

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022



## SUPER SPORTS!

Mrs Hookway is celebrating yet again this week with two wins under her belt! Firstly, the football team beat Temple Grove Academy 9-1 on Monday evening. Then, the basketball team won each of their five games at the tournament on Wednesday evening. Well done to all of the team members for doing so well! You have made us all very proud, as has Mrs Hookway!

Both Ducklings and Goslings visited Southborough Library this week and had the opportunity to read and hear how the library works. I was so impressed with the behaviour of the pupils, as were local residents we met! If you are not already a member of the library, please do join and make use of this wonderful local resource. You can join online at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/borrow-library-items/join-library-cards-and-pin>

Mr Hardwick came back to visit with some teachers from his new school on Wednesday. He wanted them to see the excellent teaching and learning that happens here at St Matthew's. It was lovely to see him, and he messaged afterwards to say how inspired the staff were about what they observed here!

All of the children were reminded about how to keep safe on line this week as it was Safer Internet Day. Use this as an opportunity as a reminder to keep an eye on what your child is doing online and who they are talking to.

Lara, in Y6 was bored at home, so decided to write a poem. I have attached it for you, as it took my breath away when I read it. It is absolutely amazing! Well done Lara!

## HALF TERM

Mrs Lewis sent an updated term date list out this week as there have been some amendments due to the Platinum Jubilee. It means that at the end of term 5, children finish on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May and do not return until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. This gives an extended half term break so if you were planning a holiday, this would be an ideal time to go.

School finishes today for the half term break. There is no school next week and children are to return on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. This is not an INSET day! I hope that you all have a lovely week spending time with your family and I wish all of the staff a relaxing break after what has been a very demanding term!

**See you all back on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February!**



## Basketball Champs!

**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>	Our visit to Southborough Library was fantastic! We had a lovely walk across the Ridgewaye fields and then read a story in the library. We have also been hiding the Naughty Bus and writing clues to help find it. We made a pulley to get it out of the bushes in the garden.
<b>Y1</b>	In Y1, we have been looking at which items float or sink. We used this information to make boats for our peg people, as they fled from the Great Fire of London! We had great fun testing our boats on the water. We have also been learning about Samuel Pepys, and have written our own diaries.
<b>Y2</b>	This week, we finished off our Geography topic on Jamaica by tasting tropical fruit. We tasted pineapple, mango, watermelon, pomegranate and papaya. We recorded what the fruit looked and tasted like and whether we liked it or not. We also finished our Jamaica music topic by learning about and playing steel drums.
<b>Y3</b>	We have explored how magnets have poles and how they attract and repel. We designed our own games and created instructions to explain to others how to play them, using imperative verbs. We learnt about what information we can safely share online and how to use branching databases to sort information.
<b>Y4</b>	We have enjoyed using drama to explore empathy from the point of view of Isatou Ceesay, the main character in our book 'One Plastic Bag.' We have also had fun in Science, learning about the structure of our teeth and the stages of dental decay. We are really going to look after our teeth from now on!
<b>Y5</b>	The highlight of our week was the Design and Technology project in which we turned our theoretical knowledge of earthquakes into reality by designing and building seismographs. After evaluating our first prototypes, we made improvements to increase the accuracy of our measurements.
<b>Y6</b>	Y6 have designed geometric patterns as part of their RE unit learning about Islam. In Science, they have used a dichotomous tree to classify living creatures. They have been multiplying fractions and also using fractions in problem solving.

## 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

### FIRST WEEK BACK

4R