

# Millfields Mag

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## Christmas arrives at Millfields



I hope that you all received a copy of the Ofsted Report at the beginning of the week, however, if you have not and would like a copy, please ask at the main reception or there is also a copy on the school website. Thank you to all the parents who have congratulated the school staff, and the children on a well-deserved result for all the hard work and commitment over the last few years. Millfields staff are truly, a brilliant group of people who work really well as team and I am delighted that this has been recognised by Ofsted.

Well done to Roz and members of the school choir who took part in a wonderful event at St John's, Smith Square, Westminster last night. As a Unicef Rights Respecting School and a loyal supporter of Unicef, the choir were invited to sing alongside The Joyful Company of Singers, one of Europe's leading chamber choirs. They performed a selection of Christmas songs and carols. Heaven, in Year 6, also did a reading to a packed house. The Millfields children were the only choir invited and of course raised the loudest cheer! Thank you to all the members of staff who took part and helped supervise the children on the night. Thank you also to all the parents who travelled to be part of this wonderful event. I felt very proud to be a member of the Millfields community. The singing was truly amazing.

This week we have also had a visit from our new Deputy Head teacher, Mark Fraser-Betts who will be joining the Millfields team in the New Year. Mark met most of the staff on our walk around the school, and will visit again before the end of term. He was very impressed by the work going on in classes and positively commented on the friendliness of both children and staff. I hope you will have an opportunity to meet him in the playground before or after school in the next few weeks.

The children in Reception to Year 5 have also been treated to a Christmas Pantomime –Puss in Boots today. The children really enjoyed the cheer of a traditional pantomime.

As you will know the Christmas Fair that is being organised by the PSA is next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. I hope you will have seen all the ways that you can help in the flyers that have been going out over the last few weeks. I look forward to seeing you all there to join in with the celebrations. Thank you also to the PSA for organising the buying of Christmas trees that should arrive to today for collection from the playground at 3.30pm. The school will receive a percentage towards PSA funds for each tree sold.

Also, you should have received a letter about the school Christmas Lunch that is taking place next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a dinner that day, please let the office know and make a payment asap.

And finally, just a reminder, to please label your child's clothes. We will be checking all lost property on a weekly basis from now on and will return all labelled items.

I look forward to seeing you all at one of the concerts in the next few weeks.

Have a good weekend. Best Wishes, Jane

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## Important Dates

**10th Dec—19th Dec**

Winter concerts - please see inside for details

**Fri 14th December**

Christmas lunch  
Christmas fair

**Wed 19th December**

Play clubs finish @ 5pm

**Thurs 20th December**

**2pm** last day of Autumn term  
No clubs

**Tues 8th January**

First day back for children.

## Attendance

Our school target: **96%**

Last week: **95%**

Winning classes last week for highest attendance were:

**Rome (98%) and New York (100%)**

## Tuck Shop

A big thank you to Year 6 for running the Friday tuck shop last week. They raised £73.32 Well done!

This mag has also been emailed. If you have not received this, and would like to, please email your child's name, class and email address to [info@millfields.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:info@millfields.hackney.sch.uk) or fill in a change of details form in the front office.

# Winter Concerts

Tuesday 11th December

2pm Nativity play—Year 2 Mexico City at St James' Church Clapton

Wednesday 12th December

2pm Nativity play—Year 2 Rome at St James' Church, Clapton

Thursday 13th December

2pm Nativity play—Year 2 Rio at St James' Church, Clapton

Monday 17th December

9:30am or 2pm Early years sharing concert -Yellow, Green, Red, Blue and Orange at Millfields

Tuesday 18th December

11am or 2pm Year 1 and 2 Sharing concert—Paris, Calgary, Vancouver, Rome, Rio and Mexico City at Clapton Academy

Wednesday 19th December

11am Year 3 and 4 Sharing concert—Helsinki, Moscow, Innsbruck, Seoul, Tokyo and Barcelona at Clapton Academy

2pm Year 5 and 6 Sharing concert—Oslo, Grenoble, Athens, New York Beijing and London at Clapton Academy

## Keep a look out!

For your information, there have been a number of local break ins at night time. Remember to double lock your front doors and keep windows closed. Double check that all windows and doors are secured when you go out during the day and report any suspicious activity to the local police station.



