

# Millfields Mag

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## Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



This week, the PSA and school have had a visit from Felicity, a play and outdoor learning consultant, who was here to get all our views about the playground, as we start on our journey to develop and review the playground space and usage, and outdoor provision. Felicity spent 2 days with us, observed all the playtimes and lunch times, also speaking to staff and children outside, then met

with children, staff, parents and Governors to get their views, ideas and thoughts about developing the playground area. A big 'thank you' to the parents and governors involved and to Vicky, who is leading on this project and organised the visit. If there are any parents who would like to offer any ideas, services, support - we would love to have you onboard. Please email [vnoakes@millfields.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:vnoakes@millfields.hackney.sch.uk)

Also this week, Y6 classes visited the Buddhist Centre as part of the RE curriculum. The children enjoyed the whole experience, loved sharing what they had already learnt and knew, but especially loved the opportunity to meditate! The children have also brought lots of information back to enhance their in class learning.

Some of our children took part in the Hackney cross-schools Panathlon this week. This is a competition/activity for some of your children who might not otherwise have an opportunity to compete and involved taking part in the following activities: Flight Path, Parachute Popcorn, Boccia Blast, New Age Kurling, Table Cricket, Precision Beanbag, Ten Pin Topple, Harlem Hoops, Volleybat and Messi Football! The children did so well, and thoroughly enjoyed the day, and especially as they came back with a certificate and the bronze medal! Well done to all the children who took part and to the staff who supported them.

As you will hopefully already know, the Christmas Fair is next Friday 8th December afternoon and starts at 2:30pm until 5:30pm. The PSA have all been busy for the last few weeks and still need lots of help for the actual event, getting ready for, during and after. We need donations of toys and tombola prizes. If you have not already bought a raffle ticket - please see one of the PSA committee who will be around all next week. All of the activities and stalls will be outside, so we hope to see lots of you there, enjoying the festivities and having some festive fun!

The children in Y2 have all been excitedly learning their lines and practising the songs for the Nativity Performances that are planned for next week. There will be tickets for sale on the day - £1 donation for each performance. See the details of days and times on the poster that was emailed out and in the Mag. We hope to see you at St James Church. We hope that Mr Coffee Bean will also be there selling coffee before the show starts! The PSA are making some money from these sales. The following week, beginning 11th December are the Winter Concerts for all classes, as well as the Choir and Instrumental Concert on Tuesday 12th December from 6pm. This is always a lovely evening that gets us all in the mood for the holidays!



Another date for your diary is the Christmas Lunch day - Friday 15th December. If your child usually has packed lunch and you would like the special lunch for your child that day, please let us know via email before the end of next week.

We are collecting non-perishable goods for the Food Bank Christmas Hampers that will be given out on Tuesday 19th December. We need more rice, lentils, pasta, pasta sauce, tins of soup, baked beans, tins of tuna or sardines, custard, UHT fruit juice, other drinks, cakes, sweets, biscuits and mince pies. Thank you to all of you who have already contributed and continue to contribute on a weekly basis. The families in receipt of the food are extremely thankful.

Please could I ask that children be particularly careful when they put their bikes in the bike store - we have recently had some haphazard "parking" which has resulted in a few adult bikes being scratched and damaged. Thank you.

Finally, Winter seems to be here as the temperature has dropped, and it is feeling chilly outside, so please make sure that your child is wrapped up warm, and that all coats, scarves, gloves and hats have names on them! It really helps when we try to match lost property to the right owner!

Have a good weekend, take care and keep well. Jane.



## Important Dates

**Christmas Fair**

**Friday 8th December**

**Christmas Lunch**

**Friday 15th December**

**London Day**

**Monday 18th December**

**London Day**

**Tuesday 19th December**

**Christmas Jumper Day**

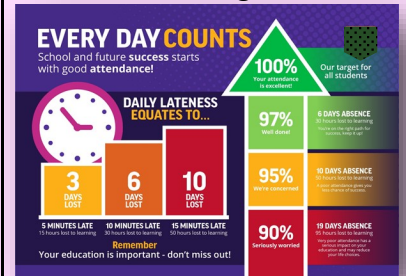
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**Last Day of Term**

**Wednesday 20th December**

## Punctuality and Attendance

Please make sure you are on time for school every day—lateness disrupts learning!



## Tuck Shop

Thank you to Mekong Class for organising last week's tuck shop. Amount raised was an awesome **£127.20**

Thank you everyone for all of your support!







