

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

## PROUD AS PUNCH!

I am always proud to be the Headteacher of St Matthew's, however this week I am extremely proud! Our Y6 pupils showed such a great attitude when completing their SATs tests this week. They took the papers in their stride and demonstrated perseverance and resilience. Well done to the Y6 team for doing such a great job preparing the children, so they knew exactly what to expect.

We had more sporting success this week with the Y4 Cricket Team. With great determination, they came second overall, after winning all 4 of their group matches and demonstrated some amazing bowling, batting and fielding skills. Well done everyone!

Our sporting success has made the newspaper this week! There is an article in The Courier, celebrating the amazing sporting results this year at St Matthew's! As always, we have Mrs Hookway to thank for her hard work and dedication in driving the continued success of the numerous sports teams!

Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have donated plants for the Early Years outdoor area. Thank you to dad Tom, for coming in and digging over the allotment area for us. We are very grateful! If you are shopping over the weekend and see some suitable plants, we would really appreciate some more donations!

Mr Aldridge has replaced the planters at the front of the school and they look fabulous! Thank you!

We are looking forward to celebrating the upcoming Platinum Jubilee and more details about this will follow next

## NEXT WEEK

There is a meeting on Monday at 6pm for the parents of the Y6 pupils going on the residential trip next month.

On Tuesday, pupils in Y5 and Y6 will be having talks about road safety, with particular regard to not being distracted by using mobile phones or headphones.

Please note the change of menu, as emailed. Fish and Chips will now be on Thursday to encourage more pupils to take a school meal on census day.

Our school choir are going to Southborough Primary School on Friday afternoon to rehearse for the Tunbridge Wells Singing Festival taking place next month. Please see the attached flier.

**TERM 5 ENDS ON NEXT WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**INSET DAYS**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**TERM 6 ENDS THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> 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

<b>YR</b>	We have been creating and describing aliens! We have been comparing features of our local area to planets and thinking about questions aliens might ask if they landed here in High Brooms! We have been working hard in the garden and are really grateful to Ava's dad for his help and for all of the plant donations! Thank you!
<b>Y1</b>	This week Y1 have been learning about multiplication through making equal groups and arranging counters in arrays of 2,5 and 10. They have planned stories set in a fantasy world and drawn pictures of it using the computers.
<b>Y2</b>	As part of our work on Islam, Year 2 have been learning about mosques. We looked at the architecture and features of mosques and have produced some beautiful, colourful pictures using coloured paper. We have planted cress in eggshells to make eggheads, including faces on the egg!
<b>Y3</b>	In Y3, we have been using similes to describe the character Leaf as he burst out of the forest. In RE, we have learnt the story of Pentecost and how the coming of the Holy Spirit changed the disciples. We thought about how the 'Kingdom of God' can be seen in Christians today.
<b>Y4</b>	Year 4 had an amazing time this week experiencing our very own Mousehole tour in school. We learnt how to make Cornish pasties, visited the Mousehole Christmas lights, found out how pirates invaded Mousehole and went bird watching to count the different types of birds. 4M enjoyed Forest School!
<b>Y5</b>	Our caterpillars have continued to develop; we carefully recorded the changes as they moved into the transformational chrysalis stage. In the computer suite, we completed our interactive PowerPoints of the butterfly lifecycle. We have honed our navigational skills, in Geography, by using compasses to follow a route accurately.
<b>Y6</b>	We are very proud of the pupils this week, having sat six tests over four days. It was pretty hard going, but the children did us proud! We relaxed afterwards by doing activities on the field and also producing some scientific drawings of an ichthyosaur fossil. They were fantastic! There is a meeting on Monday evening for parents of pupils going on the residential trip. It is at 6pm in the New Hall. We have a lovely week planned for those pupils remaining at school too!

## WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

### MONDAYS

5S  
5D

### TUESDAYS

Owls  
Robins  
6W  
6H

### WEDNESDAYS

3TWP  
3DB  
Kookaburras  
Lorikeets  
6H  
6W

### THURSDAYS

3TWP  
4R  
4M  
Kookaburras

Lorikeets

### FRIDAYS

Ducklings  
Goslings

4M/4R

Owls

Robins

### FOREST SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

3TWP