

# Millfields Mag

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## World Book Day



It was fantastic to see all the children and staff dressed up yesterday to celebrate World Book Day. There were some great costumes, and lots of children brought the book that their character came from to share with their classes. Just some of the costumes were as follows: Indiana Jones, the Invisible Man, Mr Tickle, the Mad Hatter, The Queen of Hearts, Superman, Princess Elsa (there were many!), Harry Potter and the Enormous Crocodile. Winners were chosen from each class, and will be announced in assemblies on Monday. All winners will receive a book as their prize. Also, the list of winners will be in the Millfields Mag next week.

On Wednesday this week, we had visitors from the Hackney Learning Trust along with a film crew who were filming some of our guided reading sessions. The school has been part of a pilot group of Hackney schools who are trialling this new approach to reading. The feedback from the visitors was as follows: 'Just to say a huge thank you for all of your work with the filming on Wednesday. What shone through was the children's strong engagement with reading and their high level of independence. This reflects the hard work you, as teachers, have all put in with introducing the strategies and reciprocal reading – such high quality partner and group reading sessions do not happen overnight.' A huge thank you to Debi and all the KS2 teachers who are working on this initiative. I hope your children are talking more about books at home, and explaining how they are looking at, talking about and responding to texts in class. On Tuesday, we welcomed parents to come in to class to learn with their children. The parents who attended said that they had found the experience very useful, informative and a great insight to all the hard work that the teachers put in and all the amazing work that their children do all day in class. The senior leaders then enjoyed tea, coffee and a chat with the parents. There is a display in the main reception area with photos and some of the comments from the day. Thank you to everyone who attended. We will be doing more of these events in the future.

Inside the Mag, you will read about our very exciting news about the EYFS 'Sky Wall' work from Creative Week. We have been shortlisted for the 2015 Saatchi Gallery/ Deutsche Bank Art Prize for Schools. There were more than 20,000 entries and we are one of only 20 shortlisted finalists. The art work will be removed from Millfields during the Easter break to hang at the Saatchi Gallery. Well done everyone! Finally, thank you to all the parents who attended the PSA meeting this morning. Enjoy the promised warmer weather this weekend. Best Wishes, Jane

### Important Dates

**Fri 13th March**

Red Nose Day

**Fri 20th March**

Class photos

**Weds 25th March**

Parents' Evening

**Friday 27th March**

2pm Last day of term

**Monday 13th April**

Children return to school

**Fri 15th May**

\***Bollywood Evening**

(postponed due to bereavement)

### Attendance & Punctuality

Our school target:

**96.5%**

Last week: **95%**

Winning classes last week: Swansea (100%), Leeds and Derby (98%).

### Tuck Shop

Well done to Derby class for raising £93.00 at last week's tuck shop. Thank you for all of your support.

### Headteacher's Surgery

**Thurs 12th March -2pm**

### School tours

**Fri 13th March -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 and the half term: Odysseus-Leon Bakalex, Merryn Baker, Nella Geoghegan, Nishai Green and Abu Hurairah 2nd March; Mary Blount 3rd March; Fatmanaz Ates and Kitty Morgan 4th March; Sebastian Quinn 5th March; Richard Wallace, Samy Benzerga, Ahmethan Karaman, Lucia Manoso Rogers and Kayden Morrison-Millward 7th March; Fayrooz Maleeha and Tyshan Morgan 8th March.

## Fabulous Foundation Holiday Club

We are running Fabulous Foundation Holiday Club throughout the school holiday periods. Sessions for 3-8 year olds will run from Millfields Children's Centre with experienced school and centre staff. Easter holiday club will run for one week - Tuesday 7th April - Friday 10th April. Fun filled activities will include arts & crafts, cooking, games, trips, outings and much more! There are limited places (24 places). If you would like to attend this Easter holiday you will need to make your application by Friday 20th March 2015. For Further information and to collect an application form, please contact the Children's Centre office on 0208 525 6404 or email [tgreen@millfields.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:tgreen@millfields.hackney.sch.uk) We will also be running a club during the Summer half term - Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May.

### Weekly Playground Development

#### News:

This is the new dedicated space in the Millfields Mag for updates on the development of the playground. We will also be posting news about what you can do to help raise funds so that we can start building this SUMMER/ AUTUMN. Our target is 45-75K



#### NEWS.....

WATCH your wonderful kids here on the new Made From Scratch Video - also viewable on our website <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBt1TLa-Psk> We will be using this video for our PSA Fundraising Campaign.

Europe's largest solar eclipse since 1999 is set to block out as much as 90 per cent of the sun's light in some areas of the UK.

On the **20 March** at 9.31am London will lose as much as 84 per cent of its sunlight while parts of Scotland such as Edinburgh will be even darker with 94 per cent of the light blocked out. **Astronomers believe the eclipse will begin in London at 8.45am**, it'll then reach its maximum eclipse at 9.31am with normal service being resumed at 10.41am.

