

Millfields Mag

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Trips and Visits are a Huge Success!



Today we hosted a special visit from a group of 24 Dutch students and their tutors, who looked around our school to get an idea of what schooling is like in England, and London in particular. This is the 3rd time that the Koning Willem College have visited Millfields and they say that it is a very important opportunity for their students to see inclusion and community education. The children were all very happy to speak to the visitors about their learning and were proud to show their books. The visitors were very impressed, and commented on the good behaviour, the concentration and hard work in lessons and the diversity of the staff and pupils. They have left us a small donation for the playground fund as a 'thank you'.

Also this week, Year 3 classes have visited a contrasting UK locality –Ashwell in Hertfordshire as part of their topic work. They had a great time meeting the children from Ashwell School, and also enjoyed looking around the village at the old buildings, including a house with a thatched roof, and they loved the stream with stepping stones that led to a spring that they could drink pure water from. The highlight for many though was the fantastic bakers that made iced buns for them! The children from Ashwell will be visiting Millfields in the summer term.

Year 6 had a great time and learnt loads on their trip to the Harry Potter Warner Brother Studios on Wednesday. The children were all very excited on their return as they had been in the great hall, had seen lots of props from the films and took part in a clue trail around the site. This will help develop some of the great writing talent that we have in Year 6 this year! Helsinki Class have also been on their WOW trip this week –they visited the Greenwich Observatory as part of their work on the sun, moon and planets. Other visits this week included Year 6 taking part in a Citizenship afternoon at Hackney Town Hall, where Year 6 had the opportunity to learn about life skills ahead of secondary school.

There are lots of other trips and events happening over the next few weeks, so please make sure that you return letters to the main office, and please help if you can during Spanish Week –the letter and quiz will be with you soon.

Finally, as it is very topical nationally, please can I remind you that it is important to get to school on time. Research does show that children who are persistently late do not achieve as well as their peers who are on time. Often reading or phonics groups have started, or sometimes even finished by the time some children arrive at school. This disrupts your child's learning and the learning of others. Please try to be on time!

Finally, I hope you have a peaceful weekend.

Best Wishes, Jane

Important Dates

Friday 31st January

Chinese New Year

Family Friday in the CC

3rd-7th February

Spanish Week

Friday 14th February

End of half term & non uniform

Attendance &

Punctuality

Our school target: **96%**

Last week: **95.1%**

Winning classes last week: Seoul (100%) and Oslo(100%).

Book Fair Update

Thanks to your support at the Book Fair last term we have just put in an order for £750 worth of books to be shared between all year groups as well as fulfilling some specific requests that have been made by children for the library. Just a reminder that there is a very popular lunchtime library club 12:30-1:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for Years 1-6 as well as an after school library club for Years 2-6 on Wednesdays. Please encourage your children to take part if they don't already, as we now have a great range of books available! The next Book Fair will take place in May. Do let us know if you would like to help out.
Clare Wooldridge & Vickie Wilkes

Headteacher's Surgery

Thursday 6th Feb 2 –3:00pm

School tours:

Friday 7th Feb at 9.30am

Please call the office to book an appointment.

SHARING ASSEMBLIES - Spring Term 2014

Date (Fridays)	EY and KS1 (Bottom Hall @ 9:10am)	LKS2 and UKS2 (TopHall @ 9.10am)	
31.01.14		Vancouver Class	New York Class
07.02.14	Spanish Week celebration assemblies		
14.02.14	Nursery - Yellow		Moscow Class (Hellin)
HALF TERM			
28.02.14		Mexico City Class	Grenoble Class
07.03.14	Blue Class (Angela)		Helsinki Class (Abigail)
14.03.14		Rome Class (Dorothy)	London Class (Cheryl)
21.03.14	Red Class (Teague)		Innsbruck Class (Gemma)
28.03.14		Paris Class (Kasia)	Oslo Class (Lloyd)
04.03.14	Creative week sharing assemblies		

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the children and staff who celebrated their birthdays during the week :

Maggie Quinn, Shakira Rahman, Isaac Bador & Sevilay Untu 20th, Sarah Sayed, Noah Jackson & Reuben McLardy 21st, Sarah Birikorang 22nd, Scarlett Mendick, Gylshen Azenova & Jesse Vaitilingam 23rd, Sumariyah Amejee, Kimanie Oakley, Anik Plana & Evie Watts-Evans 25th, Amaarah Siddiqui & Laura Torre 26th.



Hope you have had a lovely day!

Clubs and Events



4 Week E-Safety
Thursday Course
Beginning Thursday 30/01/14
1-3pm
This Course is FREE but has limited spaces. If you would like to attend this course please come to the school for Enrolment on Thursday 23/01/14 @ 1-3pm

All Parents and Families are welcome. These short courses are for people that have used the internet on computers, iPads and/or smartphones before and wish to gain confidence in using the Internet safely. Your progress will be assessed by your tutor through a number of activities.

