

# Millfields Mag

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## WOW! A trip around London



We have all been very busy in classes this week and have especially enjoyed the extra work about Maths around us. The children and staff have enjoyed following Maths trails around the school, and have enjoyed listening to staff including the school-keepers and Finance staff, parent volunteers and some of our community governors, talking about how they use Maths in their jobs. The children in Helsinki Class told me, 'Grant talked to us about how he worked out how much paint to buy depending on the size of the wall. Then we measured each brick and worked out the area as our challenge to help him.' Thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to visit classes this week.

A huge thank you also to Vicki Wilkes and Rafael Jorge, parents and members of the PSA who have been working on re-developing the library. The painting is finished, and books are being re-labelled and new shelving has been ordered, so look out for news about the grand re-opening soon. If you have any old books that are in a reasonable condition, please bring them in and we may be able to recycle them in the library or in classrooms. The Book Fair is coming to Millfields again in November, so we hope to be able to use the commission we receive from the sales to buy new library books then.

There have also been WOW trips this week for Year 3 and Year 2. Year 2 classes enjoyed a trip to the Little Angel Puppet Theatre as part of their work on news and media. The show was fantastic and the children said they loved the theatre and the seats! Year 3 classes visited the Countryside Live Show as part of their topic 'Wild things'. This is always a popular trip as the children get to see and touch lots of unusual live animals!

A reminder that children in Year 6 need to complete the secondary transfer process before 31st October. We have set aside two dates for supporting parents who may not have a computer at home or need advice on how to fill in the form. Chris and Musa will be available on Thursday 4th and Thursday 11th October –sign up on Heidi's office door.

Finally, thank you to the parents who attended the EY parents' Social event last night –I hope you found it useful and met new people who are in your child's class. Finally, there is a Parents@ Forum next week –Thursday 4th October at 6pm. Please come to find out more about all the developments happening at the school.

Finally, I hope you all have a good weekend. Best Wishes, Jane

### Important Dates

#### **Thursday 4th Oct**

Parents' Forum 6:30pm

#### **Wednesday 17th Oct**

Parents meeting re dental visits KS1

#### **Thursday 18th Oct**

PSA AGM 6pm

#### **Wednesday 24th Oct**

Fluoride treatments KS1

#### **Friday 26th Oct**

Last day of half term

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

Children back after half term.

### Attendance

Please remember to phone and leave a message explaining any absence your child may have.

### Friday Tuck Shop

A big thank you is extended to Mexico City class for running the Friday tuck shop last week. They raised £122.65 towards playground improvements. 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:info@millfields.hackney.sch.uk) or fill in a change of details form in the front office.

**School tours for prospective parents:** Monday 8th October at 2pm  
Monday 22nd October at 10am  
**Please make appointments with the office.**

## Safety and Security

We at Millfields take the safety and security of your children very seriously. We have many systems in place in the school to ensure that your child will be healthy, happy and safe when at school, these systems however take the effort of every member of our community to ensure they are implemented effectively.

As a reminder:

- Any visitor to the school **including parents and carers** who wish to enter the school grounds must use the intercom at the main entrance. When speaking to the member of staff it helps if you clearly state who you are and why you wish to come into the school. This is so we know exactly who is in the school at any time of the day. Please do not be offended if you are requested to return at a different time.
- Adults will not be admitted to the school grounds whilst children are playing for security reasons, if it is essential that you come into the school at this time please organise this with a member of the office staff in advance—by phone is fine.
- All staff have been instructed not to allow anyone into the school grounds using their pass. Please do not be offended if you are asked to use the intercom system; once again this is to ensure everyone in the school is accounted for.
- The office staff will only be accepting monies etc when the main school gates are open 7:30—9:10am and 3:20—6pm daily (5pm on Friday). Anyone wishing to pay monies outside these times will be asked to return later.
- Nursery children arriving for the afternoon session must go through the nursery gate only. There is no access to the nursery through the playground. Please try to be punctual as it may take some time to open the gate if you are late as members of nursery staff may be busy when you ring.
- All visitors to the school must be signed in at the office and display a sticker showing that days date. Any adult in the school building not wearing either a pass or sticker will be challenged by a member of staff and may be escorted from the premises.
- If you have any concerns about something you have seen whilst on school premises which you believe may be a breach of security please let a member of staff know so action can be taken immediately.