If you want to witness the event the most obvious concerns are also the most dangerous. **Do not try and watch the event using the na-**



**ked eye.** Because there are no pain sensors within the eye you won't even know the damage has been done until it's too late.

Be safe, use some form of dimming lens. It's likely that they'll be available to buy or obtain closer to the date.



### WHAT YOU CAN DO THIS WEEK....

**Do you work for a company with a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme?**

Many companies have policies to support charities which have links to their employees.

The Millfields PSA is a registered charity and your company may be able to help our efforts to raise funds towards the playground development.

Some companies give small cash donations to charities their employees are involved with.

Some companies offer 'match-funding' when employees raise money for a charity. **One Millfields parent has secured £2,000 towards the playground fund from their company in this way.**

Please look at your company intranet to see if they can help, and encourage family members to do the same. For tips on approaching your company's charity committee please feel free to contact Kate Westlake [klwestlake@gmail.com](mailto:klwestlake@gmail.com)

### Millfields Bikers Breakfast Monday 23rd March 2015 8:30-10am



2 Bike engineers from Hackney Council will be visiting Millfields to give everyone's bike a bit of a tune up.

This first come, first served service is available to children, parents and staff. They will give your bike a quick look over and make any minor corrections needed to ensure your bike is roadworthy. Just bring your bike along for it's free service. Please note that they will NOT be able to fix broken bikes - these need to be taken to your local bike shop.

### Spanish week winner

**The winner of the raffle for Spanish week was Angelina Webb. We hope she enjoys learning to cook Spanish food with her new cookbook and supplies for paella.**

### SHARING ASSEMBLIES - Spring Term 2015

Date(Fridays)	EY and KS1(Bottom Hall @ 9.10am)	LKS2 and UKS2 (Top Hall @ 9.10am)
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

Red Nose day is next Friday. The official website has lots of fantastic games to play and lots of information about all the fabulous things comic relief does with your money. If you want to fundraise there are some fantastic ideas available.

<http://www.rednoseday.com>



## 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 Mar	Nottingham
Friday 20th Mar	Year 5
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	



## Milfields Super Savers



We were very pleased this week to have a number of people making deposits into their bank accounts. We will continue to be open **every Wednesday morning from 8:30- 8:50.** This bank is organised and run by a hard working volunteer group of year 5 pupils who are keen to encourage everyone to be a saver not a spender.



Run Hackney Runs begin

## Fantastic News!

We are delighted to announce that the nursery and reception work Sky Wall has been shortlisted for the **2015 Saatchi Gallery/ Deutsche Bank Art Prize for Schools.**

This year's judging panel consisted of Lauren Child MBE, writer, illustrator and creator of 'Charlie and Lola'; Catherine Goodman, Artistic Director of The Royal Drawing Schools; Alistair Hicks, Art Advisor to Deutsche Bank; Nigel Hurst, CEO of the Saatchi Gallery and Richard Wilson, Artist whose work includes 20:50 which is on permanent display at the Saatchi Gallery. Our students' work has been selected for the shortlist from over 20, 000 art works!

The exhibition of 20 shortlisted works will take place **28<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May** at the Saatchi Gallery, London. The winner and runner up prizes will be announced at 7pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> April at an opening event.

Many congratulations!



# EASTER PLAYSCHEME

A fun place for kids aged 4-12 to play during the holidays

Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April 2015, 8.45am – 5.45pm  
Tuesday 7 April to Friday 10 April 2015, 8.45am – 5.45pm

### Venue

Baden Powell School – Ferron Road, London E5 8DN

### Activities

Arts & crafts ● Outdoor play ● Games ●  
Den building ● Sports ● Trips ● and much more

### Book your child's place at

Hackney Learning Trust – 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ  
on Monday 9 March, 8am-7pm

For more information call us on 020 8820 7590  
or visit [www.learningtrust.co.uk/playscheme](http://www.learningtrust.co.uk/playscheme)

FROM  
£6-£17  
PER DAY

AGES  
4-12



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As part of the playground development, and through a parental link -thank you Fiona Mcallister, we are very lucky to be involved in the Urban Orchard Project' which will see fruit trees being planted next week. Members of staff and parents have already attended a training day and workshop, and the whole process will involve children and staff planting and looking after the trees throughout the year. In the lead up to this, all of the children enjoyed an assembly led by Lewis from the 'Urban Orchard Project. The children were fascinated to find out about all the different apples types, and we learnt what great fun it is to peel an apple.....it was actually more than a metre in length! Look out for the new trees, and for 'Apple Day' in the Autumn term.





**Stars of the week!**



**Key Stage 1**



**Lower Key Stage 2**



**Upper Key Stage 2**



**Estrellas de la Semana**