Course Content :

- Identify the potential risks to yourself and to children
- Protect yourself and your personal information online



Fabulous Foundation Holiday Club



Spring Half Term! 17th February 2014

PLAYSCHEME FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-8



PAY AT CHILDRENS CENTRE RECEPTION
PRICES:
Half Day—£15.00 (8.00-1.00 or 1.00-6.00)



20% DISCOUNT FOR FAMILIES RECEIVING INCOME SUPPORT



All fees should be paid before you're child starts the holiday club.

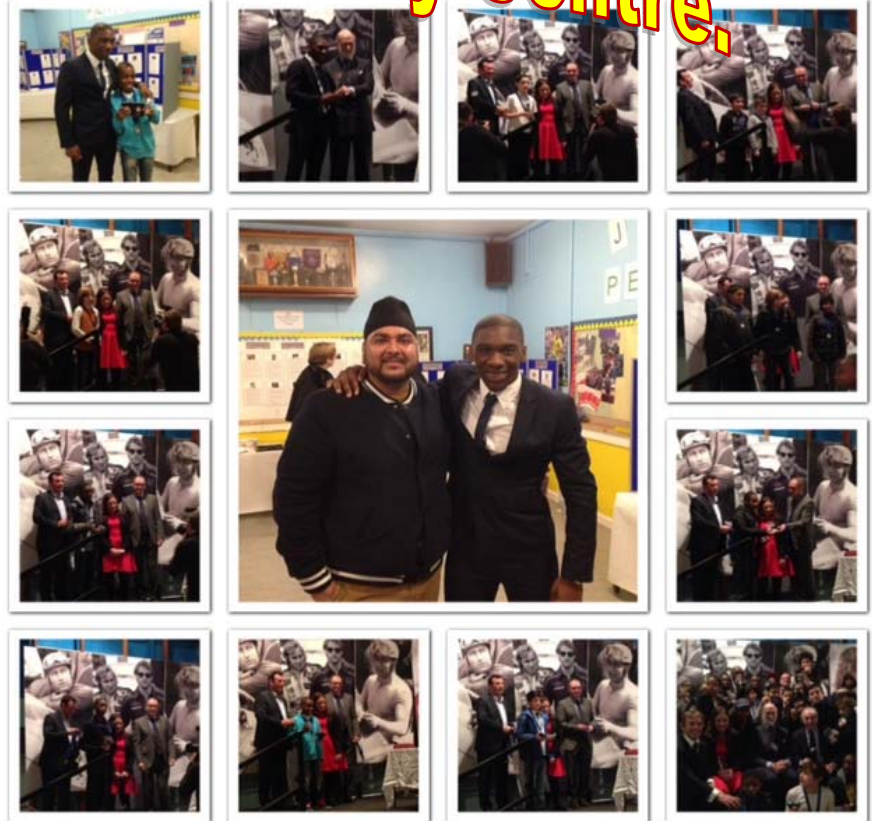
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Annual Sports Awards celebration Springfield Community Centre.

Current and ex-Millfields pupils who attend Springfield Club won awards for football achievement and improvement. Racing Driver, Jackie Stewart, Prince Michael of Kent and lots of parents and staff from Millfields attended this prestigious ceremony.

The Lewis Hamilton award for the most dedicated and hard-working Youth Development Worker was awarded to our very own Dwayne Worrell. Congratulations to Dwayne and all the pupils. We are very proud of you!



We will be hosting Spanish Week at Millfields from the 3rd to 7th of February. If you would like to get involved, please leave your contact details with the office or email [Belen on bfernandez@millfields.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:bfernandez@millfields.hackney.sch.uk)
Many thanks

CHINESE FOOD
Friday 31st January

Fun Family Friday for Free!

Come and Join us from 2:00-4:00PM to Celebrate Chinese New Year. We will be making and eating Chinese food and making lovely Chinese lanterns and dragons that you can take home

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PSA After-school Tuck Shops Spring 2014

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
Fri 31st Jan	Helsinki	Fri 7th Mar	Mexico City
Fri 7th Feb	Orange	Fri 14th Mar	Rome
Fri 14th Feb	Blue	Fri 21st Mar	Year 5
Half Term		Fri 28th Mar	Paris
Fri 28th Feb	Rio	Fri 4th Apr	Last day no tuck shop



Is Your Child in School Today?

Every child or young person is entitled to an education. Parents who do not ensure their children receive an appropriate education put their whole future at risk. Being absent from school means a lost learning opportunity. Remember children rely on adults for guidance

Good Habits and Communication

Regular attendance including punctuality helps your child become reliable and organised. All Hackney Schools are responsible for keeping accurate records of attendance. School will contact you with any concerns they have regarding your child's attendance. If your child is absent you should contact the school the same day with the reason for the absence. The school will inform you if your child's absence or lateness causes concern and will work with you to find a way of improving your child's attendance.

Key Stage 1



Stars of the week!



Lower Key Stage 2



Upper Key Stage 2