## Jumble/Textile Recycling

All the children will bring home a bag and a leaflet today. Please try to fill your bag – ask friends and neighbours if they have anything to add to it! We will sort the donations into jumble for the Christmas fair and the rest will be recycled in exchange for sports equipment for the school. Bags can be dropped in the playground every morning next week. Many thanks.



## Free tours of the Olympic park for Hackney residents

Free tours of the Olympic Park have been taking place since 21st November, giving local

Hackney residents the chance to see the park as it goes through its transformation following the Games.

The tours will run until July 2013 when parts of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park will re-open to the public.

To check availability and book a place on a tour, email [parktours@springboard-marketing.co.uk](mailto:parktours@springboard-marketing.co.uk) or call 0800 023 2030.

## Illness

We have had many reported cases of vomiting, diarrhoea and high temperatures in the last 2 weeks. As you may have heard on the news there is currently an outbreak of serious vomiting illnesses in London at the moment.

Please do not send your child to school if they have had any vomiting, diarrhoea and / or a high temperature in the past 24 hours. This will hopefully reduce the chance of transmission from your child to others and reduce the risk of your child becoming re-infected. It will hopefully also reduce the exposure of vulnerable groups of people such as infants and pregnant women to what can be a serious illness.

Many thanks for your cooperation

# DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Please bring to the tables in the playground at morning drop-off every day between Friday 7th and Friday 14th December. (The sooner the better to help us get organised!)



We would welcome donations of the following:

- ◊ Raffle prizes - anything goes - vouchers especially popular
- ◊ Tombola prizes (new or nearly new cuddly toys, anything chocolate or sweets, anything in a bottle (eg drinks, toiletries etc) or anything from your larder or unwanted presents
- ◊ Boxes of Christmas crackers (or single leftovers!) for a new game
- ◊ Bottles of wine or non alcoholic drinks in bottles for a new game
- ◊ Unwanted toys, dvds, cds, games, puzzles and books (adult or child)
- ◊ Unwanted textiles eg bedlinen (not duvets), curtains, towels, clothes, shoes tied in pairs—we will have a jumble stall for suitable items and the rest will be recycled in exchange for sports equipment for the school.
- ◊ Small party bag type prize items for games

*On the day of the fair itself (Friday 14th December) we would in addition welcome donations of tuck shop items for the Christmas Tuck Shop / Café as well as savoury snacks (eg pakora, samosa, bhaji etc)*

**Stall hire - we still have a few stalls available for hire - crafts, stationary etc suitable for Christmas gifts (not food or drinks) - please email clare.wooldridge91@gmail.com.**

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## Clubs

During the week beginning the 17th December **all clubs** (with the exception of play club, early years play club and Breakfast club) will be **cancelled** due to the Christmas performances. Please also note that on **Wednesday 19th December**, play club and early years play club will be finishing at **5pm promptly**. There are no play clubs on **Thursday 20th December** due to early closing, Breakfast club will run as normal. Many thanks, Ifeoma

## Athletics Success

This week a number of year 5 & 6 pupils participated in an athletics competition at Cardinal Pole school. They had a fighting spirit unmatched by any other pupils in other schools. Having fought their way from fourth, they eventually secured **SECOND PLACE!** We are so very proud of our children. Our captains, Alecia and Mehmetcan did well to encourage others and keep heads up; moreover, four of our children were chosen to take part in a coaching session at Crystal Palace, leading to further competitions. These children were Arlow Ross, Tajean Lewis, Victoria Nkan and Luca Minale. Adrian, Sharon and Nicole were so very impressed and very excited.  
**WELL DONE!**





## Stars of the Week



Estrellas  
de la  
Semana