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

26th November ~ Iris B, Megan H, Arthur C, Frida S, I Akhtar  
 27th November ~ Bruno B, Sukhmani K  
 28th November ~ Babette, C, Perseus, G.,  
 29th November ~ Riley B, Max-Jose K & Mariam P  
 1st December ~ Joely W

Many Happy Returns to you ALL!



December	Song
Words to Learn: Musical notations	

## PSA After-school

### Tuck Shops — Autumn 2023

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 8th December	All Classes (Xmas Fair)
Friday 15th December	Olympus (Yr1)
<b>END OF TERM</b>	

## Food Stall Help

If you wish contribute we are in need of Food and non-perishable items.

The following needed for our Xmas Boxes:  
 Mince pies, cakes, biscuits, fruit juice, sweets, chocolate, crisps, etc

Please speak to member of SLT staff at your pick up gate.

Thank you

### Did you know that you can hire our school spaces?

Our wonderful school facilities are available to hire during the evenings, weekends and school holidays!

We work with local social enterprise, School Space to provide the ideal space for community groups to meet, greet and gather.

Check out the spaces we have to offer at [school-space.org](http://school-space.org)!

To make a booking, contact School Space at:

[bookings@school-space.org](mailto:bookings@school-space.org) | 020 3369 3269







**Save the Children.**

**Christmas Jumper Day**

**Only £1**

**Wear your Christmas Jumper to School on the (19th Dec) to help raise money for Save the Children!**



**LOVE PARTIES?  
HATE WASTE?**

**Hire an eco-friendly party kit from...**

**Millfields Party Kit**

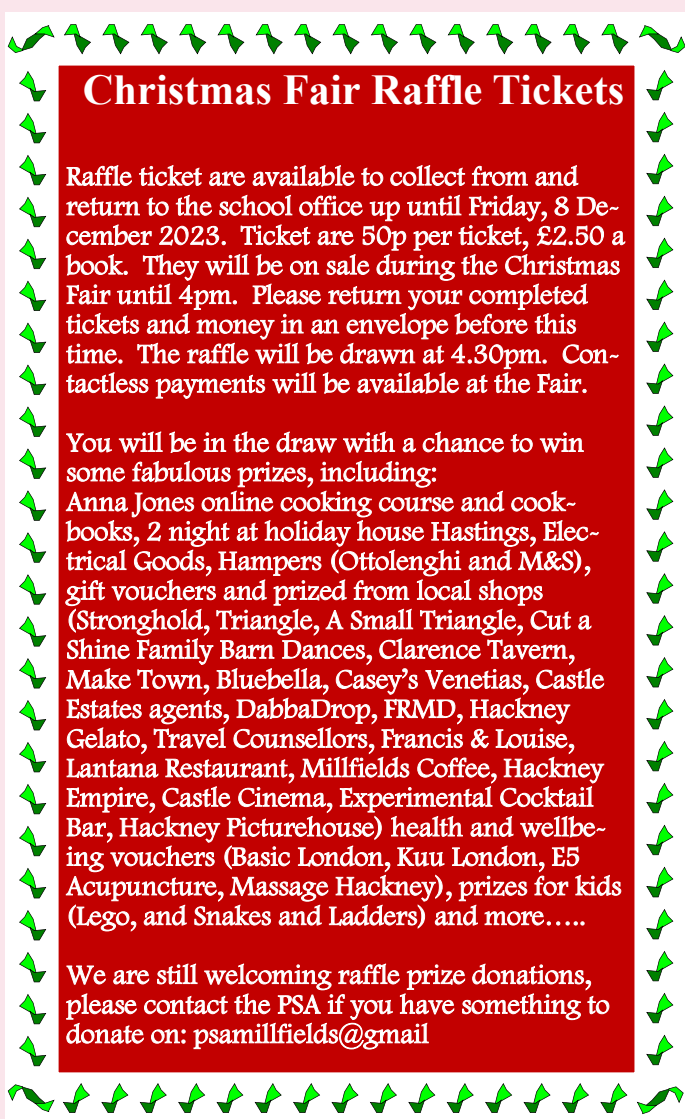
psamillfields@gmail.com

07538 364 665

The kit includes all the basics for a party; plates, cups, bowls, cutlery and more - use of the kit can save over 100 single-use items from going to landfill and saves you money too! All you need to do is request the kit and pay a £10 deposit (refundable when the kit is returned washed).

