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**Welcome to**

# Princess May Primary School





# Welcome from the Headteacher

Princess May is a welcoming and friendly school where everyone feels safe, secure and valued. At our school, from Nursery through to year 6, the children are always at the centre of everything we do. We work hard to ensure that they experience the best possible learning in a happy and engaging environment. We want our pupils to explore and develop their talents and abilities within and beyond the classroom. We aim to prepare them well for the transition to secondary education and for life as citizens in an ever-changing world.

I hope that this mini-prospectus, written specifically for the Colvestone community, will enable you to gain

a valuable insight in to the life of the school and that you will join us on some of the engagement events we have planned for the remainder of the year. If you are unable to attend any of the events then please do email [admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk) and we will do our best to accommodate you.



*Kevin Reynolds*

**Kevin Reynolds**  
Headteacher





# Curriculum

## EYFS

Our early years curriculum and provision focuses on providing a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for children aged 3-5 years old.

We believe in a play-based approach, where children can learn and develop through hands-on experiences and exploration. Our curriculum covers all areas of development, including social, emotional, physical, and cognitive skills. Our dedicated and experienced staff provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere, encouraging children to become confident and independent learners.

## KS1 and KS2

Our curriculum provides pupils with a well-rounded education that prepares them to be global citizens. Pupils are introduced to a variety of subjects that go beyond traditional academic disciplines, such as global issues, Eco-club and oracy skills through Voice21. As pupils progress through the curriculum, they continue to build upon their knowledge and skills, with a greater emphasis on critical thinking, problem-solving, and independent learning. Our curriculum also includes opportunities for pupils to participate in lessons taught by specialist teachers, such as Spanish and Physical Education. We are very proud that our KS2 Sats attainment places us in the top 10 of all Hackney schools.



“I love every subject, but Art is my favourite because I get to paint and draw in my sketchbook!”

Shemiah  
Y4 pupil



# Inclusion

At Princess May School, we are committed to ensuring that all pupils are given the correct support to succeed, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or background. This commitment has been recognised by the Inclusion Quality Mark accreditation (IQM) we have received, meaning differences are celebrated and correct support is implemented.

For pupils who may require additional support with social, emotional and mental health needs, we have a school counselling service Connect Education who offer art therapy sessions to pupils. Our counselling offer includes direct work with targeted pupils on a 1.1 basis, as well as optional drop ins for pupils to



“I have been amazed by the extra support we have been given by the school to help with my son’s speech and behaviour.

Year 1  
parent

discuss any concerns they may have. Alongside this, our well-being team offer playtime and lunchtime support to pupils who may need help with emotional regulation and resolving friendship issues. A key member of our well-being team is Coco the therapy dog! Coco is available throughout the school day to lend a helping paw to those who need it. Why not follow her on twitter! [@CocoPrincessMay](https://twitter.com/CocoPrincessMay)

# The Extras

## After-School Club

After School Club is designed to be a place where children enjoy learning in a stimulating, caring atmosphere and develop confidence or gain new skills. After-School Club is available every day between 3.30pm - 5.45pm for children from Reception to Year 6.

The first hour of each club includes an optional, sports-based activity, run by our specialist sports coach.

## Lunchtime Enrichment Clubs

Our Lunchtime Enrichment Clubs are open to all pupils (reception - year 6). Lunchtime clubs are free of charge. Our sessions are run by Princess May's own teachers and support staff, who have particular passions for the topics they are teaching, as well as external specialists. We have many clubs on offer such as, Chess Club, Arts & Crafts, Dance Club and Eco-club. We also offer a homework club every Thursday and Friday lunchtime.



**“I love Eco-club because we are helping to save our planet!”**

**Rioke**  
Y3 pupil





# Community engagement/PTFA

The PTFA helps to raise funds to enhance our children's education experience and the school's facilities. As fantastic as the fundraising is, our PTFA is about much more than simply raising money. The PTFA is an excellent way to bring parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. All families are automatically members of the PTFA when their child joins our school, and everyone is encouraged to get involved.

The PTFA is extremely conscious of the inclusive ethos and diversity of our school, and we try very hard when organising and planning events to respect this. As well as raising funds, the PTFA, plays an important part in building a strong community around the school:

- by getting to know parents and teachers outside your child's peer group
- by making little eyes sparkle at events created especially for them
- by learning to do new things as a team and thinking up new ideas
- by engaging with the local community on our doorstep
- making new friends and having fun

We organise many events throughout the year with the aim of thanking our families for their continued support, such as our annual Winter Fair, Summer Fair, Easter Trails and The Big Picnic.



# Engagement events

## **Monday 5th February**

On the gate at Colvestone. Meet a selection of staff, pupils, parents and governors

## **School Tours with Senior Leadership Team, SENDCO and Children**

### **Thursday 8th February**

Year 5 - 9:30am

Year 4 - 10:15am

### **Tuesday 20th February**

Year 3: 9:30am or 10:15am

### **Thursday 22nd February**

Year 2 - 9:30am

### **Tuesday 27th February**

Year 1 - 9:30am

### **Thursday 29th February**

EYFS - 9:30am

To book your place, please scan the following QR code:



If you have more than one child at the school, please choose the tour that is most convenient.

## **Workshops - with Princess May and Colvestone Staff**

Friday 1st March: SLT introductions and a selection of pupils to introduce a series of workshops to take place at Princess May – hosted at Colvestone

### **Friday 8th March: 1:00**

EYFS: Stay and Play

### **Friday 8th March: 1:30**

Year 1 art workshop

### **Friday 8th March: 2:30**

Year 2 art workshop

### **Friday 15th March: 1:30**

Year 3 art workshop

### **Friday 15th March: 2:30**

Year 4/5 art workshop

# Transition

A series of transition events have been planned in the summer term, which we very much hope you will take advantage of.



## Summer 1

Meet the PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association) Coffee Morning – **Friday 10th May**

Joint SEND coffee morning for pupils on SEND register with the AHT/SEND CO – **Wednesday 22nd May** at Princess May

## Summer 2

Individual meetings between the SENDCOs from both schools for children with EHC Plans – at Colvestone – **Friday 7th June**

Children transition/taster day for each year group: Meet the teacher and children – **Friday 21st June**

## Summer Fair

You are all warmly invited to our Summer Fair on **Friday 5th July**.

## Autumn 1

Wednesday **4th September**: Welcome to Princess May assembly led by staff and children









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