

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## END OF HOME LEARNING!

Well done everyone! We made it to the end of the partial school closure lockdown! I know that it has not been easy for pupils, parents and staff over the past eight weeks. I appreciate how much time and effort everyone has put in, to try and keep things going for the children. We are all so grateful for the participation of pupils on TEAMS and all of the work that has been sent in over this time. I would also like to commend those pupils who have been coming into school during this period, as they have had to also adapt and work in a different way, with different staff in some cases.

This week has seen some children win some medals in the inter school dancing competition. Enya won a silver medal and Lena won a gold medal! You can watch a montage of the entries on our Twitter page @StMatthews\_sch

Yesterday, it was lovely to celebrate World Book Day both in school and at home. Costumes were fantastic and it was lovely to see how imaginative people were using items of normal clothing and cardboard boxes, as well as more elaborate creations! I particularly relished the opportunity to wear my tiger onesie to school! I also enjoyed hearing about children's favourite books and seeing the variety of books chosen.

Lots of the staff have shared books on the School Story on Dojo, so these will be nice to revisit in the future when you would like a story being read to your child!

The link to register for your book token is

<https://www.worldbookday.com/digital-book-token/>

## NEXT WEEK

There has been lots of information sent out regarding the return of all pupils on Monday. I have attached each of the letters again, in order that you have all of the information to hand, to read over the weekend.

I will be looking forward to seeing everyone socially distanced at the gate when I come out on Monday morning please. At the end of the day, parents are asked to remain behind the cones and your child will be sent over to you.

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone back and I am sure that parents are happy to embrace the opportunity to get back to some sense of normality! Everything will be just as it was back in December so it will be familiar to you and your children.

In the meantime, enjoy your weekend and see you all next week! 😊

**TERM 4 ENDS ON WEDS 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

**INSET DAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL**



**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

<b>YR</b>	We have had a fantastic week. We have been continuing our learning about space and have found out about Neil Armstrong. We have thought about questions we want to find answers to about rockets and we have written a list of what we would take with us if we went to space in a rocket. The children included family, pets and food in their list. We have investigated using a balloon to make things move.
<b>Y1</b>	Y1 have been looking at St Paul's Cathedral and have designed their own then constructed them using Lego and wooden blocks. There were some very creative designs!
<b>Y2</b>	This week we have finished our work on the wonderful story – 'How the Coyote Brought fire to the Earth'. We have enjoyed hearing about how brave Coyote and the other animals saved the people from freezing. We have done some fantastic, descriptive writing about characters and key events in the story. We have also enjoyed sharing our favourite stories on World Book Day.
<b>Y3</b>	Year 3 have had a wonderful week learning to use tally charts, pictograms and bar graphs but the highlight was Thursday when we dressed up as our favourite book characters and spent the day enjoying activities related to books including listening to lots of the teachers read stories on Dojo.
<b>Y4</b>	Pupils in school have been making a cross-curricular project book based on their book 'The Mousehole Cat.' They have incorporated their geography, art, English and maths skills to produce beautiful books! Those working at home completed maths around a recipe for Stargazy Pie.
<b>Y5</b>	We have had a lovely last week of lockdown learning culminating in fun and games on Friday's Teams meeting. We have continued to look at fractions and wrote the opening to our Borrowers Story. The highlight has to be our Harry Potter themed World Book Day. It was great to see so many dressed up and sharing their lovely memories.
<b>Y6</b>	There has been a lot of celebrating in Y6 this week! Mrs Howden had a milestone birthday and the pupils also enjoyed participating in World Book Day. They discussed reading for pleasure and why we recommend books. Y6 have also been multiplying and dividing decimals.

## WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

### MONDAYS

5S  
Kookaburras  
Lorikeets  
Ducklings  
Goslings

### TUESDAYS

Owls  
Robins

5D

### WEDNESDAY

3TWP  
3DB  
4M  
Owls

### THURSDAY

6W  
4O + 4M  
3TWP

### FRIDAY

6H  
4O  
Kookaburras  
Lorikeets

### FOREST SCHOOLS (THURSDAY)

5D