

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2022



FROM SUN TO SNOW!

Well as I write this, it is snowing, in April! The weather is certainly very different to this time last week!

It has been a very busy last week of term. On Monday, Y5 and Y6 were treated to a performance of The Secret Garden, from a visiting theatre company. Y6 also had the opportunity to work with the actors, learning about different aspects of a play.

Mrs Hookway took a team to the Y5/6 Hockey tournament and was very proud of their efforts. The football team also put in a sterling performance against Bidborough yesterday. Well done teams!

Y3 enjoyed an Anglo-Saxon visit on Wednesday. The children had the opportunity to dress as Vikings and learnt about games and more importantly, weaponry!

Pupils in Y1-Y6 received their school reports this week. It was a pleasure to read them all and see what fantastic progress everyone has made. If you haven't already, could you send a message to your child's teacher to say you have received it. We have had some lovely comments sent in, thank you!

As we were unable to all go to the church as originally planned, we had two acts of worship today. Pupils in Reception went to St Matthew's Church for the first time and I was so proud of how well the children listened to Chris and they sang beautifully too! The rest of the school took part in worship via Teams at school and Y6 told the Easter story and Y2 led us in prayer. We also saw the wonderful Easter garden created by Y1. Thank you Chris for joining us!

THANKS PTA!

The PTA have been very busy this week. They were selling tickets for the Easter raffle each day and today we pulled the winning tickets. Well done to Kodi, Ashton, Maddie, Siana and George P who won the prizes! There was also a sale of pre-loved uniform yesterday, which provided the opportunity for parents to purchase uniform for very reasonable prices! The PTA also contributed to the cost of the Anglo Saxon visit in Y3 this week, for which we are very grateful. Thank you to the parents who have been so giving of their time to help us. There will be an opportunity for you to hear more about the role of the PTA next term.

Don't forget that Summer uniform may be worn after Easter. Specific details can be found at <https://st-matthews-school.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Our-School-Uniform.pdf>

HAPPY EASTER!
See you back on
Tuesday 19th 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

YR	We have been thinking about people we trust and what we would do if we felt worried. The children had some lovely ideas and said that they can talk to parents, staff and friends. We really enjoyed going to St Matthew's Church this morning and then having our Easter Egg Hunt in the snow!
Y1	We finished our London topic with designing, making and evaluating a model of a London bus with a moving part. We used a coding programme called 'Scratch Jr' to make a picture of a bus move along a road. We also completed lots of Easter activities and particularly enjoyed making Easter gardens.
Y2	Our work on Van Gogh has come to an end by looking at his painting, 'Starry Night.' We looked at how he showed the movement of the wind in the sky and how he used thick lines. We created our own versions using oil pastel and crayon. We really tried to make our sky move about in the same way. We have learnt some joyful Easter songs!
Y3	Our highlight was the Anglo-Saxon theme day learning about how they lived. We looked at and drew artefacts, made some Anglo-Saxon pots and dressed as Vikings and Anglo Saxons. We wore a heavy coat of mail, held swords, shields and axes and even had the chance to develop our sword fighting skills!
Y4	Y4 wrote some wonderful play scripts for a scene from 'Theseus and the Minotaur', using wonderfully descriptive language and detailed stage directions. We then had fun acting these out with props and masks in our own outdoor Greek amphitheatre! We also created some Olympic posters.
Y5	After two terms of creative endeavour, Y5 carried home their completed sculptures; a number of different skills and techniques were used to produce the finished piece. Inspired by our class text, we re-wrote a fairy tale with an alternative, sad ending, focusing on developing our descriptions of character and setting.
Y6	Y6 enjoyed working with the actors following 'The Secret Garden' performance. In Art, we have created a Stone Age frieze using charcoal, white chalk pencils and oil pastels. We have also written a fantastic chapter for our text 'Wolf Brother' using powerful and precise words and phrases.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL

MONDAY

Bank Holiday

TUESDAY

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

5D