

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022



## SPORTING SUCCESS!

Mrs Hookway took a team from Year 2 to take part in the infant agility competition in Tonbridge yesterday morning. Twelve local schools took part and I am so pleased to say that our team came first! Not only did they win, but they scored 80 points more than the team in second place! Eddie also had the highest score for the Speed Bounce event out of the 120 children who took part! Mrs Hookway was over the moon as it is the seventh year in a row that St Matthew's have won that particular competition. Well done everyone!

We are so pleased to welcome Mrs Taylor who is helping to make everyone's journey to school much safer. She took over the crossing patrol this week and I know that parents are very pleased to see her. Please help her by waiting until she asks you to cross and asking children to walk their scooters across the road.

In our acts of worship this week, we have been thinking about words to describe Jesus, and how Christians believe he is always there for everyone. I had the pleasure of joining the children in Ducklings and Goslings this morning for their Celebration worship and I completely agree with Freddie's opinion, when he said 'That was amazing!'

We have had an increasing number of Covid cases this week, so can I ask you to remain vigilant and if you have access to lateral flow devices, test your child on Sunday evening. We have noticed that some pupils testing positive had no symptoms at all. Let's do our best to keep everyone in the school community safe.

Thank you!

## NEXT WEEK

From Monday 17th January, children who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6, providing you have sent through the NHS notification of both test results.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

If you are unsure about when a child should return, please call the office.

Have a good weekend!

## Welcome Mrs Taylor!



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 started to look at our new text 'The Naughty Bus.' We have been painting and drawing our own buses, writing sentences about buses and choosing pictures of our favourite forms of transport. We have talked how we travel to school and made a tally chart. We have handed out pieces of felt to every child to decorate and we will be adding them to a special display about our school community.
<b>Y1</b>	We have continued our learning all about life in 1666. We used salt dough to make bread for our own bakery and also learnt about the clothes that people wore and made peg dolls. In Maths we have been comparing numbers to 20 using $>$ and $<$ . Don't forget to practise those tricky words that were sent out!
<b>Y2</b>	We kicked off our new book 'Where the Wild Things Are' with a stunning start. We did some leaf printing to create jungle patterns like Max's bedroom. We also designed and made some 'Wild Thing' masks. We used collage to create hair and beards for our colourful monster creations.
<b>Y3</b>	This week, Year 3 have learnt more about Costa Rica, including which animals live there and how lots of the population live to be 100! We used atlases to find Costa Rica and looked at the countries and oceans which surround it. We learnt that Christians believe God has three parts- the Trinity.
<b>Y4</b>	Year 4 found it fascinating to learn all about the different kinds of teeth we have, and looked at some moulds of real teeth. In Literacy, we have been researching all about plastic pollution in our oceans, in preparation for writing our own persuasive speech. We have taken inspiration from David Attenborough!
<b>Y5</b>	We added some more layers to our music this week, including some improvisation and scat singing. Mr Tibbitts-Williams helped us as we started our paper sculptures and we have written some amazing poetry. 5S enjoyed Forest School in the sunshine and 5D can't wait to do the same next week!
<b>Y6</b>	This week we have been simplifying fractions and have found that it is not always so simple! Connected to our learning on Fairtrade, we have been learning about the physical geography of Ghana. In PE, we have enjoyed doing gymnastics and have classified living things by their characteristics in Science.

## WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL

### MONDAYS

5S  
5D

### TUESDAYS

Owls  
Robins  
6W  
6H

### WEDNESDAY

3TWP  
3DB  
Kookaburras  
Lorikeets

6H  
6W

### THURSDAY

3TWP  
4R  
4M  
Kookaburras  
Lorikeets

### FRIDAY

Ducklings  
Goslings  
4R  
4M  
Owls  
Robins

### FOREST SCHOOL

### NEXT WEEK

5D