

# Millfields Mag

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## Working Together 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, and 'No Pens Day.'

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 are planned to encourage spoken language skills that are fundamental for learning to read and write, managing emotions and developing friendships. By putting down your pens (and pencils) for the day, we helped to develop pupils' spoken language skills, and had lots of fun doing creative and outdoor activities that also helped our mental health! The pen police were checking in each class to make sure that we were all keeping to the rules!

As part of 'No Pens Day' we asked you, the parents and carers, to read on zoom to our classes! We had lots of you volunteering and the children really enjoyed seeing and hearing you on the big screen. A huge 'thank you' to you all! We may do this again as it proved very popular - watch this space!

Thank you again, to all the parents/carers who signed up and met with your child's teacher this week. I know it has been great for you and the teachers to meet virtually to talk about your child's learning and progress in these challenging times. We would of course have loved to see you in person, but these are different times! We will be sending out a Google Doc Questionnaire to get some of your views and thoughts on the school as a whole and our response to Covid, as well as some of your ideas and suggestions. Look out for the link next week.

It has been a tricky week for some of our staff and children as they have been asked to isolate after a couple of positive cases across the school. Thank you to all our staff who quickly re-planned and organised learning for the self-isolation period and thank you to the families who are supporting their children and embracing home learning via Google Classroom and Zoom.

There do seem to be a rising number of Covid cases across Hackney, so please remember the local restrictions until the middle of next week, and check and familiarise yourself with the Tier 2 restrictions from 2nd December. Please remember that your child must stay at home, but the rest of your family is able to continue attending workplaces and schools/colleges. Also a reminder that children should not be mixing in other households after school. If you are playing outside, this is permitted but not in a house. We have seen an increasing number of children being picked up by adults other than their parents, so please consider this before making arrangements. Thanks for your support with this.

Finally, you will all be aware that your child is learning their class Christmas song for our virtual concerts. Please encourage your child to learn the words and actions so that they are ready for the filming. Each class will have a recording time over the next few weeks, and the finished video, that will include the songs from each age-phase, will be sent out in the final week of term.

I hope you have a good weekend. Wrap up warm and enjoy the outdoors.

Take care, stay well and keep safe.

Jane

### Important Dates

**Music Tuition Deadline**

**Friday 11th December**

**DT Week**

**14th – 18th December**

**EY & KS1 Christmas Lunch**

**Wednesday 16th December**

**KS2 Christmas Lunch**

**Thursday 17th December**

**Last Day of Term**

**Friday 18th December**

**School Closes at 1:00pm**

**First Day of Spring Term**

**Monday 4th January**

### Attendance

**Week beg: 16th Nov**

Our school target: 96.5%

Last week: **97.4%**

Winning classes:

KS1 Lowry, Tarrant,  
Whitread (99.3%)

KS2 Jones (100%)

**Well done!**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

- 21st November ~ Fatou C, Destiny C, Khadija H, Amelia M, & Jonathan M
- 22nd November ~ Jatin T
- 23rd November ~ Amina M
- 24th November ~ Robin B, Steven C & Cheryl S
- 25th November ~ Angel K
- 26th November ~ Iris B, Megan H, Brianna Q & Rafik I
- 27th November ~ Bruno B

Many Happy Returns to you ALL!



## NO PENS DAY



### VIRTUAL SHARING ASSEMBLIES - AUTUMN TERM 2020

Date (Week Beginning)	EY and KS1	LKS2 and UKS2
30/11/2020	Lowry (Kamilah's Class)	Faraday (Sumon's Class)
07/12/2020	Virtual Year 2 Nativity Plays	
14/12/2020	KS1, LKS2 & UKS2 Winter Concerts	



## LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

November	Polish
Word to Learn: Thank You	Dziękuję Ci



### 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:

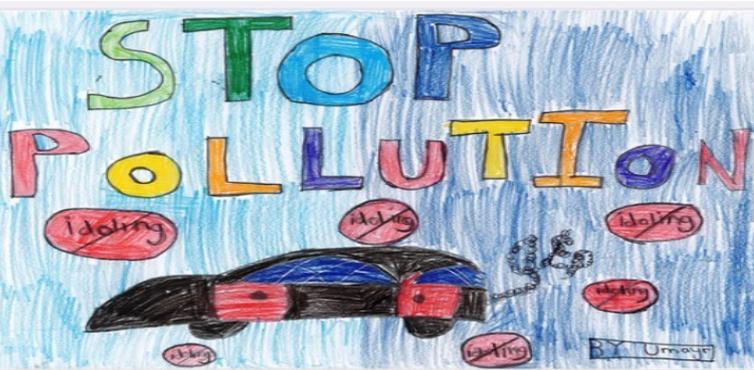
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-children-to-manage-their-thoughts-feelings-and-behavior-tickets-130406163345>

Workshop for 18th December:

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**Thank you to Umayr, Zakatiyya, Mya, Billie, Bootz, Lily, Finnbar, Sam W, Chieyiem & Evie for their fantastic entries to our stop idling campaign. Look out for our new idling banner on the school walls to see their designs in action.**

**Please remember to turn your engines off and save our planet and our kids lungs!**



**STOP IDLING**



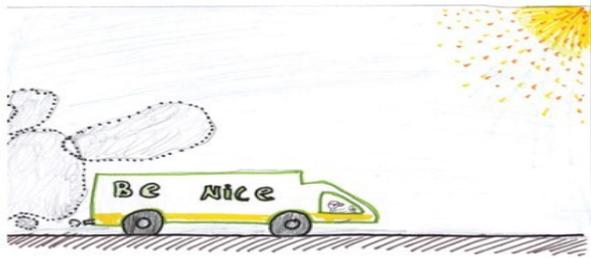
**IDLING IS BAD!!!!!!**

**WHY IS IDLING BAD?**

**? DID YOU KNOW?**  
Idling uses more gas than driving -

It can damage vehicles, pollute the air, and harm our health. It releases harmful chemicals.

**TURN OFF YOUR KEY BEIDLE FREE!**

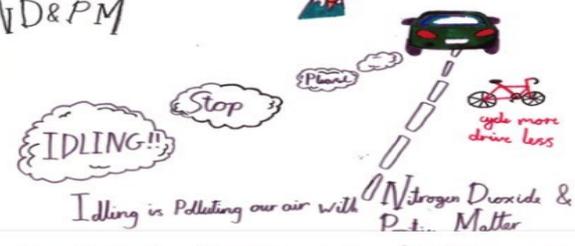


**CHILDREN BREATHING!**



**We need to Stop Idling!**  
ND&PM

**Halt Stop Idling**



**Turn IT off don'T make us cough**



by sam

**IF you're NOT going FAR, DON'T take your CAR!!!!**



by mya nashley

## **Millfields School Tour**

**We haven't been able to do School tours due to Covid restrictions, so a group of fabulous parents got together to make a film of our lovely school:**

<https://youtu.be/YOWiq6ZXIKY>

**Please watch and share with anyone you know looking for a school as we think it captures the magic of Millfields.**

**It would not have been possible without Nick Leader, our film maker.**

**A massive thank you to him and to Alex for boom swinging and editing, Milo for additional shooting and grade, Zak for cleaning up the audio, Lisa for editorial advice and Chelsie for the graphic at the end.**

**Thanks also to everybody for the initial emails full of ideas which we've tried to use. The support has been tremendous and, as the film says, we call our community a family and this one has done a stupendous job!**

# STARS OF THE WEEK

## Key Stage 1



## Upper Key Stage 2

