

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



22nd January 2021

Halfway through.....

We are now half way through the term and I know that things have been difficult for everyone but you are all doing so well in these tricky times. Remember that the home learning that we provide is for you to manage in the way that works for you in your home. We all have different circumstances to juggle and only you will know what works for your family.

I have seen some fantastic home learning this week! This has included beautiful drawings, some lovely writing and excellent maths work! Keep up the good work everyone!

Not forgetting the children who are in school, who have also been working very hard and are doing so well in spite of missing their friends!

I would like to thank the staff for organising the learning packs that have been collected this week. I know that parents are very grateful for them as this situation continues. Some of you have been asking when all children will be returning to school. The answer is that we do not know. The government have said that they hope it will be before Easter and that they will let us know two weeks in advance.

From the end of January, all staff working in school will have the opportunity to be tested for COVID-19 twice a week. This will mean that if a member of staff is asymptomatic but has the virus, this can be detected quickly and measures taken. More details about this will be sent out next week.

Keep going!

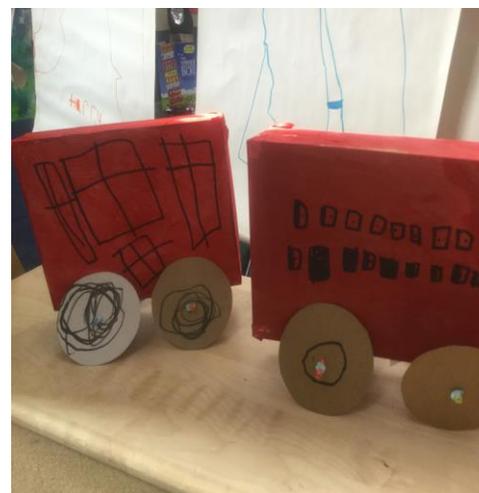
I know that home-schooling can be tricky at times, so here are a couple of links for some top tips to help you.

<https://www.theeducationpeople.org/blog/tips-for-parents-on-overcoming-the-challenges-of-home-learning/>

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/brooklandjuniorschoollondon/UploadedDocument/e552f0249dc24f0b9eefb6d4d4943890/top-tips-for-remote-learning-for-parents.pdf>

Don't forget that Mrs Aspinall, our Family Liaison Officer, is available to help you with any difficulties. Should you wish to speak to her directly please call her on 07340 549446 during working hours. Alternatively you can email her Janet.Aspinall@st-matthews.kent.sch.uk

TERM 3 ENDS FRIDAY 12TH FEB



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.



School News

YR	We have been learning about length and have measured our hands, feet and whole bodies. We have also been investigating wheels and have made some working wheels on an axel. In our story, The Naughty Bus went to London to see the tall buildings. We have found out about these and written some sentences using our phonic knowledge.
Y1	This week in Year1 we have been looking at the types of food people ate in 1666. We were surprised to learn that they didn't eat many fruits and vegetables so we decided to make them a healthy menu in our Discovery time. We made salt dough and used it to make baked goods from this era and we had a banquet with our friends. We have had a great week!
Y2	We really enjoyed having a lesson about Scratch with Mrs Pollard. We have been making our characters move around the screen. In English we have created a rumpus dance, written poems, created our own Wild Thing and written descriptions
Y3	Year 3 have worked incredibly hard learning their 3 times table and finding the related fact families with corresponding division facts! We have used adverbs, adjectives and noun phrases linked to work from the BFG. We have also been working hard on our handwriting.
Y4	Year 4 have been busy building their incredible robots at home! Some of them are HUGE! They have also started to write a newspaper report about the terrible events that are currently taking place in our story, where the Iron Man is eating all of the farmer's machinery!
Y5	In Year 5, we have made brilliant progress with our multiplication - even mastering multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. We have also produced some stunning and informative fact files on whales. We have also enjoyed our music lesson from Mrs Morton, creating our own music.
Y6	We are using 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell as inspiration to develop our use of precise and powerful language as well as writing the opening to the story. In history we learnt about Extinct and Extant animals and the Pleistocene Epoch (you will have to ask them what that is!).

School lunches

MONDAY

Beef lasagne 1,7,9

**Roasted veg and
couscous 1,10**

TUESDAY

**Chinese pork and rice
14**

Macaroni cheese 1,9,11

WEDNESDAY

Chicken pie and mash 1

**Veg stew and
dumplings 1,10**

THURSDAY

Beef curry + rice

**Jacket potato with
cheese/beans 9**

FRIDAY

Fish fingers and Chips

Quorn dippers 1,7,9

FOREST SCHOOLS (THURSDAY)

Y6