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The Lights were Out at Millfields!



What a busy week it has been! There has been lots happening as usual, including the beginning of all those Christmas song favourites, the arrival of the Book Fair, 'No Pens Day' and 'Switch off Fortnight"

We mark 'No Pens Day' every year as it is a significant reminder about the importance of speech and language in our everyday lives. 'No Pens Day' Wednesday is an annual day of spoken language activities that takes place in lots of schools. During the day, all learning activities were planned to encourage spoken language skills that are fundamental for learning to read and write, managing emotions and developing friendships. By putting down our pens (and pencils) for the day, teachers planned and designed learning activities that helped to develop pupils' spoken language skills. There were lots of Maths games, art and craft activities, debating, drama, and PE lessons taking place across the school. The pen police were checking in each class and all offices to make sure that we were all keeping to the rules!

As well as 'No Pens Day' we also challenged ourselves - children and staff, to switch off all electricity for at least the morning - no lights (except emergency lighting so we could see going up and down the stairs, ovens to cook the school lunch and the main Admin office PCs!) no computers, iPads or interactive whiteboards and no phones! The staff all tried really hard to make the day work - I didn't look at an email until after 2:30pm! The idea of a day of learning without electricity was to highlight the need to think more about energy use, and sustainability as well as the over-reliance we all have these days on technology! Some of the feedback from children is that they would like to have a day a week without electricity! Watch this space!

As you know there have been a few Covid cases in school, and thankfully, most of the adults and children are back in school now. However, there seem to be a rising number of Covid cases across Hackney and all schools have been asked by Hackney Education to ensure that we are adhering to rules to ensure that we minimise the spread and control Covid infection rates. In school currently, staff are already testing twice a week; we also already have all windows and doors open to aid ventilation and we have CO2 monitors in place. We are being asked to wear facemasks in communal areas and ask all visitors including parents to do the same; we are being asked to ensure that we stick to smaller group sizes, and so we have made all assemblies and concerts for one year group at a time only; staff meetings are back online and we are thinking about social distancing again. We will keep going and hope that we get to the end of term with everything we have planned still going ahead.

Our first festive events take place next week, with EYFS concerts and the Christmas Fair all taking place on Friday 3rd December. Please see the poster in the Mag for details of the timings of the Fair and check your emails for concert times and details. Reminder texts will be sent out next week. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Finally, you will all be aware, hopefully, that your child is learning their class Christmas song for our concerts. Please encourage your child to learn the words and actions so that they are ready for their performance.

Wrap up warm this weekend, it's going to be a cold one! Take care, stay well and keep safe.

Jane

Important Dates

Book Fair

26th Nov to 8th Dec

London Day
Thursday 2nd December
Christmas Fair
Friday 3rd December
School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 16th December
Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 17th December
Last Day of Term
Friday 17th December

Attendance Week beg: 8th Nov

Our school target: 96.5%
Last week: 94.9%
Winning classes:
KS1 Whiteread (100%)
KS2 Berners-Lee (99.5%)
Well done!



Reminder School Tours

Fridays at 2:30pm
Click here to book a ticket
7th January 2022



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

20th November ~ Herbie F, Chloe G, Vicky N & Paula W

21st November ~ Fatou C, Destiny C, Khadija H, August K & Amelia M

23rd November ~ Amina M

24th November ~ Robin B & Cheryl S

25th November ~ Angel K

26th November ~ Iris B, Megan H, Brianna Q & Rafik I

Many happy returns to you all!

... SPORTS DESK... SPORTS DESK

We had three of our year 6 pupils taking part in the London Youth Games Cross Country 2022 event at Parliament Hill, which is considered one of the toughest courses in the country for young people. All London boroughs participated with over 200 people in each race. In the Under 11 Girls Race Catrin M finished 25th coming through the first for Hackney in 6.57 minutes. Bluebell W finished 44th coming through 2nd in 7.11 minutes

In the Under 11 Boys Race, Ansel S finished 76th coming through 1st for Hackney 6.3 minutes Well done everyone, we are so proud of you all!

Maths Whizz News! Congratulations to Lovelace Class with the most Maths Whizz progressions! Well done and keep up the good work!





Millfields Year 5&6
Cyclists with their medals
for finishing first in the
Young Hackney Cycling
League Cyclocross Event

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)
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	



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www.school-space.org/millfields 020 3369 3269 • bookings@school-space.org Christmas Fair next Friday 3rd December 3:30-5:30!

Please note we will be taking donations of good quality books and toys, raffle prizes and bottles of wine all next week at the main gate at drop off.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



Photography and Animation at After School Club!

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STARS OF THE WEEK











