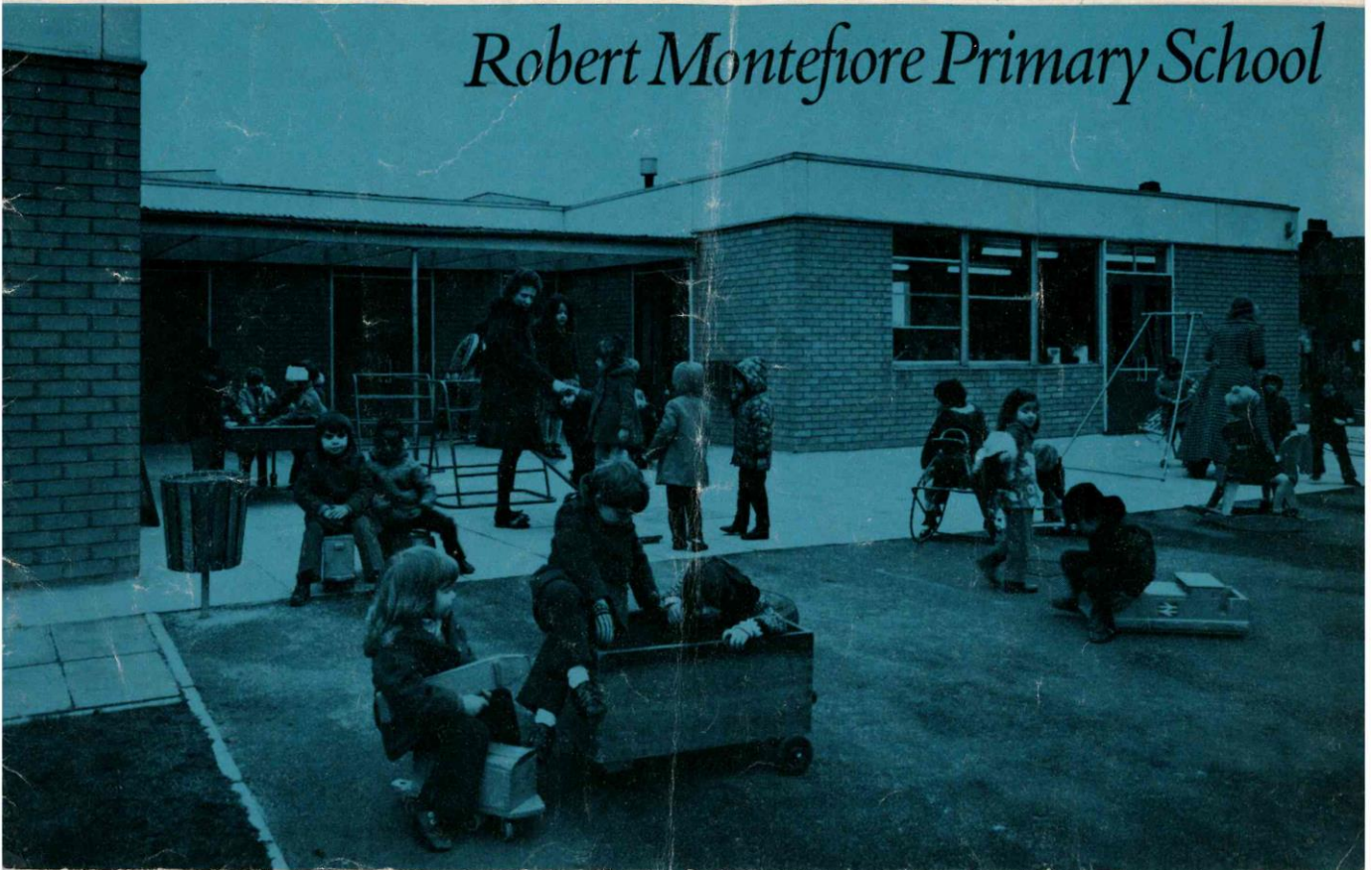


Hi Lorraine,

Hope you've had a good start
to the term. Have cleared out
a cupboard and found the
opening of Robert Montefiore,
later changed to Thomas Buxton,
leaflet that I promised you
years ago!!

