

Millfields Mag

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to everyone at Millfields — pupils, parents/carers and staff. I hope you have had a good summer break, and enjoyed time with friends and family, and that you are now back in the school routines.

A special welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception class children and parents/carers and other new starters throughout the school. I know it may seem a bit daunting for the children (and you!) but they will soon settle and get the hang of all the school routines.

Welcome also to all our new staff; Claire, Hizza, Orla, Marie and Sheila, and welcome back to Clara who has been on maternity leave. Also, congratulations to Blaithin on the birth of her baby boy, Rory, and to Rosie on the birth of her baby boy, Otto. Both mums and babies are doing really well.

The children all seem to be very happy and settled in their new classes with their new teachers and support staff, and they have quickly learnt the new routines, which are almost back to the days pre-Covid! Although, we are, and will be, continually reviewing the policies and procedures currently in place in response to new positive cases in school and in the community, and any following PHE or government guidance. The numbers in Hackney are rising so please try to revisit and reinstate some of the old protocols around social distancing, hand-washing and sanitising, and plenty of fresh air and enhanced ventilation. In school, windows and doors are all open and the children are washing hands regularly.

All of the children seem to be enjoying working in their new classrooms, and enjoying the first week of learning. For the next 2 weeks every class in the school from Y1-Y6 will be engaging in a unit of learning called 'Growing Our Future'. The work is inspired by the book 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies.

There has already been lots of outdoor learning in local green spaces in order to let the children connect with nature, reconnect with each other, rebuild relationships and foster togetherness. So far the children have explored our connection with nature during a park visit, made an observational drawing of a natural object, written a poem that describes their connection with nature, written a pen portrait to understand the impact of the world around us on health and well-being, taken part in role play to make inferences about a character's feelings and motivations, and read and responded to a range of poetry about nature. Classes have also been thinking and about and discussing climate change. This theme will continue next week.

In Science, all classes have taken part in the 'Egg Drop Experiment', where the children worked in groups to create a design that will protect an egg when dropped! The children were so excited and had so much fun! The designs were very inventive - I think the 2 best designs I saw were the egg in a bag of rice that remained intact, and the egg in a box that floated down gracefully to the playground and landed without the egg breaking. Please speak to your children at home about this lesson.

The main aim of this week was to ensure consistency across all classes and to establish and reinforce expectations across the school, including handwriting, presentation and formatting work. Well done everyone -your workbooks look amazing! Thank you to all of the parents and carers for being so patient while we establish our expectations and routines at the gates at the beginning and end of each day. Thank you for your support so far with the arrangements. Luckily, as we are part of the Safer Schools Streets initiative, we have very few cars travelling down the roads around school so we can make good use of the space, but please can I remind you that it is still a road in use! Please do not congregate in the road and move on when you have collected your child. As a reminder for those parents traveling via car to school, please do not park on the double yellow lines on the corner of a road and definitely not in front of the dropped pavement as this is an access issue and dangerous.

Thanks also, for your cooperation while we ensure that the new, very popular, clubs are established and tried and tested routines are put back in place. We will continue to review and keep you informed of any changes, and strive to find the best solutions.

Please look out for an email, and also look at Google Classroom for the Class Information Booklet that will give you an overview of the curriculum expectations and topics for this term, as well as other useful and important information for your child's class. The main form of communication will be via Google classroom and email, so please make sure we have the correct email contact details. Parents in Nursery and Reception classes, please look out for joining details next week.

Each class will also be inviting you to a virtual 'Welcome' meeting that will take place next week. Look out for an email that has the Zoom link to enable you to join the meeting. This will give you an opportunity to meet the teacher and to hear about your child's planned year ahead, and for you to ask any questions. There will be a PowerPoint Presentation that will be shared after the meeting for any parents unable to attend.

