

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY 11th MARCH 2022



THE BOOK FAIR IS HERE!

The children have had an opportunity to view the books and will be bringing home their wish list today with their World Book Day token. If you would like to purchase any books, the instructions on how to do this are on the wish list. This needs to be done online as we are not accepting payments at school. The wish list needs to be sent back into school on Monday and the books will come home next week. Please support the Book Fair as the more books that are bought, the more books we can claim in commission. If you would like to see the books available for yourself, please go to

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>

This week in our act of worship we have been reading what Isaiah said about a new king being sent by God. Jaxon, Arabella and Riley put crowns on as monarchs and we talked about the qualities a good leader needs to have. We noticed that some of the qualities mentioned were the same as our school Christian values that we live by at St Matthew's.

This week I have seen so many creative lessons going on across the school. Children have been enjoying using clay, paints and other materials to create various projects. We have some very talented children and staff and I am looking forward to a canvas being put up by the office that every child in the school has contributed to. Mrs Baitup designed it and co-ordinated everyone's contribution. I will share it with you once it is on display. Thank you to Mrs Baitup for her talents and organisational skills!

NEXT WEEK

Next week is Science Week, and as part of this, Mr Donovan has arranged for a company called Sublime science to come and do workshops for the children in Y1-Y6. This will be a chance for the children to get hands on and see some fun investigations. Thank you to the PTA for funding this wonderful opportunity!

We also have a youth engagement officer coming to talk to the pupils in Y5 and Y6 about cyberbullying and the law. Perhaps you can talk to your children after the visit on Wednesday about what they learnt?

Next Friday is Comic Relief and children are invited to come to school wearing **RED**. They can also have **red** hair, or wear a **red** hat! Donations are to be made directly to Comic Relief at <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

TERM ENDS ON FRIDAY 1st APRIL

WEAR RED!



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 thinking about the jobs we would like to do when we are older and writing sentences about it. Lots of children have been really inspired by the wonderful visit last week and want to be police officers. Other children want to be vets, designers, teachers, doctors and paramedics!
Y1	In Y1 this week, we have been counting in twos. We have grouped toys and objects in pairs to count them. We have worked out how many shoes we have altogether in our classroom! We have also been finding out about London landmarks and writing postcards from London.
Y2	Year 2 were very excited this week to be introduced to Times Table Rockstars. We all logged on to our account in the ICT suite and chose our rock star name. We then tried the games and explored the site. Now we can use this at home to practise our times tables. In PSHE, we thought about our Special Squad and who is special to us and why.
Y3	This week Y3 re-enacted the archaeological excavation of Sutton Hoo. We took on the roles of Edith Pretty and Basil Brown and thought about whether Mrs Pretty should keep the treasure or donate it to the British Museum. We tested alternative ways to join cardboard as we began our DT project, making our own Anglo-Saxon helmets.
Y4	Y4 have really enjoyed making our own string telephone in Science, to learn more about how sound travels. We are getting stuck into creating our own Greek hero or heroine, what they might wear and do, as well as 'heroic' qualities they would need to have. We are excited to finally write our myths next week!
Y5	The highlight of Year 5's week has been to use clay to make the volcanoes that will form the base to our sculptures. Great fun was had rolling strings of clay and moulding them to form the correct shape. In French, we used our knowledge of meteorological terms to present our own weather forecasts.
Y6	We have been developing our understanding of paragraphs in English and thought about inherited characteristics in Science. We are continuing to think about our responsibilities and how we can support each other in difficult situations and what we can do to improve break and lunchtimes.

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

2C