

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



11th JUNE 2021

SUNNY START TO THE TERM!

It has been lovely weather this week and everyone seems so much happier when the sun is shining! Whilst it is beautiful weather, it is really important that the children have sunscreen applied before coming to school and that they have a water bottle and a hat with them.

Thank you to those parents who filled in the survey about the new Relationship and Sex Education guidance. I will send the results out with the new policy later in the term. It was great to meet with some parents and governors on Tuesday evening to look at resources and discuss the new guidance with Mrs Cheesman. Some of the comments from parents at the meeting included "I feel really happy that my children are receiving this kind of education before they go to secondary school."

"The whole ethos of the school is kind and caring, I trust you with my children."

Thank you for giving up your time to come to the meeting. It was very positive!

Y3 and Y4 had their sports afternoon yesterday and thankfully the sunshine was on hold whilst they competed! The children really enjoyed taking part and cheering with their banners for their class mates. Well done to Brokes who came first in both Y3 and Y4.

This week, I have been able to celebrate an act of worship in the hall each morning for one year group. It has been lovely to gather together, sing and talk about what our homes mean to us. There were some lovely responses.

NEXT WEEK

Y5 and Y6 will have their sports afternoon on Monday and YR/Y1/Y2 will have theirs on Friday. Should the weather be too hot we will make a decision to postpone on the day, so please come in PE kit to school on these days.

Parking enforcement officers were around school this week, so please ensure that you do not park on any yellow lines in the vicinity of the school. Not only do you risk getting a ticket, it is also dangerous for pupils and parents.

Teachers will be sending out appointments for parent consultations for Y1-Y6 pupils for the week commencing 5th July. These will be held via Teams again so you might want to check that you have the correct login details to access Teams and email it.dept@st-matthews.kent.sch.uk if you have any issues.

Have a lovely weekend! ☺

TERM 6 ENDS ON WEDS 21ST JULY



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 imagining what it would be like to be a worm! We went on a mini beast hunt, did observational drawings of what we found and labelled them. Our descriptive sentences about a day in the life of a worm were amazing! In circle time, we have talked about how much we have changed since we started school and we celebrated our differences!
Y1	We have been learning to spell the days of the week. We read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and wrote diaries explaining what he ate. We have also made beautiful life cycles of a caterpillar with different shaped pasta and some amazing tissue paper illustrations too!
Y2	This week Y2 had an exciting parcel delivered from the Jolly Postman. He sent us a letter and lots of books about fairy stories and nursery rhymes to help us with our English. We have also been learning about the artist Vincent van Gogh. We have been looking at his painting of Victor Roulin, the postman, and have started to create our own versions.
Y3	It has been a fabulous start to the term in Y3! We waited with bated breath to see what our new book would be and were delighted to discover it was 'The Green Ship'. We had a wonderful time borrowing Reception's big blocks to design and build our own ships, learning all sorts of new vocabulary to name the parts of the ship. We LOVED our sports afternoon!
Y4	Y4 have found it very exciting to research more about the Amazon rainforest and the animals that live there. We are really looking forward to putting our favourite facts and images together in our very own information booklets.
Y5	We have been learning all about angles and have quickly become protractor experts. 5S made the most of the sunshine at Forest School, making kazoos and drinking hot chocolate. 5D put on their hard hats and engineered towers out of sweets and cocktail sticks. We have also learnt more Elvis songs and created electrical circuits using various metal conductors.
Y6	Y6 have started their DT project which involves being able to confidently use two sewing stitches and be able to sew on a button! Rehearsals for their end of year play have begun and they have enjoyed practising for sports day in the lovely sunny weather!

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

Y5/Y6 Sports day
Kookaburras
Lorikeets
Ducklings
Goslings

TUESDAY

Owls
Robins

5D

WEDNESDAY

3TWP
3DB
4M
Owls

THURSDAY

6W
4O /4M
3TWP/3DB

FRIDAY

6H
4O
YR/Y1/Y2 Sports day

FOREST SCHOOLS (THURSDAY)

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