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Running takes off



Another busy week with visitors, activities and meetings at Millfields! Firstly, the Hackney Gazette visited on Tuesday morning to ask for our pupils' help to launch the Hackney School's Challenge as part of the Hackney Half Marathon. Last year we had the largest group of school children taking part and this year, we have over 80 pupils signed up! If you have not yet returned your form, and you still want to get involved, then please see Heidi at the main office for more information. The actual run takes place on Sunday 10th May, and morning practice runs will start after half term, so hurry if you want to be a part of this.

Also on Tuesday we had a visit from Neil Harvey, our School Improvement Partner from the Hackney Learning Trust. We have a termly monitoring visit to look at different areas of the school, and this visit focussed on teaching and learning. Neil visited all the classes, and there was lots of positive feedback about the quality of marking, feedback and presentation in the children's books, and he also commented on the high expectations there is for writing from Reception to Y6. Neil also commended the children on their behaviour around the school, and especially their learning behaviours in class. He also loved the Nursery and Reception 'Sky Wall' that was produced during Creative Week.

Today, we have had visitors from the Netherlands –trainee teachers and their tutors visited to look at inclusion. They also looked at the curriculum offer and provision. They were, as ever, impressed with what they saw and loved talking to the children in class about their learning.

Also this week, Sheffield Class started a project with Apollo Music.

Sports News –Year5 and 6 pupils took part in a Hackney-wide cross-country event on Wednesday. We did really well, with almost all the children finishing in the top 10 in each race. Well done everyone!

Next week is Spanish Week, and as part of the work, children will have Spanish-speaking visitors –many of them parents, as well as experience a flamenco dance workshop and eat traditional Spanish food. As always there will also be a home learning competition and there will be a prize for the child who has contributed the most and worked the hardest in each class during the week. And Friday 13th February is non-uniform day –dress up as someone from a Spanish speaking country or a famous Spanish person. Start thinking about your outfit this weekend. I am looking forward to seeing the costumes already!

Finally, don't forget that the school bank is open every Wednesday from 8.30am, and you can still open an account if you have not done so already.

The PSA also met today, and have lots of exciting events coming up including the Years 4,5 & 6 disco on Friday 27th February. More details after the break.

Have a good weekend. Best wishes, Jane

Important Dates

9th - 13th February

Spanish week

Tues 10th February

Safer Internet Day

Deadline run Hackney applications

Fri 13th February

Non uniform day

Spanish theme

Fri 13th February

Last day of half term

Fri 20th March

Class photos

Weds 25th March

Parents evening

Attendance & Punctuality

Our school target:

96.5%

Last week: **97%**

Winning classes last week: Liverpool (99%) and Birmingham (99%).

Tuck Shop

Well done to Manchester class for raising £68.09 at last week's tuck shop. Thank you for all of your support.

Headteacher's Surgery

Weds 11th Feb 2pm

School tours

Fri 13th Feb 9:30am

Please book an appointment with the office.



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the children and staff who celebrated their birthdays during this week: Ashraf Mohi, Sohail Isroliya and Ahlaam Sayid 2nd February; Sultan Altun, Jasmine Amar, Malaikah Husain and Atiyyah Kaji 3rd February; Mohammed Umar Mulla and Aleemah Uddin 4th February; Asmaa Hajat, Ashleigh Hunt and Rayid Ibrahim 5th February; Nazira Mulla 6th February; Keli Tawiah, Simone Salvatici and Tickayla Wilson 7th February; Nazia Khatun 8th February.

Kids Eat Free Day Saturday 7th February Leon Restaurants

To celebrate the launch of this year's Cook 5 Competition, we're inviting all families to pop by, get a balloon, and grab some grub that's good for you. All kids' meals are free, so long as one adult buys a meal too. It will be taking place in all Leons in London except Ludgate Circus, Cannon Street and our restaurants in transport hubs.

Cook 5 was set up in 2013 by Leon's co-founders, John Vincent and Henry Dibley, who wanted to make it easier than ever to get children picking up a wooden spoon. The competition's mission is to get kids aged 5-15 cooking at least five dishes before they leave school. It's really fun for kids – it encourages them to upload and share their dishes, and they win badges and prizes for showing off their culinary skills.

Teachers and parents can get the little 'uns, or bigger 'uns, in the kitchen at

www.cook5.co.uk.

