

# Millfields Mag

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## Freedom Week



We have come to the end of the first half term and I think the children and staff are all in need of a well-earned break. We have all been working really hard over the last eight weeks, and this can be seen in the children's books, on the classroom walls and from talking to the children and adults who work in the school.

This week, we have been celebrating Black History Month through 'Freedom Week'. The children have all enjoyed the stories and research opportunities, and we all enjoyed the performances from staff and children at the celebration event last night. Thank you to all the parents who came to enjoy the delicious food prepared by the kitchen staff and the singing and dancing. Thank you to all the staff who organised and supported this event.

This week, the Leadership Team have completed further whole class lesson observations and we have also looked at all the Maths and Literacy books from all the classes in Years 1 - 6. The feedback to teachers on their marking and feedback to children was mainly good or outstanding. The marking allows the children to know what they have done well in relation to the lesson objective, what they need to do to improve, sets them challenge questions, asks pupils to assess their own and their peer's work and sets targets for the future. The teachers spend a lot of time marking books, and this allows the children to develop skills to respond appropriately and have a dialogue with their teacher about their learning. This then ensures that they make good progress in their daily learning. You will have an opportunity to see your child's books at the Parents' Evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Also this week, the Governors and I have interviewed prospective candidates for the post of Deputy Headteacher at Millfields. I am pleased to say that we have appointed Mark Fraser-Betts to the position, and as long as all his checks are in place, which I am sure they will be, Mark will be joining the Millfields team in January.

Today, we are wishing all our Muslim families, friends and colleagues Happy Eid. I hope you have a good time celebrating today. Also, today, we have raised lots of money for the playground development fund through Non-uniform day. Thank you to all the children and staff who dressed up as sporting heroes and legends. Thank you also to the members of the PSA who were collecting at the gates this morning.

Finally, I hope you all have a good half term. I look forward to seeing you on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Best Wishes, Jane

**Headteacher's surgery:** 11am Wednesday 14th November

**Please make appointments with the office.**

### Important Dates

#### **Monday 5th Nov**

Children back after half term.

#### **Friday 9th Nov**

PSA Film night

#### **Week beginning**

#### **12th Nov**

Work week - volunteers always welcome

#### **19th -23rd Nov**

Book Fair

#### **Weds 21st Nov**

Parent's evening

### Attendance

Our school target: **96%**

Last week: **96.9%**

Winning classes last week for highest attendance

were:

**Moscow(99%), Rome (99%) and Rio (100%)**

### Friday Tuck Shop

A big thank you to Paris class for running the Friday tuck shop last week. They raised £83.94. Also thanks to Vancouver for raising £136.15 the week before.

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 [in-fo@millfields.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:in-fo@millfields.hackney.sch.uk) or fill in a change of details form in the front office.



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### Homerton Grove Adventure Playground is open!

The playground is based between Wardle Street and Brooksby Walk, E5 and will be open all half term week from 10.30am to 5.30pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.

All children aged between 6 and 15 are welcome to stay and play at any time. Accompanied under 6s and their carers are also welcome.

Half term week will include all our regular adventurous play opportunities, board games, swings, creative play, social and physical activities and general fun plus:

Mon 29 Oct:	Tues 30 Oct:	Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct:	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov:	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov:
Free play, mask making, Black History Month, 'scary' walks.	Free play, flag making, Asian cooking, making a 'scaratorium'.	Creating environments, dressing up, bobbing apples, face painting.	Art attack, changing environments, pancake making & eating!	Games & art displays, chalk drawing, last day, goodbye soup on the fire.

The playground is also open term time Tuesday to Friday 3.30-7pm and Saturdays 12-5pm. The Hackney Playbus is on site from 1-3pm on Tuesdays this term for under 5s with their parents or carers.

### PSA

### Family Film Night - Friday 9 Nov

The PSA are organising a film night at 5:30pm in the middle hall. Please put the date in your diary and bring your children

along to enjoy a fantastic film with their friends. You can either watch with them, or you can catch up with your friends over a cup of tea or a glass of wine in our Film Night Café. Booking forms will be issued to your child on Monday 5th November.

As numbers are limited, please return these as soon as possible by Thursday 8th November at the latest to the box provided in the main reception.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Arlow Ross Yr 6 who is now part of the Hackney District Football Team. Thanks to all the Millfields players who attended 3 Saturday trials before the final selection was made in which Arlow was selected. Future news about the District Football will continue.

### DONATIONS OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

If you have any children's books in good condition you no longer need please put them in the box behind the benches in the school reception. PSA volunteers will sort them and find them a good home in one of the classes or in the library. Why not ask around at work or put up a notice to see if your colleagues can send any books your way? Many thanks! The PSA

## SHARING ASSEMBLIES - Autumn Term 2012

Date(Fridays)	EY and KS1(Bottom Hall @ 9.10am)	LKS2 and UKS2 (Top Hall @ 9.10pm)
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
9.11.12		Paris Class (Ashraf)
16.11.12	Green Class am and pm (Saska)	Helsinki Class (Abigail)
23.11.12		Mexico City Class (Vicki)
30.11.12	Yellow Class—am (Rana)	Tokyo Class (Rebecca)
7.12.12		Calgary Class (Sara)
14.12.12	<b>WINTER CONCERTS AND NATIVITY</b>	

### PSA After-school Tuck Shops Autumn 2012

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 21st Sept	Mexico City	Friday 9th Nov	Helsinki
Friday 28th Sept	Rome	Friday 16th Nov	Tokyo
Friday 5th Oct	Year 5	Friday 23rd Nov	Seoul
Friday 12th Oct	Vancouver	Friday 30th Nov	Year 6
Friday 19th Oct	Paris	Friday 7th Dec	Innsbruck
Friday 26th Oct	Calgary	Friday 14th Dec	Christmas Fair
<b>HALF TERM</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	



### Reception Class Applications

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 **15th January 2013**. All applications, including those of children with siblings in the school, must be made before the deadline otherwise you risk not having the school of your choice.

Late applications are only dealt with once all the on time ones have been allocated.

All nursery children will have received their book of information by now. If you still require one please speak to the main school or children's centre offices.

### PSA Textile Recycling

Following our successful campaign last year we are repeating the textile recycling project with a different organisation (Wastebuster) who are giving sports/playground equipment in exchange for textiles as part of an Olympic legacy project. We will be collecting the textiles **in the week beginning 10 December** at the same time as we collect donations for the Christmas Fair. So please start sorting through your cupboards and under your beds to see if you have any old clothes, towels, bedlinen, curtains or shoes you no longer need!



Stars  
of the  
Week



Estrellas  
de la  
Semana

