

# Springfield Community Primary School Newsletter

Summer 1—Thursday 25th May 2023

<b>Headteacher's message</b>	<p>Dear families, I would like to thank you all once again for a hugely successful half-term. As ever, there are so many highlights to share. Our Year 6 Oak class and our Year 2 Birch class have made us incredibly proud in the way they have tackled their recent end of Key Stage SATs. Most importantly, they have displayed a positivity, confidence and a truly impressive commitment to being their very best. I am very proud that Springfield children consistently demonstrate such a genuine love of learning. This is the seed we very much strive to plant, so that our children go on to grow strong foundational roots and far-reaching branches of knowledge and understanding as lifelong learners. Thank you for the key role you play in encouraging your child's curiosity through daily home-reading, engaging with home-learning, ensuring strong habits of attendance and exploring your child's unique interests and passions.</p>
<b>Positive Wellbeing</b>	<p>This term our wellbeing focus has been <i>Healthy Body and Healthy Mind</i>. Dr Natalie Bailey shared a powerful assembly for our children on the ways to build positive self-esteem. Please see our PSHE curriculum overview for more details about what your child learns on this topic in school.</p> <p><b>E-safety and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>Please continue to monitor your child's internet use, including access to online gaming, to ensure the content is age-appropriate. <b>We strongly recommend limiting screen-time for your child's physical and emotional wellbeing</b>, and supervising use of all devices to ensure children are safe at all times.</p> <p><b>On Wednesday 7th June at 3.45 we are running a safety and wellbeing parent and carer information session for families with children in Years 3, 4 and 5. We strongly recommend attending to help to keep your child safe. We aim to be a school where no child uses a smart phone or accesses group chats due to the risks to safety, wellbeing and mental health. Every family can play a part in making this a reality.</b></p>
<b>Communication</b>	<p>Please do take the time to read through the <b>half termly curriculum letter</b> your child's class teacher has shared this week. It is an opportunity to find out what your child will be learning next half term, and to excite and inspire them about the challenges in store. Curriculum Visions (<a href="http://www.curriculumvisions.com">www.curriculumvisions.com</a>) is a great place to go if your child is eager to do some research over the half term.</p>
<b>Commitment of the half term</b>	<p>The Commitment we are focusing on next half term is <b>Reach High</b>, linked to our Wellbeing focus: <i>Hopes and Dreams</i>. We are excited to be sharing a series of assemblies with children about setting goals for the future and celebrating the resilience of a range of inspirational figures in working towards their goals. <b>We are seeking volunteers to come and speak to our children about how they have set goals and worked towards their hopes and dreams.</b> We would be very grateful for your time and can be flexible to suit your availability. <b>Please email <a href="mailto:admin@springfield.hackney.sch.uk">admin@springfield.hackney.sch.uk</a> to volunteer.</b></p>
<b>Spotlight on: Art Exhibition</b>	<p>We are hugely looking forward to our Primary Advantage Art Exhibition in the final half-term of this year. The theme is <i>Art and Identity</i>. Children at Springfield will be contributing a range of pieces. <b>You are warmly invited to see the exhibits created by children from across our family of schools. They will be on-show in Hackney Central Library from 14th June.</b></p>
<b>Reminders</b>	<p><b>Home reading:</b> please support your child to read at home <b>every day</b> to ensure they make progress. We continue to monitor each child's reading record on a daily basis.</p> <p><b>Uniform:</b> we encourage children to wear a watch and learn the time at home. Please ensure children <b>do not</b> wear smart watches for safeguarding reasons.</p> <p><b>Bikes and scooters:</b> please ensure children dismount bikes and scooters when entering and leaving the playground. This is for everyone's safety.</p>
<b>Safety</b>	<p><b>Discord is a highly unsafe platform which no child should be accessing.</b></p> <p>Please see here for NHS guidance for identifying the signs of sepsis which is life threatening and can be hard to spot. <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/sepsis/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/sepsis/</a></p> <p>This guidance for keeping children safe in water may be even more relevant as the weather gets warmer. Supervision is a vital requirement to ensure children are safe in or near to open water. <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/ifk4j7dy64es3uz/Drowning%20safety%20leaflet%20WELC%202021.pdf?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/ifk4j7dy64es3uz/Drowning%20safety%20leaflet%20WELC%202021.pdf?dl=0</a></p> <div data-bbox="156 2011 279 2123"> </div> <div data-bbox="387 2038 1447 2128"> <p>Springfield Community Primary School, Castlewood Road, London N16 6DH. Tel: 020 8800 9007  Email: <a href="mailto:admin@springfield.hackney.sch.uk">admin@springfield.hackney.sch.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.springfield.hackney.sch.uk">www.springfield.hackney.sch.uk</a>  For school events, holidays and much, much, more, visit our website at: <a href="http://www.springfield.hackney.sch.uk">www.springfield.hackney.sch.uk</a></p> </div>

## Enrichment Trips

### Holly Class visit to Hampstead Heath

This term, Holly team ventured into a secret garden at Hampstead Heath! Taking inspiration from the natural world around us, we formed exciting and suspenseful stories. Using clay, we moulded our main characters and immersed them into our creative works. Once completed, we expressively shared our stories, aloud, around a glowing campfire.