LEON
NATURALLY FAST FOOD

Access to the school - safeguarding

We would like to remind parents and carers that the only door you may enter the school by is the main entrance. This includes both before and after school hours. With only 7 doors to exit over 20 classes we need to ensure all doors have clear access for all children entering and exiting the building. No adult should be trying to enter the school whilst the children are leaving, this puts both adult and children at risk of injury. Thank you for your support.

TOWER POWERHOUSES 5k Family Challenge

In aid of London's Air Ambulance & Historic Royal Palaces charities

Sunday 8th March

Enjoy a fun-filled family day out!

Follow clues and collect treasure around the 5km City of London course and discover how the Tower of London and the powerhouses within it are connected with the City that we know today.

- Picnic lunch & team entry to Tower of London included
- Suitable for ages 5+
- Clues in accordance with Key Stage 1 & 2
- Registration £25 per team, sponsorship target £175

Will the powerhouses of London defeat you?

Register at hrp.org.uk/challenge

or londonsairambulance.co.uk/our-events

Remember you have until 6 weeks after the Family Challenge to send in your sponsorship!



Snow

We always endeavour to stay open no matter what the weather. So please assume even with snow that school will be open. If for some reason we are forced to close, then you will receive a text message at the soonest possible time after the decision has been made. In this cold weather some children are still not dressed appropriately. Please ensure your child has a warm water proof coat as a minimum. We also recommend warm hats and gloves/mittens. If it does snow they will more than likely be out playing in it.



**Historic
Royal Palaces**



SHARING ASSEMBLIES - Spring Term 2015

Date(Fridays)	EY and KS1(Bottom Hall @ 9.10am)	LKS2 and UKS2 (Top Hall @ 9.10am)		
13.2.15	Spanish Week - No sharing assemblies			
HALF TERM				
27.2.15		York Class (Sevilay)		Exeter Class (Keli)
6.3.15	Edinburgh Class (Rana)		Winchester Class (Matthew)	
13.3.15	Pop up Assemblies			
20.3.15		Leeds Class (Vicki)		Bristol Class (Kingsley)
27.3.15	Belfast Class (Teague)		Oxford Class (Mehmet)	

Website of the Week

An activity website with loads of ideas for colouring, craft, cooking etc organised into themes. Lots of ideas for a wide variety of holidays and events as well as themes such as the seasons.

ActivityVillage.co.uk

Esme's year 5 Maths group used scale, ratio and measuring to make a scale model of their classroom. They will then pass this box onto a year 2 class for golden time.



Dress as someone from a Spanish Speaking country or a famous Spanish speaker next Viernes/Friday 13th to celebrate the end of Spanish Week



Argentina



Bolivia



Chile



Colombia



Costa Rica



Cuba



Dominican Republic



Ecuador



El Salvador



Equatorial Guinea



Guatemala



Honduras



Mexico



Nicaragua



Panama



Paraguay



Peru



Spain



Uruguay



Venezuela

We have been working on improving our teaching of reading in KS2 in the last few months. If there are any parents who have noticed a difference in their child's attitude to reading we would love to hear from you. We are also doing a bit of filming soon and would love to interview some parents about changes to their children's reading habits/response to books.

If you would like to say anything or are willing to be filmed please contact Debi at

dcookhorn@millfields.hackney.sch.uk or leave a message at the front desk.

We love reading



PSA After-school Tuck Shops Spring 2015

We would like to continue with our weekly tuck shops this year. We will 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.

Date	Class
Friday 13th Feb	Cardiff
HALF TERM	
Friday 27th Feb	Derby
Friday 6th Mar	Leeds
Friday 13th Mar	Nottingham
Friday 20th Mar	Year 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS	



DIS-GLO

Years 4, 5 and 6 disco
Friday 27th Feb 5.30-7.30
Tickets £1 / Available 23rd Feb

Spanish week 9th - 13th February

We are all getting ready for a fantastic week of Spanish activities next week.

Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to help us. It isn't too late. If you would like to help please contact the school office.

This year we have also organised a raffle. If you would like to purchase tickets they are available at the main office from today!!! Some fantastic prizes await! Good luck to all! Belen



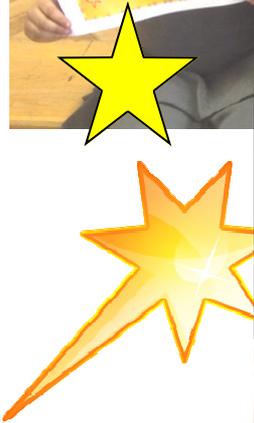
Stars of the week!



Key Stage 1



Lower Key Stage 2



Upper Key Stage 2



Estrellas de la Semana