**MEMBER**  
PARTY KIT NETWORK

www.partykitnetwork.org @partykitnetwork



**Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets are available to collect from and return to the school office up until Friday, 8 December 2023. Tickets are 50p per ticket, £2.50 a book. They will be on sale during the Christmas Fair until 4pm. Please return your completed tickets and money in an envelope before this time. The raffle will be drawn at 4.30pm. Contactless payments will be available at the Fair.

You will be in the draw with a chance to win some fabulous prizes, including:

- Anna Jones online cooking course and cookbooks,
- 2 night at holiday house Hastings,
- Electrical Goods, Hampers (Ottolenghi and M&S), gift vouchers and prizes from local shops (Stronghold, Triangle, A Small Triangle, Cut a Shine Family Barn Dances, Clarence Tavern, Make Town, Bluebella, Casey's Venetias, Castle Estates agents, DabbaDrop, FRMD, Hackney Gelato, Travel Counsellors, Francis & Louise, Lantana Restaurant, Millfields Coffee, Hackney Empire, Castle Cinema, Experimental Cocktail Bar, Hackney Picturehouse)
- health and wellbeing vouchers (Basic London, Kuu London, E5 Acupuncture, Massage Hackney), prizes for kids (Lego, and Snakes and Ladders) and more.....

We are still welcoming raffle prize donations, please contact the PSA if you have something to donate on: psamillfields@gmail



**CUT A SHINE Family BARN DANCE**

**The Round Chapel**

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**#BURNS\_NIGHT**

**27th JANUARY 2024**

1pm - 4pm, £6 adv per human / £7 on the door

Lunch Served / Tea & Coffee / Snacks / Soft Play

@cutashine

www.cutashine.co.uk



## MANAGING CHILD BEHAVIOUR

6-WEEK GROUP OPEN TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING CITY & HACKNEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Join practitioners from City & Hackney MHST for a series of in-person sessions to practice strategies and share experiences of managing challenging child behaviours. The group will cover topics such as building the parent-child relationship, emotion regulation strategies, encouraging positive behaviours, and giving appropriate consequences for misbehaviours.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 9.30AM - 11AM

FOR 6 WEEKS FROM

8TH OCTOBER - 13TH DECEMBER 2023

HOSTED AT ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT  
<https://tinyurl.com/MHSTbehaviourgroup>  
TO REGISTER



If you have any questions, please speak to your school's Education Mental Health Practitioner or Designated Mental Health Lead.



## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH ANXIETY

6-WEEK GROUP OPEN TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING CITY & HACKNEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Join practitioners from City & Hackney MHST for a series of in-person sessions to practice strategies and share experiences of supporting children with feelings of anxiety. The group will cover topics such as understanding your child's fears and worries, encouraging independence, taking a step-by-step approach to overcoming fears and worries, and addressing particular needs.

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 2PM - 3.30PM

FOR 6 WEEKS FROM

10TH NOVEMBER - 15TH DECEMBER 2023

HOSTED AT JUBILEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT  
<https://tinyurl.com/MHSTanxietygroup>  
TO REGISTER



If you have any questions, please speak to your school's Education Mental Health Practitioner or Designated Mental Health Lead.



## WINTER CONCERTS 2023

**Friday 8th December** – School Middle Hall

**Early Years Sharing Concerts**

Mersey, Shannon, Trent, Lea & Thames

**9am & 10am & 11am**

**Tuesday 12th December** – St James Church

**Yr1 Sharing Concert** (Kilimanjaro, Karisimbi, Olympus) **9.45am**

**Yr2 Sharing Concert** (Douro, Nile, Zambezi) **11.00am**

**Wednesday 13th December** – St James Church

**Yr5 Sharing Concert** (Acatenango, Fitz Roy, Shenandoah) **12.15pm**

**Yr6 Sharing Concert** (Mississippi, Orinoco, Yukon) **2.15pm**

**Thursday 14th December** – St James Church

**Yr3 Sharing Concert** (Ararat, Fuji, Annapurna) **9.45am**

**Yr4 Sharing Concert** (Ganges, Mekong, Yangtze) **11.00am**

**Tuesday 12th December** – St James Church **6.30pm**

**KS2 Choir and instrumentalists**

## Y2 Nativity 2023



**at St James Church**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Nile Class 10:15am**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**Douro Class 2:00pm**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**Zambezi Class 10:15am**





# Millfields VIPs



**KS1**



**LKS2**



**UKS2**