Julia

Ceremonial Opening of New Buildings of Robert Montefiore Primary School





Inner London Education Authority

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Robert Montefiore Primary School

Buxton Street, E1

by Miss M. C. CULPECK

Principal Nursing Officer, The London Hospital

on Tuesday, 6 March, 1973

at 10.30 am

The Chair will be taken by

Mr JOHN BRANAGAN, KSG, JP

Chairman of the Inner London Education Authority

Robert Montefiore Primary School

Headmistress of Infants' School
Mrs M. W. Gosler

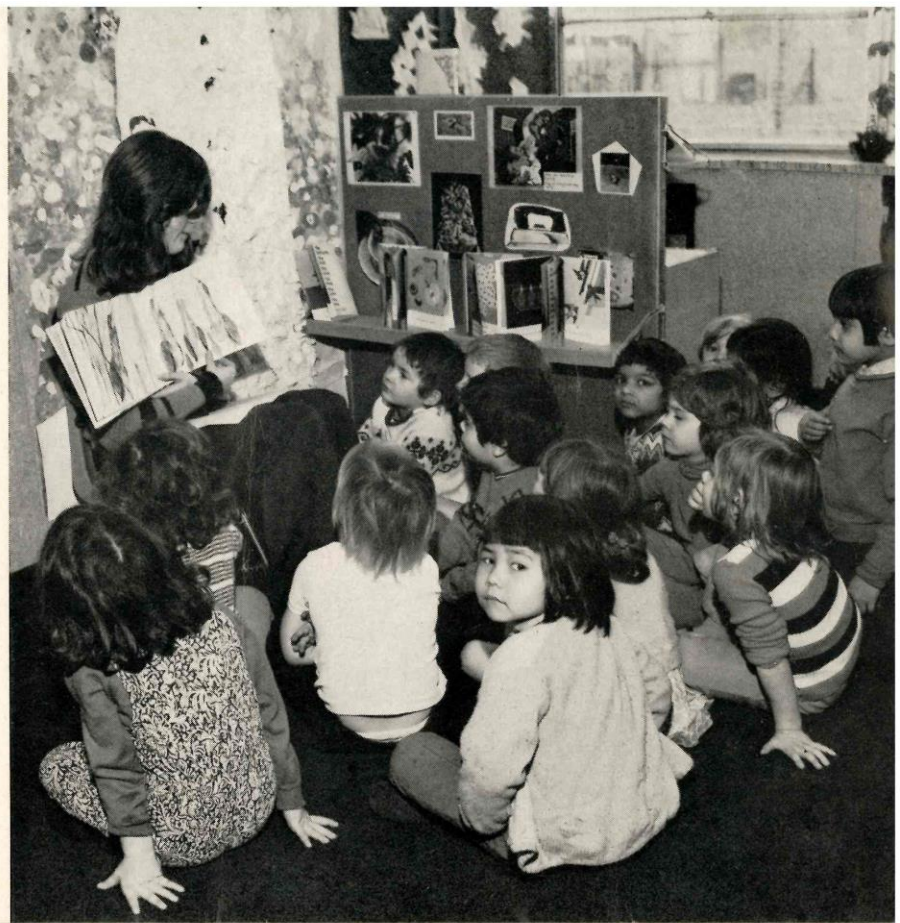
Headmaster of Junior School
E. C. Blackmore

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Part of the Infants' School





Order of Proceedings

10.20 am Miss M. C. Culpeck will be welcomed by Mr John Branagan, KSG, JP, Chairman of the Inner London Education Authority; and will meet leading members of the Education Committee; the Chairman of the Managers, Mrs M. Goodhart; Mr L. Slavid, representing the Education Officer; the Headmistress of the Infants' School, Mrs M. W. Gosler, and the Headmaster of the Junior School, Mr E. C. Blackmore.

10.30 am The platform party will take their places.

