

# Millfields Mag

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## What a Half-Term at Millfields!

I cannot believe that we are at the end of this half term already and that means half way through the academic year!

Today has been marked with celebration but also sadness as we are saying 'GOODBYE' and 'GOOD LUCK' to Vicky, Assistant Headteacher, who has been a part of Millfields for more than 18 years! Vicky has been a big part of the Millfields community, during my many years here, and although we are so very sad to see her leave, I know that she will be going on to bigger and more exciting things. Vicky's contributions to Millfields life and the children's experiences have been huge - too many initiatives, events, awards and contributions to mention but certainly her love of dressing up, her enthusiasm and commitment to all things Eco, her commitment to pupil voice through the Champions Groups, and her joy and expertise teaching children, especially in the early years and KS1, will forever be part of Millfields' history. We are going to miss you Vicky -please stay in touch!

The school has been filled with lots and lots of artists this week as all the children have enjoyed being part of 'Creative Week'. Every class has really embraced the theme - 'Look Around' and have been out on local walks to look at the area we live in, paying attention to the wildlife, plants, flowers, buildings and people. Every child has created something that will contribute to the immersive art exhibition. There are some amazing creations, and I cannot wait to see all of this come together for our 'Creative Evening' on **Wednesday 5th March from 4pm -7pm**. Save the date! A HUGE THANK YOU to our Art Lead, Jess for planning and organising us all this week to make this happen!

Today is also Children's Mental Health Day, and the children have been immersed in the theme: 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. 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. All of the older children completed a well-being survey that we will look at after half term to address anything raised.

On the sporting front, we took part in Hackney Schools swimming gala yesterday, and although we didn't win too many medals, the children tried so hard and enjoyed the whole experience. Thanks to Nishie and Chris for supporting them. Also, big news this week -Millfields boys are the Hackney 5-a side champions! They were fantastic at the finals yesterday, and the whole team worked and tried hard together and it paid off! Well done to Kamari, Ronnie, Solly,

Bay, Bryan, Lawrell, Asher and Cosimo; and a big thank you and congratulations to Izaak and Sharon too!! Also this week, the children in Y6 visited The Ben Kinsella Trust - an anti knife crime charity that educates young people away from youth violence and campaigns to stop knife crime. This is always a thought-provoking trip, so please support your child if there are any questions, or visit the website. Y2 visited the Wonderlab at the Science Museum on Wednesday, Y3 also visited a synagogue as part of their RE work, and they also took part in a workshop on the Romans at the Bruce Castle Museum. Year 4 classes had a great time at the Hackney School of Food where they made paella from scratch and took home the end results to enjoy with their family! This was part of their learning about Spain. As always, thank you to all the adults that support the children every day, and especially with the many trips -teachers, support staff and parents and carers.

Finally, 'Happy Valentine's Day'!

Have a lovely half term with family and friends, whether you are travelling or just relaxing at home. Enjoy, stay safe; take care. Jane



### Important Dates

**Half Term**

**17th -21st Feb**

**Y5 Residential**

**24th-28th Feb**

**Creative Evening**

**Wednesday 5th March**

**World Book Day**

**Thursday 6th March**

**Fill Up Friday**

**Friday 7th March**

**Parents Evenings**

**Tues 18th & Weds 19th March**

### Word of the Week

#### AMPHIGORY

First recorded in 1800-10

From the French *amphigouri*

*noun*

a meaningless or nonsensical piece of writing

E.g.: My essay devolved into an *amphigory* as I ran out of ideas.

### Tuck Shop

Thank you to Karisimbi Class for organising the last tuck shop. Amount raised was a luscious

**£128.80**

Thank you everyone for all of your support!

**HAPPY HEARTS DAY!**





Happy Birthday to the children and staff who celebrated their birthdays this week, and will do so over the half-term break:

- 8th February ~ Reuben H, Kaden N & Henry R
- 9th February ~ Cece O & Nina P
- 10th February ~ Atif Y & Theo H
- 11th February ~ Hugo M, Miri S & Sidney S,
- 13th February ~ Tanveer A
- 14th February ~ Robin B & Angela B
- 16th February ~ Matisse B, Jordon O & Bjorn R
- 17th February ~ Charlie B
- 20th February ~ Delphie P
- 21st February ~ Wren H & Amari R

Many Happy Returns to you ALL!

## 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 28th Feb	Ararat (Yr3)
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)
<b>EASTER</b>	<b>HOLIDAYS</b>

## SPORTS DESK...SPORTS DESK...SP

### Millfields Win The S A LaBrom Cup !



A week on from the girls football squad's silver medal success in their borough 5-a-side finals, the boys returned to Queensbridge Sports Centre to play in their Grand Finals

Night. It was set to be a very tricky prospect, with all four of the other schools being leading teams during this year's competitions.

Millfields got off to a cracking start with a 4-0 win over William Patten, the ease of which allowed all 8 squad members some valuable game time. Next were Mossbourne Riverside. Hoping to emulate their girls team's victory from the previous week. A hard fought contest, which saw Millfields go behind for the only time all night, ended in a 2-2 draw with a wildly cheered equaliser in the last couple of minutes. Another really tough encounter against a big and physical Halley House team was won by Millfields with the only goal of the game. The results from 9 games meant that, going into the final match of the evening, Millfields were pitted against Gayhurst, with both teams level on points and goal difference - a true winner-takes-all match! Gayhurst were always going to be Millfields' most difficult opposition, with a long history of rivalry between them. In the end, a really tight, end-to-end encounter was settled by a solitary goal for the boys in the new blue kit, greeted by loud celebrations from parents on the balcony ... Millfields were the new Hackney Boys 5-A-Side champions! Well done and congratulations to: Kamari, Asher, Bay, Bryan, Cosimo, Lawrell, Ronnie and Suleiman. You and the girls squad have made Millfields proud this season!

## SHARING ASSEMBLIES Spring Term 2025

Date	EY, KS1, (Middle/ Bottom Hall @ 9:10am)	LKS2 and UKS2 (Middle/Top Hall @ 9:10am)
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)

Well done to these wonderful pupils in Y3 & Y4. They were champions in our recent Times Tables Rock Stars competition and are committed to learning their times tables. Keep up the great work!



# Millfields Life in Pictures



## So Long, Farewell Auf Wiedersehen, Adieu!

Vicky,

We are going to miss you –Don't be a stranger.

Good luck!



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Sammy Kids Camp

AGE 5+

£40 Per Child

# HALF TERM CAMP

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb

**BABYLON PARK**    **LASER TAG**

**AIR HOP**    **KBO<sub>2</sub> SOFT PLAY**

**GRAVITY MAX**

**VR SOFT PLAY**

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



**NUT FREE SCHOOL**

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




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

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# 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](#)





# Millfields VIPs



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2X10

