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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Firstly, thank you so much to all the parents who attended the first of our termly 'Millfields=Equality' session on Zoom earlier this week. For those who might have missed this session, it was an interesting and lively session - an opportunity to ensure that all parents and carers feel heard. Parents were able to express their views and feelings, and also hear about what Millfields is doing to combat racism and unconscious bias in the curriculum and school, and of course wider society. We reported on staff and governors who have embraced 'Unconscious Bias' training sessions and we are currently developing the curriculum that ensures equal representation including review of diversification within texts and authors. We hope that many more parents will join the next session and continue to support and challenge us to ensure fairness, belonging and equality for all in our school.

There isn't the usual Christmas madness around Millfields, but we are trying our very best to keep some of the usual routines and traditions, and the Christmas buzz! The EYFS Concert video has been released today and I have to say it is absolutely brilliant - I have had it on in the background all morning and been singing along! Thanks to the music team and Bruno for making this happen, even though one of the classes is at home isolating! The Y2 children have been recording their Nativity performances, and all of the KS1 and KS2 classes have been recording their Christmas songs. The link to each age-phase video will be released next week. All of our talented instrumentalists have also been practising hard and have recorded pieces for the evening concerts that are taking place next week. Thanks to all of the Music team - Roz, Tom, Celia, Simeon, Lawrence, and especially Jack who put all the class video clips together so brilliantly.

Next week, we will also be having our Christmas lunch with party hats, followed by party games and fun. We have had to rearrange some of the events due to the early closure, but we will fit everything in! Watch your emails and texts for more information and dates, times etc. Also next week, it is Design & Technology Week, so the children will all be designing and making lots of things. Thank you for your support in supplying some of the materials needed for this!

I would like to reiterate my heartfelt thanks to the whole school community again for your continued support in so many different ways during this very challenging and unpredictable time. The staff have worked exceptionally hard to ensure that all children continue to have an excellent and enriching learning experience over the last term. We have managed to have relatively little disruption to children's learning and have managed to keep things as normal as possible for the pupils in school, and those at home, taking part in online learning. We know that you have also had to adjust to a different way of interacting with the school as well as providing support to your child's learning if at home. We appreciate, as always, all the effort and support.

Finally, we are now preparing the Christmas Food Hampers on Friday 18th December. If you have any more non-perishable food - mince pies, fruit pies, tinned fish, fruit or other vegetables, bags of pasta and rice, custard and shampoo, we would be grateful. Also, any fresh food can be delivered on Thursday 17th at the beginning and end of the day, or Friday 18th December from 8am - 10am. Many thanks to all the parents who have contributed - it is very much appreciated.

For those who celebrate, Hanukkah, I know that you lit the first candle last night, so "Hanukkah Sameach!" - I hope you are enjoying spending time with your family.

You should by now have noted that the school will be closing for the Christmas break on Thursday 17th December at 3:10pm / 3:30pm. Please note that there is no After-school Club that day.

Have a good weekend -remember to wear a mask when out and about, and keep to social distancing rules. Take care and stay safe. Jane

Important Dates

DT Week

14th – 17th December

EY & KS1 Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December

KS2 Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December

Last Day of Term

Thursday 17th December

School Closes at Usual time

No After School Clubs

First Day of Spring Term

Monday 4th January

Attendance

Week beg: 23rd Nov

Our school target: 96.5%

Last week: **96.4%**

Winning classes:

KS1 Brown (99.2%)

KS2 Dunlop (99.3%)

Well done!





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

- 5th December ~ Delaney P
- 6th December ~ Mohammed H & Yaaseen U
- 7th December ~ Seraphine D, Talia P & Tiana P
- 8th December ~ Zainab A, Oona E & Eri H
- 9th December ~ Akif A & Alba S
- 10th December ~ Aneesah K, Samuel M & Max O
- 11th December ~ Bo B & Leonardo I

Many Happy Returns to you ALL!



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Arts and crafts Winter Workshop-online on Zoom

Have fun and be creative together
For parents or carers with children
Aged 2-10yrs

Saturday 12th December:
10:00 am-12:00

Making:
Snowflakes and Sock Snow People

Suggested materials: card/ old cereal boxes, coloured paper, old magazines, 2 socks (1 white and 1 coloured) string or cotton, glue, coloured felt pens, scissors, needle and tread and rice or lentils to stuff the sock.



