank you to everyone who continues to Support the PSA, and for the invaluable contribution they make to Millfields!

the ACCESS to SPORTS project

17 February – 20 February

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

FREE OF CHARGE | AGES 8-16

The Access to Sports Project are offering a range of Sports Activities for young people aged 8 – 16

Activities include:

- Multi-Sports
- Tennis
- Football & All Play Competition (7 a side)
- Basketball & More

Venues include:

- North Millfields Park
- Guinness Partnership Community Centre
- Fawcett Estate
- Wrens Estate
- Woodberry Down Estate

SCAN ME TO REGISTER

Supported by **Hackney**

BOOK ONLINE
WWW.ACCESSSTOSPORTS.ORG.UK
INFO@ACCESSSTOSPORTS.ORG.UK
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 02076868812

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

FSM DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

18-20TH FEBRUARY

Warm up this February half-term with our Winter Warmers Holiday Club!

Young chefs get hands-on cooking experience will take them from seed to spoon, using hardy produce from our winter garden. **For children 7+**

BOOKING LINK **OR** **SCAN TO BOOK:**

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](#)

TERM DATES CURRENT YEAR

Millfields Community School Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024							Key
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	School Holidays
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

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025							Key
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Weekends
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	School Holiday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	26	24	25	26	27	28	Bank Holidays
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					Inset Days
January 2026							February 2026							March 2026							April 2026							2 inset days still to allocate
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Millfields VIPs



YKS1



YKS2