Many thanks for you help and support with the continued implementation of these important measures.

## Parents' Forum

Thursday 4th October at 6.30pm  
in the bottom hall

Come and find out more about the school key priorities; the partnership work with another local primary school, the staff structure -who does what and lines of communication, playground development ideas and more.

The Governors, senior leaders and some teaching staff will be there to answer questions and talk to you more about these topics and any other areas that you would like to discuss.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## I don't like Cricket, I love it: Cricket Factory!

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 12pm – 5pm**

Get involved in the English Cricket Board's Cricket Factory Roadshow, where qualified coaches will take you through your paces!

**Dalston Square (outside Dalston C.L.R James Library), Dalston, E8 3BQ**

**Free Admission, no booking required.  
For age 8 years+ - under 12s need to be accompanied by parents/carers**

Keep your eyes open for future free Saturday events for Hackney residents.

## SHARING ASSEMBLIES - Autumn Term 2012

| Date(Fridays)    | EY and KS1(Bottom Hall @ 9.10am)    |                              | LKS2 and UKS2 (Top Hall @ 9.10pm) |                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5.10.12          |                                     | Vancouver Class<br>(Kasia)   |                                   | New York Class<br>(Clyde) |
| 12.10.12         | Orange Class<br>(Cynthia)           |                              | Innsbruck Class<br>(Mehmet)       |                           |
| 19.10.12         |                                     | Rome Class<br>(Dorothy)      |                                   | Grenoble Class<br>(Alex)  |
| 26.10.12         | Red Class<br>(Teague)               |                              | Barcelona Class<br>(Gemma)        |                           |
| <b>HALF TERM</b> |                                     |                              |                                   |                           |
| 9.11.12          |                                     | Paris Class<br>(Ashraf)      |                                   | London Class<br>(Nicole)  |
| 16.11.12         | Green Class am and pm<br>(Saska)    |                              | Helsinki Class<br>(Abigail)       |                           |
| 23.11.12         |                                     | Mexico City Class<br>(Vicki) |                                   | Oslo Class<br>(Lloyd)     |
| 30.11.12         | Yellow Class—am<br>(Rana)           |                              | Tokyo Class<br>(Rebecca)          |                           |
| 7.12.12          |                                     | Calgary Class<br>(Sara)      |                                   | Beijing Class<br>(Rajni)  |
| 14.12.12         | <b>WINTER CONCERTS AND NATIVITY</b> |                              |                                   |                           |

### PSA After-school Tuck Shops Autumn 2012

| 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> |                |



#### TUCK SHOP REPS

The PSA (Parent Staff Association) run weekly Tuck Shops to raise funds for the school. If you are happy to continue as Tuck Shop rep in your child's new class please let us know. We'd also love to have some new volunteers! It's a great way to help out if you don't have much time to spare as each class only does it once or twice a year. We organise for leaflets and text reminders to go out to the class at the beginning of the week so all you have to do is a bit of promotion yourself (eg at drop-off or pick-up or via your child/the teacher/other parents you know in the class) to remind people to bake/bring donations to the stall and help run it. On the day itself you will need to come to school at about 3:15pm to collect the Tuck Shop supplies box and the cash float, set up the tables and run the stall for about 30 minutes. If you would like to volunteer please e-mail Tuck Shop Co-Ordinator Vickie Wilkes (vwilkes@talk21.com) with the name of your child's class or leave her a note at Reception. MANY THANKS!

### Would you like to be a reading volunteer?

We are looking for parents who could spare 20-30 mins a week (usually mornings) to listen to children read. It is very flexible in terms of time and availability. Most volunteers find it very rewarding and it very beneficial for the children.

If you think you could help or would like to find out more please contact Gordon (Literacy link Governor) on 02085254544 or email [gmurray@onetel.net](mailto:gmurray@onetel.net)



Stars  
of the  
Week