For more information and to book a place please text or email,
- Hayley on 07810 836811 or
Hayley.holiday@citylit.ac.uk
For all of these courses you will need a smartphone or computer with Internet access.



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LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

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| December | Makaton |
| Word to Learn: Goodbye |  Goodbye |





**East London
NHS Foundation Trust**

Parent/Carer Workshop

Helping children to manage their thoughts, feelings and behaviour

Hackney Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are offering one-off workshops for parents and carers of City & Hackney primary school children.

This one off workshop will teach you evidence-based positive parenting strategies for helping children to regulate their emotions and behaviours

This workshop will include:

- What is emotion regulation?
- Why is it important?
- How emotions influence behaviour
- What parents/carers can do to help

The group will be delivered via Zoom.

Book on to the workshop using the Eventbrite links below:

Workshop for 11th December:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-children-to-manage-their-thoughts-feelings-and-behavior-tickets-130406163345>

Workshop for 18th December:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-children-to-manage-their-thoughts-feelings-and-behaviour-tickets-130412761079>

Direct Debit Donations Programme

If you would like to support the school with a monthly donation to the PSA, you can find out more about the 3 special funds and make your donation here:

RENEW: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/8204>

ENRICH: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/8205>

INSPIRE: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/8206>

| VIRTUAL SHARING ASSEMBLIES - AUTUMN TERM 2020 | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Date <small>(Week Beginning)</small> | EY and KS1 | LKS2 and UKS2 |
| 14/12/2020 | KS1, LKS2 & UKS2 Winter Concerts | |



YOUR CHRISTMAS REINDEER NAME

WHICH OF SANTA'S FURRY HELPERS WILL YOU BE?

Find the first letter of your first name

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|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| A - Mistletoe | G - Wiggles | M - Lightning | S - Cocoa | Y - Sugar |
| B - Chestnut | H - Cinnamon | N - Captain | T - Speedy | Z - Spark |
| C - Sprinkles | I - Hickory | O - Flash | U - Blizzard | |
| D - Admiral | J - Bootsie | P - Peppermint | V - Pecan | |
| E - Patches | K - Dizzy | Q - Gumdrops | W - Jolly | |
| F - Zip | L - Snuggles | R - Dazzles | X - Apples | |

Find the first letter of your last name

- | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| A - Whiskerson | G - Bellingham | M - Charmerson | S - Flufferstein | Y - Berryman |
| B - von Stride | H - Wonderland | N - Frostino | T - McMittens | Z - Delightwell |
| C - Rocketberg | I - Gallopsalot | O - Snowridge | U - Flutterley | |
| D - McDingles | J - Hooveski | P - O Flurry | V - Sleighski | |
| E - Darlington | K - Wishesbee | Q - Tinseltoes | W - Snugglewell | |
| F - von Whimsy | L - Slushbucket | R - Hoovington | X - Winterton | |



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4,400 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/millfieldscs/?invite=EXAUP7%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

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<http://efraising.org/5KwJKUsyXH>



invites you to our

WINTER FAIR

Clapton's very own Winter Wonderland will see our gardens hosting outdoor market stalls selling gift ideas of handmade decorations, stocking fillers, edible gifts and more.
You can even book your child a visit to Santa's Grotto!

15, 16, 17th December
3.45 - 6pm

WOOD FIRED PIZZAS, MINCE PIES
MULLED WINE & WARMING SOFT DRINKS

Book your free entry slots
& Grotto tickets starting from £10

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Bookings will be limited to covid-safe bubbles of 6 at timed intervals to allow for social distancing. Last entry 5.45pm.

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Win a Bike!

Are you aged between 5-12?
Do you live in Hackney?
Draw us a poster!




The Hackney Cycling Campaign is running a fantastic competition for all Hackney children aged 5-12 years old to win one of 4 brand new bikes - delivered in time for Christmas!

Entry is simple: draw a poster of yourself on a bike in front of your favourite place in Hackney.

The downloadable entry form and full details are on the website:

<https://hacknecycling.org.uk/win-a-bike/>

Send your entries by **13th Dec** to be in with a chance to win a bike in time for Christmas!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Key Stage 1



Upper Key Stage 2

