

# Headteacher Highlights

## 23rd October 2020



### END OF TERM 1!

I cannot believe that I have been here for an entire term already! Whilst it has a tricky term as far as working in bubbles etc. I have thoroughly enjoyed being here at St Matthew's. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. It has been lovely getting to know you all, albeit slowly! I am getting to know the children too and have loved seeing their different personalities shine through!

I would also like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the staff. They are such a wonderful team and have helped me so much this term. They have been so welcoming, understanding, helpful and warm! I feel privileged to be leading such a talented group! I am sure that you will join me in wishing each and every one of them a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Mrs Pollard and I have had a sneak preview of the promotional video filmed by Mr Cheesman last week and it is AMAZING! It captures the essence and the very being of our school brilliantly! It brought a tear to my eye and made me feel very proud! Once the finishing touches have been done, we will put it on our school website and would ask you to share the link with your friends to spread the word about our great school!



Well done to our Reception children for having such a positive start to their school careers! We are really proud of you all!



Look at the wonderful iconic statues by Y3!



Wishing you all a safe and happy half term!  
See you on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### Our Christian value for next week



**FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL**



**This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.**

YR	We've had another busy week in reception, we have started to learn tricky words like 'the' and 'to' and have sent them home with letter sounds to practise for homework over half term. We have been learning how to write our numbers in sand, paint and on white boards and we have been practising counting natural objects outside like sticks and stones. We really enjoyed playing in the mud kitchen in the beautiful sunshine and we have been telling helicopter stories.
Y1	Y1 have been increasing their vocabulary by learning words such as 'deciduous' when they have been looking at trees in the school grounds.
Y2	Year 2 have been learning about Nelson Mandela this week as part of Black History Month. They have produced some incredible art work too with portraits of Nelson Mandela and the South African flag.
Y3	Year 3 have been completing their iconic Greek pillar project by adding their portraits! We experimented with adding darker and lighter shadows before choosing the style for the portrait which would sit on top of the column.
Y4	In Y4 everyone is becoming super speedy at their 8 times tables! We have also talked about kindness and how it makes us feel good to do an act of kindness towards others.
Y5	We have had a lovely week learning about Rosa Parks, the mother of the civil rights movement, and how her simple bus protest helped change America forever. We have created some beautiful artwork, creative lapbooks and informative news articles. We have also had great fun competing as a year group on Times Tables Rock Stars.
Y6	We have been learning about the valuable and essential contribution the 'Windrush Generation' of people from the Caribbean have made to British Society and the continued contribution being made by their descendants. We have discussed discrimination, fairness and tolerance and learnt some Caribbean history.

## WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.....

### MONDAYS

5S  
Kookaburras  
Lorikeets  
Ducklings  
Goslings

### TUESDAYS

Owls  
Robins  
5D

### WEDNESDAYS

3TWP  
3DB  
4M  
Owls

### THURSDAYS

4M  
6W  
4O  
3TWP

### FRIDAYS

6H  
4O  
Kookaburras  
Lorikeets

### FOREST SCHOOLS (THURS 5/11)

**LORIKEETS**

**Honesty, Respect, Kindness and Responsibility.**