A final reminder -please make sure you label your child's clothes, and that the children wear their PE clothes to school on the day that their class has a PE lesson.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Take care, stay well and keep safe everyone. Jane

Important Dates

Teaching Assistant's Day

Thursday 16th September

Individual School Photos

Tuesday 21st September

E Safety Day

Friday 24th September

Maths Week

Week beg: 27th September

Black History Month

Week beg: 4th October

Show Racism the Red Card

Friday 22nd October

Label! Label! Label!

One of the headaches of school life is losing possessions - and items will inevitably go astray. Please can you ensure that your child's clothing, shoes, stationary and water bottles are clearly marked to make sure that nothing gets lost as everyone's items may look identical.

Due to the current situation, we cannot let parents come into school to search for belongings, so items can only be returned if they are clearly marked. Thank you for your attention to this!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the children and staff who celebrated their birthdays in these first weeks back:

1st September ~	Ryland M
2nd September ~	Jennay C
3rd September ~	Isabelle D
4th September ~	Wassim M
5th September ~	Jaynaih N
6th September ~	Clara T
7th September ~	Temi E & Sardier K
8th September ~	Casey R & Farah A
9th September ~	Minnie M & Isaac W
10th September ~	Kay R, Fatima P & Sharon W

Many happy returns to you all!

Dear Everyone in the Millfields School Community,
We hope you are all well.

GREAT NEWS!!

After a year off, the much loved Clapton Jumble Trail is back for its 8th Year.

JUMBLE TRAIL?!?! WHAT'S A JUMBLE TRAIL?!?!

For one Sunday, Clapton becomes a giant yard sale – an opportunity for you to declutter, sell your old stuff, make some cash and meet your neighbours. In 2019 we had around 200 stalls and raised desperately needed funds of over £4000 in sponsorships and stall fees for our school PSA.

WHEN IS IT?

Sunday, September 19th, 11am – 4pm

HOW DO I TAKE PART?

For all information and updates go to www.claptonjumbletrail.co.uk

And follow us on Instagram www.instagram.com/claptonjumble/

Email any questions to claptonjumbletrail@gmail.com

CAN I HELP?

Yes please! We are looking for new parents to help secure the future of this brilliant community event. If you would like to get involved, please drop us a line at

ane@anechristensen.com

Thank you

Ane & Graham

Millfields Learning

SHARING ASSEMBLIES - AUTUMN TERM 2021

Please note - Only 2 adults allowed per family due to space restrictions.

Date (Friday)	EY and KS1 (Middle/Bottom Hall @ 9:10am)	LKS2 and UKS2 (Middle/Top Hall @ 9:10am)
01/10/21	Riley (Ashraf's Class)	Faraday (Sumon's Class)
08/10/21		Jones (Naomi's Class)
15/10/21	Hepworth (Jess' Class)	Turing (Emily's Class)
22/10/21		Baylis (Alex/Emma's Class)
HALF TERM		
12/11/21	Brown (Mia's Class)	Newton (Theo's Class)
19/11/21		Dunlop (Clara/Roz's Class)
26/11/21	Tarrant (Joy's Class)	Anning (Claire's Class)
03/12/21	EYFS (Nursery and Reception Classes) Winter Concert on Friday 3rd Dec	
Week Beginning 06/12/21	Year 2 Nativity Performances	
Week Beginning 13/12/19	KS1, LKS2 & UKS2 Winter Concerts	



Otto & Rory



Millfields Community School Term Dates 2021-22

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- Key**
- School Days
 - Weekends
 - School Holidays
 - Bank Holidays
 - Inset Days
 - School closed - Platinum Jubilee



Volunteer
Registration
Open!

BECOME AN EMPATHY ANIMALS VOLUNTEER

Could you and your dog spare a couple of hours each month to visit a local primary school to help improve well-being?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME VERY SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

EMPATHY ANIMALS WILL GIVE YOU AND YOUR DOG AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A TRAINED VOLUNTEER TEAM.

You need to be over 18 and have an obedient, gentle and well behaved dog that is more than 18 months old and has lived with you for at least a year.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY AT [EMPATHYANIMALS.ORG/VOLUNTEER](https://empathyanimals.org/volunteer)



Welcome New Reception

