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Exploring the world



We are already at the end of half term and so much seems to have taken place, not least a lot of hard work from all the staff and children.

We really enjoyed celebrating the children who worked really hard and made a huge effort during Spanish week. A child from each class was awarded with a Spanish word book or dictionary. Well done to all of them. You will see some of the Spanish week photos on display after half term.

Also this week, some of the children from the ARP (Autism Resourced Provision) went on a residential trip to Kench Hill in Kent. Although it has been quite cold, the children and staff have had a good time and even enjoyed a quick dip in the sea!

This week, Year 3 classes have visited out link school in a contrasting locality – Ashwell village in Hertfordshire. The children really embraced the experience and enjoyed meeting new friends from the village school, speaking with local people, looking at all the historic buildings, including the church, and had great fun splashing about in the stream and crossing the stepping stones to the other side. The children have all been brilliantly behaved and have brought back lots of information to help their topic work next half term. We have also continued work on our class books as part of the Book Links project and after half term, the children will have the opportunity to meet and work with the author of their class book.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our second meeting about the PlayPod. The children are really enjoying playing with all the different materials and objects and I think the parents saw the benefits for their children and the whole school lunchtime routines. Please return the questionnaires that went out yesterday about future playground developments, as soon as you can.

There have been several meetings this half term with regards to building work and preparation for the school to continue expanding to a 3 Form Entry, and we will be moving ahead with play-space developments and the re-location of the kitchen to the ground floor, as well as converting spaces to new classrooms towards the end of the summer term and over the summer break. There will be an opportunity for parents to see the plans at the Parents' Evening on Thursday 21st March.

Well done to all the cyclists who took part in the Springfield competition last week. The children at Millfields are very fortunate to have parent volunteer, Martine Chandesingh, who has encouraged all children to take part in cycling, and all her efforts have paid off with Millfields always doing so well in local events. Thank you Martine.

Finally, I hope you all have a good half term. There are lots of activities on in the local area including story telling workshops at the Hackney Library and the Museum of Childhood. Stay safe and enjoy the time with your family and friends. Best Wishes, Jane

Important Dates

Fri 15th Feb

Last day of half term

Mon 25th Feb

Children return

Friday 1st March

PSA Film night

Thurs 7th March

World Book Day

Non uniform day

Fri 15th March

Individual photos

Thurs 21st March

Parents' Evening

Years 1-6

Thurs 28th March

Easter bonnet parade

2pm School finishes

Attendance &

Punctuality

Our school target: **96%**
Last week: **95%**
Winning classes last week for highest attendance were:
Beijing and Seoul Class (99%) and Rio (97%)

Tuck Shop

Well done to Paris Class who organised so much food last week. The amount raised will be in the next mag.

Headteacher's surgery

11am Fri 1st Mar

2pm Wed 13th Mar

School tours:

11am Weds 27th Feb

2pm Mon 11th Mar

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)	
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)

Hackney Primary School Cycling League - Latest Results

We had an excellent result at the last HPSCL event – a cyclo-cross race on Hackney Downs. The Millfields Cycling Team came first overall, winning the most points. Well done to Finn Endres and Josie Cater for pacing themselves well across the 6 laps, each finishing 2nd in their races. The Millfields girls were particularly strong, with Abigail Forster finishing 3rd, closely followed by Victoria Nkan and Orla Hill. In the boys' race Ronaldo Trim, Tevon Callender and William Green also won points for the school.

A few of our regular points scorers went out fast in the first laps and didn't pace themselves, but I'm sure they'll learn from this. Their sprinting skills will be useful in the next race – a time trial sprint in Finsbury Park!

Thank you to all of the Millfields Cycling Team for putting so much effort into the race last Friday, on such a cold day.



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
Friday 1st Mar	Orange
Friday 8th Mar	Rome
Friday 15th Mar	Vancouver
Friday 22nd Mar	Blue
EASTER HOLIDAYS	



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

As previously, the PSA will be collecting, counting and redeeming the vouchers in exchange for equipment for the school. Please put your vouchers in the box behind the benches in main reception. Why not ask your friends, family and neighbours too?

Selfmade' Seminar

From a disadvantaged background, Carl Foster talks about his childhood as a child living with learning issues. How it affected his life and how he changed his life for the better.

An ex pupil of Millfields he has authored a book called 'Selfmade' His aim is to give hope and inspire others who may be experiencing difficulties with learning.

He is calling all parents, carers and teachers to attend his Motivation Seminar on Friday 22 March 2013, The Round Chapel, 7.pm to 8.pm.

For more information

email carl.foster09@btinternet.com or visit

www.selfmade.me.uk

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Tips for Talking

Supporting communication development
-with a Speech and Language Therapist

Do you have questions about your child's speech, language or communication development?

Come and see a Speech and Language Therapist at Millfields Primary School

When:

Thursday 14th March 2013

Session one- 16:00-17:00

Session two- 17:00-18:00

For more information please speak to Vicky Noakes.

DON'T DREAM ABOUT THE STAGE ... BE ON IT!

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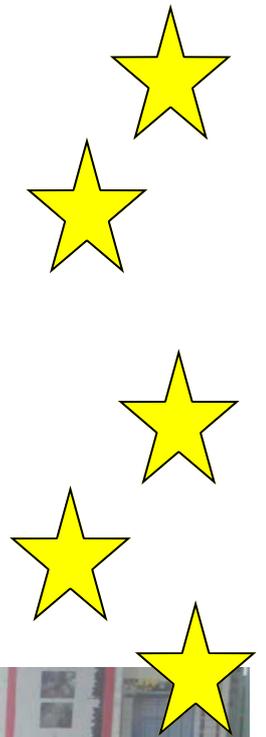
As you will know the whole school participated in a world record attempt to sing and sign a song at the same time as thousands of others to

raise money for Signhealth a deaf charity. We were visited on the day by the Hackney Gazette. If you wish to view the article online the link is: http://www.hackneygazette.co.uk/news/hackney_youngsters_learn_challenges_faced_by_deaf_in_guinness_world_record_signing_attempt_1_1928602



Library

Starting the week after half-term, the children will visit the library with their teachers on a regular basis and will be able to borrow one book at a time to read at home or in class. We would be grateful for the assistance of parents and careers in ensuring borrowed books are treated with care and returned safely. In order to ensure that the library remains fully stocked, lost books will incur a £5 charge towards the cost of a replacement. Thank you for your support.



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