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Christmas at Millfields



Important Dates

10th Dec—19th Dec

Winter concerts - please see inside for details

Fri 14th December

Christmas fair

Wed 19th December

Play clubs finish @ 5pm

Thurs 20th December

2pm last day of Autumn term

No after school clubs

Tues 8th January

First day back for children.

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 14th 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.

Attendance

Our school target: **96%**

Last week: **93%**

Winning classes last week for highest attendance were:

Calgary (95%), Rio (95%) and Helsinki (100%)

Tuck Shop

A big thank you to Innsbruck class for running the Friday tuck shop last week.

They raised £87.57.

Well done!

Football success

Arlow Ross in our year 6 scored an great goal for Hackney at the weekend meaning Hackney won

2-1 against Camden in an important football fixture.

There is a great report on the match in this weeks Hackney Gazette.

Last night Millfields drew 2 matches and lost one in this years 5-side tournament, more news will follow later.

School tours for prospective parents: Thursday 17th January at 10am

Monday 28th January at 2pm

Please make appointments with the office.

Winter Concerts

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



Year 4 became Victorian school children this week when they visited the Ragged School museum. It was unanimously decided that going to school at Millfields is much more fun.

Seasonal Health Interventions Network



Is your home too cold, mouldy damp or draughty? Does anyone in your family have respiratory problems? Are your fuel bills too high are you getting into fuel debt?

Nine-year-old Luke put down his feelings on how his home was affecting his wellbeing:

*I feel cold and sad
I haven't got any heating
My home is cold and damp
Water runs down the wall
And it makes my bed wet
My fingers draw on the window
It's like fog
I try to pull the cover over me
But it does not work*

End Child Poverty, 2008

Drop into **Millfields Children's Centre**
One referral leads to a range of interventions:

- ⌞ Affordable warmth advice
- ⌞ Benefit checks
- ⌞ Fire safety checks
- ⌞ London Taxicard
- ⌞ Private sector housing enforcement
- ⌞ Air quality alerts
- ⌞ Debt and financial advice
- ⌞ Handyperson service
- ⌞ Heating and condensation surveys
- ⌞ Utilities' vulnerable customer registers
- ⌞ Home security checks

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		
➡ HALF TERM		EASTER HOLIDAYS	



Year 6 Charity fundraising

During RE lessons this term Year 6 have been learning about how to help others less fortunate than themselves.

As a group they decided that they would like to raise some money to put towards the food convoys which are going to Syria just before Christmas. They will be hosting a tuck shop / old toy stall on

Tuesday at 3:30pm in the front playground as well as conducting a sponsored run of 10 laps around the school playground.

The year 6 children will be organising the stall and run themselves and we hope everyone can help them in their endeavours.



Are you on benefits? Don't bury your head in the sand. The government is making major changes to the benefits system and you may get LESS MONEY from April 2013.

Does this affect me?

The main change is the government "capping" the amount of money a family can get from benefits to a maximum of £500 a week. This includes your housing benefit and just about everything else. (There are a few exceptions). Phone the DWP helpline on **0845 605 7064** for more information

What do you need to do?

• People on Working Tax Credit are not affected by the benefit cap. So, increase the hours you work to at least 16 hours a week for lone parents and 24 hours a week for couples (with one partner working at least 16 hours). Then you are likely to be able to get Working Tax Credit.

If you have a high rent, you might want to negotiate with your landlord to bring it down. Hackney's Benefits Rent Shortfall Team may be able to help with this call 0208 356 3923 or 0208 356 2449 to arrange an appointment

Who can help you find work?

• Your Job Centre plus Advisor.

Or Hackney Council's **Ways into Work** may be able to help. It is free and offers a range of advice and support. Call **0208 356 5700**, or email waysintowork@hackney.gov.uk



Make Hackney Sparkle

Hackney is set for a bumper festive season of special events and surprises set to run throughout December. EE, the UK's first superfast 4G network has teamed up with the Council and other local businesses to provide a combination of funds and creative expertise to bring Make Hackney Sparkle, a programme of free seasonal entertainment to the borough.

1-24 December - Digital advent calendar from ustwo, POKE and Epson

A digital advent calendar created by ustwo and POKE is being projected onto Hackney Town Hall and 61 Great Eastern Street in the countdown to Christmas. EE has used the latest projection technology provided by Epson to light up the two buildings from 5pm to 11pm every day. Passers-by can win a 'Golden Gift' plus more prizes through downloading the Repudo app (available from Android Play and iPhone App Store). Those without smartphones can claim their daily offer at www.destinationhackney.co.uk.

15 December - Jamie Oliver food market

Fifteen, Jamie Oliver's renowned Shoreditch restaurant, will be holding a street market selling seasonal food. Westland Place, N1 7LP.

15-22 December, 12noon - Ice skating and light display from Poke and EE, 12noon

Free ice skating plus a magical light display with a twist by Poke and EE. Hoxton Square, N1 6NU; and St John-at-Hackney, Lower Clapton Rd, E5 0PD.

20 December, 4pm - The Muppets Christmas Carol (U): free screening by Elevenfiftyfive and Hackney Picturehouse. See this classic family movie at St John-at-Hackney Church, Lower Clapton Rd, E5 0PD. Tickets are available from Hackney Picturehouse from 10 December or via www.eventbrite.co.uk

20 December, 7.30pm - Elf (PG): free screening by Elevenfiftyfive and Hackney Picturehouse

Catch this hilarious Christmas comedy at St John-at-Hackney Church, Lower Clapton Rd, E5 0PD. Tickets are available from Hackney Picturehouse from 10 December www.eventbrite.co.uk

Throughout December - Snow from Poke and EE

Dreaming of a white Christmas? Thanks to EE and POKE you can be sure of it. Simply call these local rate numbers along Rivington Street: 020 3322 4824; and Hoxton Square: 020 3322 2376, or check-in on the FourSquare App to create your very own blizzard – with a little help from snow cannons, set high up on the rooftops.

Also look out for....

Special festive shopping events are planned throughout December on Hackney's markets and in its town centres. Shoppers are being treated to free festive parking on streets nearby Hoxton and Ridley Road markets on Fridays and Saturdays in the run-up to Christmas. A Christmas market with festive entertainment is due to take place at Stoke Newington Town Hall on 15 and 16 December and a number of other street food and craft markets, as well as carol singing concerts and a Santa's grotto, are due to pop-up across the borough too.

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.





**Stars
of the
Week**



**Estrellas
de la
Semana**

