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Happy New Year



Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone. All the children and staff have returned to school refreshed and ready to learn. In Assembly this week, we have talked about New Year resolutions. We spoke about making changes to our behaviours and routines and thinking about any new things that we could try in the new year. Resolutions we discussed included, being punctual in the morning -school starts at

8.55am, but children should be in the playground, ready to line up before that. We also talked about working harder in class and trying our best to finish all our work. We spoke about eating more vegetables and fewer sweets, and trying to get more exercise, as well as tidying our bedrooms! We also said that we would all try to visit our friends more and smile more every day! The children are all going to think about a resolution that is specific to them, so please have a chat with your child/ren over the weekend.

I am happy that this term we are welcoming two new members of staff. Mark Fraser-Betts has now taken up the post of Deputy Headteacher. I am sure that many of you will have seen him in the playground. and already said hello, and I know that Mark will be introducing himself to you and the children individually, over the coming weeks. We have also welcomed Naomi Adams who is now teaching in Y2 -Rio Class. I am sure you will join me in welcoming both Naomi and Mark, to the Millfields team. As some of you will know, we have also, temporarily, said goodbye to Jo Stonehouse, -Y2 teacher and Assistant Headteacher, who has taken up a two term secondment at Morningside School. I know you will wish Jo all the best with her new challenge and we look forward to seeing her back at Millfields in the Autumn.

I am sure you will also have noticed that the Playpod has arrived in the playground. This initiative has been led by members of the PSA who have written bids and raised money to help develop the playground environment over the last few years. Thank you to all the PSA who have worked so hard to make this happen and to all of you who have supported all the PSA events. The Playpod will not be officially opened until 4th February as we now have to ensure that all the playground staff are trained and the equipment and resources are delivered and organised appropriately. Keep an eye out for more news over the next few weeks.

As it is the beginning of a new term, the staff have been reviewing the behaviour management systems. If you are interested in reading the Positive Behaviour Management policy, you can find it on the school website under the Policies tab at the top of the home page or copies will be available at the front desk. One of the discussions had by staff was to increase the number of 'good' gold discs that are celebrated. Currently, children who achieve 3 happy faces in the week are rewarded with a certificate in Celebration Assembly, and the class teacher chooses one child who is 'The star of the week' in each class, and their photo is in the Millfields Mag. In addition we will now be sending 'Well done' texts and sending post-cards home to pupils who have received the Gold star for exceptional effort or achievement. Look out for one in the post!

Finally, as you will know, the weather forecast is for colder weather and maybe snow in the next few weeks, so just a note to assure you that the school will endeavour to stay open and will ensure that the playground and entrances are cleared to keep the children, parents and staff safe. I hope you have a good weekend. Best Wishes, Jane

Important Dates

Tues 15th Jan

Calgary to Geffrye Museum

Wed 23rd Jan

Moscow to Ashwell

Thurs 24th Jan

Barcelona to Ashwell

Fri 25th Jan

Innsbruck to Ashwell

Year 2 to V & A

Vancouver to Geffrye museum

4th—8th Feb

Spanish week

Tues 5th Feb

National E-safety day

Mon 11th Feb

Book links project for 3 weeks

Fri 15th Feb

Last day of half term

Attendance

Our school target: **96%**

Last week: **93%**

Please remember to contact the school by 8:30am to inform us of any absence.

Non Uniform Day

A big thank you for your generous support of our non uniform day. We raised £196.09 for PSA funds. Well done!

Headteacher's surgery

2pm Mon 14th January

10am Thurs 24th January

School tours:

10am Thurs 17th January

2pm Mon 28th January

Please make appointments with the office

SHARING ASSEMBLIES - Spring Term 2013

Date(Fridays)	EY and KS1(Bottom Hall @ 9.10am)		LKS2 and UKS2 (Top Hall @ 9.10pm)	
18.1.13		Rome Class (Dorothy)		London Class (Nicole)
25.1.13	Red Class (Teague)		Seoul Class (Cheryl)	
1.2.13		Paris Class (Ashraf)		Grenoble Class (Alex)
8.2.13	Blue Class (Angela)		Barcelona Class (Gemma)	
15.2.13		Mex City Class (Vicky)		New York Class (Clyde)
HALF TERM				
1.3.13	Orange Class (Cynthia)		Helsinki Class (Abigail)	
8.3.13		Calgary Class (Sara)		Athens Class (Leon)
15.3.13	Yellow Class (Rana)		Innsbruck Class (Mehmet)	
22.3.13		Vancouver Class (Kasia)		Oslo Class (Lloyd)

Reception Class Applications

LAST CHANCE!

If your child's birthday falls between 1st September 2008 and the 31st August 2009 your child is due to start Reception in September 2013.

Applications close on **Tuesday 15th January 2013**. All nursery children received their book of information in the Autumn term. If you still require one please speak to the main school or children's centre offices as soon as possible. Don't risk missing out on the school of your choice, make sure your application is submitted on time. This includes families who already have children in this school.

No application, No Reception class!

Nestle Book Tops for Schools



If you have Nestle cereals at home please cut out the Book Tops for Schools and leave them in the collection box behind the benches in Main Reception – and ask friends and family to as well! Many thanks.

PSA After-school Tuck Shops Spring 2013

Below is a list of the classes responsible for running the tuck shop each week. Please see you class PSA rep if you would like to help. All donations of food should be taken to the office on the day of the tuck shop.

Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 18th Jan	Mexico City	Friday 1st Mar	Helsinki
Friday 25th Jan	Rome	Friday 8th Mar	Tokyo
Friday 1st Feb	Year 5	Friday 15th Mar	Seoul
Friday 8th Feb	Vancouver	Friday 22nd Mar	Year 6
Friday 15th Feb	Paris	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
HALF TERM			



Upcoming PSA dates

Please note these dates in
your diary

Fri 1st Feb PSA Disco

Fri 1st March PSA Film
Night

Thurs 7th March PSA
World Book Non Uniform
Day

Thurs 28th March PSA
Easter Bonnet Non Uni-
form Day and Parade

Happy new year and welcome back!

I am delighted to inform you that we have been able to arrange some new clubs for this term. On Mondays we are reintroducing Street Dance workshop; Tuesdays Year 3 and 4 have their own football club (girls and boys); Wednesdays Millfields football team changes to years 5 and 6 only (girls and boys); Thursdays remain the same and Fridays we have a SUPER active club for all children (and parents if you're up for it!) which is FREE.

The new sign up sheet and timetable is now available in the school office and on the school's website. If you have any questions about clubs please feel free to contact me either before school or after 4:30pm in the school office.

Many thanks

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Can I also remind parents of Cooking club children to remember to send your child with a container and a hair band for long hair.



School Office

Many thanks for your patience whilst paying money this week, it does get very busy at this time of year.

In order to help ease congestion a bit we would ask that if you need to hand a trip letter to the office that you put it in the envelope on Heidi's office door. This means you do not need to line up and it gets directly to the person who records them on the system.

We would also like to thank you for your support with our secure entry measures. As a reminder the school office is open for enquiries from 7:30am to 10:00am and 3:20pm to 6pm every day (5pm on Fridays) If you wish to collect your child outside of these hours please contact the office prior to collecting them so we know to expect you. We limit the number of visitors to school whilst the children are in the playground for security reasons. You may be asked to return at a later time if you have not made prior arrangements to enter the school grounds at these times.

All children received a copy of the code of conduct for every member of our school community. Please check to make sure you have received yours. If not spares are available at the office.

We have some new payment methods being implemented in the coming few weeks which should also speed up the payment process. Keep a look out in the Mag for the latest news.

Regards The office staff.

Homework and Bookbags.

We are already straight back into our weekly routines. Please remember to send your child's bookbag and homework in on the appropriate day for your child's class. This will ensure they are given new books to read—especially as they've had the same one for 3 weeks over the holidays.

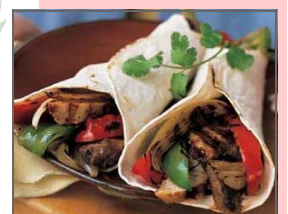
World Food day

We are continuing with our popular Thursday themed lunches this term.

This week's theme is:

Mexican

Your child can look forward to eating Lamb or Vegetable Fajitas





Children rally to support good cause

Caring pupils in marathon fundraising effort to feed children in Syrian conflict

Youngsters raised £1,500 to send food to children in Syria, after their RE lessons inspired them to help those less fortunate than themselves.

Year 6 pupils at Millfields School, Hilsea Street, Lower Clapton, learned about the principles of Christianity and giving, before deciding to raise the money for non-governmental non-profit organisation Aid Convoy, which is committed to assisting victims of disasters and wars.

They mobilised their families to support the

cause and set up a fundraising tuck shop as well as a jumble sale, where they sold cakes, old toys and books. They also organised a sponsored run of 10 laps around the school and even put their own pocket money in the pot, to raise the phenomenal sum in less than a week.

RE teacher, Shahajada Musa, said: "I was astonished at the amount of work the children put into the project. From the initial idea to the final outcome they worked tirelessly to help a cause they wholeheartedly

supported."

Pupil Luca Webster added: "This was the coolest thing we've done. It was our own project and it will help pay for aid for children in Syria. I feel good about myself."

Aid Convoy's food lorries left the UK on December 23 and despite being held up at the Greek-Turkish border for five days, they finally made it to Syrian refugee camps.

The country has been embroiled in civil war since last year in the wake of uprisings against President Bashar al-Assad.

Year 6 did such a great job raising funds for Syria they featured in the Hackney Gazette this Thursday. Well done for working so hard children. We are very proud of you.

Aid Convoy says thank you

A big thank you to Millfields Community School in Clapton, London. Year 6 students came together and raised over a massive £1400! In just five days, they collected donations from their family, friends, neighbours, they also participated in sponsored runs and cake sale. Well done guys!

The children have asked us to pass on their messages of support to the children of Syria.

To see more information go directly to the website.

<http://www.aid-convoy.org.uk/>



Attendance certificates

As you will know from our weekly updates in the mag our school target for attendance this year is 96%. We are pleased to announce that not only have we had lots of children meet this target but we have also had over 90 children with 100% attendance in the Autumn term. This is outstanding particularly considering how much illness there was in the community at that time. Any children with 96—100% attendance today received a certificate to recognise their outstanding attendance.

It's never too late. We will awarding certificates at the end of each term.

Do remember though that it is much better to keep a very sick child at home than to send them to school where they could spread their illness or possibly become ill again.