### Cherry Class visit to Walthamstow Wetlands

Reception had a very interesting trip to the Walthamstow Wetlands this term. In our learning we have been growing plants and learning about where our food comes from. At the Wetlands, we noticed that the plants weren't looked after by people, unlike the peas and cress we have been growing in Reception. Plants in the wild are watered by the rain, instead of by someone with a watering can! We loved learning about what sorts of animals live in the Wetlands and why the Wetlands are a special place in our city. We learnt that wild animals also don't need to be fed or looked after by people. We also watched geese with their goslings, tested the direction of moving water, searched for bugs in their habitats and went pond dipping.






### Chestnut Class visit to Hackney City Farm

Year 1 had a wonderful time at Hackney City Farm this week. Armed with questions that they had planned before the trip, the children used the opportunity to expand their learning about farm animals. We saw playful donkey colts, some sheep with their summer haircuts and a very pregnant pig!



Willow visited the Golden Hinde to enrich our Tudor learning this term. We toured the replica ship to see what conditions were like for the passengers on-board. Willow were able to explore where the crew slept and what their daily lives consisted of. We were able to use a rope with knots to figure out how quickly they were travelling. Willow also looked at the different weapons that were used during battles such as cannons.



<b>Attendance</b>	<p>At Springfield, we make every day of learning count. As part of our approach to promoting and celebrating positive attendance, we are pleased to share class team averages for this half term:</p> <p>Oak (Y6): 92.5% Elm (Y5): 91.9% Holly (Y3): 92.9 Chestnuts (Y1):94.5% Birch (Y2): 93.6% Cherries (R): 91.7% Willow:(Y4): 93.4%</p> <p><b>We will continue to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-send 100% attendance messages on a Friday to celebrate consistent attendance</li><li>-review all children’s average attendance on a weekly basis and send letters/meet with families where attendance is below 96% (at risk)</li></ul> <p>For attendance below 90% (that is one day missed per fortnight), you will be invited to an ‘improving attendance meeting’ with actions agreed with the headteacher. If no improvement is made, the Hackney Education Team will be informed to support the improvement of your child’s attendance.</p>			
<b>Clubs</b>	<p>This half term at Springfield has seen the introduction of new and exciting clubs as part of our enrichment offer. Springfield Magazine is now underway, with a team of dedicated children gathering content based on pupil voice. We are excited to publish our first edition at the end of the term. Mini-golf is the latest addition to our sports offer, with children feeding back that they are enjoying the opportunity to hone their aim as well as their teamwork. We continue to keep our creative juices flowing with Stitch and Sew Club enhancing skills we learn in our art and DT curriculum. Our Documentary Club has also been a popular choice for children hungry to develop their knowledge of the world. We are proud of the rich offer and always seeking to develop our provision by drawing on pupil voice and suggestions from our community.</p>			
<b>Coming Up</b>	<p>We are delighted to confirm that on <b>Tuesday 20th June</b>, Springfield will receive a visit from Michael Mann—a children’s author!</p> <p>Michael is a local London author his first book, Ghostcloud, was selected by Waterstones as one of the best children’s books of 2021. The book is aimed at readers 9+ and the sequel Nightspark came out this year. He also has a story in The Faber Book of Bedtime Stories for younger readers (age 5-7).</p> <div></div> <p>Michael will be speaking to then children about how to be become an author, his top writing tips and answering any questions they might have on the topic. This will support the learning that we do as part of our curriculum and celebrate our love of reading.</p>			
<b>Term Dates 2022-2023</b>				
<b>Half term</b>	<b>Mon 29th May-Fri 2nd June</b> Sports Day—provisional date <b>Tuesday 27th June</b> <b>Return to sch on Mon 5th Jun</b>			
Music Showcase –KS1+KS2	June 15th at 2.45pm End of summer term Friday 21st July 2022 at 2pm			
<b>PE Timetable</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Year 5	Reception and Year 2	Year 1	Year 3	Year 6 swimming Year 4 PE