The Chairman of the Authority will welcome the guests.

There will then be music by some of the Infant pupils.

Miss Culpeck will speak and declare open the new buildings.

The Chairman of Managers will accept responsibility for the new buildings.

A vote of thanks to Miss Culpeck will be proposed by Mr J. J. A. Long.

The Headmistress will speak.

The Headmaster will speak.

One of the junior pupils will say a few words on behalf of the school.

Guests are asked to remain in their seats until the platform party have left the hall.

Refreshments will be served. Guests are invited to look round the school.

Notes on the School

The new accommodation for Robert Montefiore Primary School was occupied in January 1972. There are places for about 500 juniors and infants and 60 full-time nursery class pupils.

The present roll of the Junior School is about 220. The headmaster is assisted by a deputy head and eight other full-time teachers.

One of the teachers has a large measure of responsibility for work with children whose command of English is limited. Instruction in violin playing is given once a week by a visiting professional violinist to children who show a real interest, and it is hoped to develop percussion playing in the future.

The life of the school continues until the evening, for many of the staff assist in the running of a school-based play centre. The junior school library has been named after the late Miss Miriam Moses, a former Mayor of Stepney and one who was intimately connected with the welfare of the children of the school.

There are at present 124 infants on the roll of the Infants' School. The headmistress is assisted by a deputy head, five other full-time teachers and two part-time teachers. There are also two full-time teachers in charge of the nursery classes.

Both heads aim to make the school a happy place where children of all races and creeds can feel secure and develop harmoniously together in a multi-racial community; to make them aware of the needs and rights of others; and to provide the environment to afford children plenty of freedom for investigation and learning.

The new school has been built on a site of about 2.5 acres between Vallance Road to the east and Allen Gardens, a public open space, to the west. It is bounded on the north by a deep railway cutting and also a British Rail goods shed which penetrates deeply into the north-west part of the site and has conditioned the planning of the school. The only access to the school is from Buxton Street. The car parking facilities are placed at the western end of the site.

The Infants' School at the eastern end of the site consists of six home bays, sharing three wet bays. Each home bay has its own quiet bay. Practical areas lead to an external teaching area. A general teaching area, twelve feet wide, runs as a spine through the school from north to south. The nursery classes are linked to the southern end of the Infants' School. The Junior School lies along Buxton Street to the west of the site and consists of four units of two home bays each sharing a quiet bay with two practical areas in close proximity, leading to two external teaching areas.

There are two adjacent halls to the north and a communal dining area and kitchen to the south. A joint staffroom is situated conveniently for both schools, while the play centre is adjacent to the Junior Hall and within easy reach of the Junior play pitch. The schoolkeeper's house is at the south-east corner of the site, in a key position for general supervision. The school has been built to a rationalised method of construction, incorporating a light steel frame supported on a reinforced concrete raft.

Timber roofing units are prefabricated and the external walls are faced with yellow brick panels relieved by the red brick walls in the external site layout.

Fascias are timber painted white. Heating is provided by oil fired warm air units, the hot water being provided separately by an oil fired boiler. Internally, apart from red plastered panels, the walls generally are covered with buff coloured pin-up board, and the suspended ceilings are in white fibre tiles. An unusual feature of the assembly halls is the use of clear finished timber slats as a ceiling finish, the walls being plastered and painted to suit the colour scheme.

The electrical installation includes fluorescent lighting in all classrooms and circulation areas, radio and fire alarm systems, telephone and educational television installations, and power outlets throughout the school.

The building was constructed by H. Fairweather & Co. Ltd., at a cost of about £222,000. Furniture and equipment cost about £17,000.

The school was designed under the direction of Sir Roger Walters, KBE, FRIBA, FStructE, Architect to the Greater London Council, in collaboration with Mr C. A. Belcher, C Eng, FIEE, the former Director of Mechanical and Electrical Services; and Mr J. C. Kennedy, the Chief Officer of the Parks Dept.

E. W. H. BRIAULT,
Education Officer

Note. The photograph on the front cover shows nursery class children in their playground.

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