

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2022

## A momentous day.

Monday saw the most historic event, so far, in the lives of the children of St. Matthew's. They have been speaking about the Queen's funeral during the week and have told us about the parts of the day that touched them the most. The Queen's corgis and her horse being brought out were mentioned, along with the sailors pulling her coffin on the gun carriage. We came together as a whole school for the first time this morning to commemorate the occasion and to also celebrate our floral memorial garden display created during the week. Each child made a flower and thought about how the Queen demonstrated our Christian values. Mrs Page and Mrs Ferrell arranged the flowers into the beautiful display that is now in the hall. I was very impressed with Ducklings and Goslings, as this was their first time in whole school worship in the hall. They sat and listened SO well!

Everyone was looking very smart on Tuesday for their individual and sibling photos. Codes have been sent home with the children, with information about how to order the photos directly.

Y5 had a fantastic afternoon yesterday in the Astrodome. The children had the opportunity to learn about the Solar System, constellations and the International Space Station. The talk given had lots of interactive music and props and the pupils were thoroughly engaged throughout the afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs Claro for organising the visit and to parents for your contributions.

## NEXT WEEK

On Thursday, you are invited to our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon fundraiser. This will be at 2.15pm in the Sunflower Room. Join us for a cuppa and some cake and help to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Pre-school children are welcome, as are donations of cake!

On Thursday evening, a meeting for Y6 parents will take place regarding the residential trip that will take place next May. Mrs Howden will explain what happens during the week so parents have an idea of what the trip entails. The meeting will be in the New Hall at 6.30pm.

Can you please make sure that your child has a waterproof coat with them each day.

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy link:

<https://recruitmenthub.solutions/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=6160>

**TERM 1 ENDS FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

## Our Floral Tribute



**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>	The children have coped so well with staying all day this week. They will sleep well tonight! We have been doing baseline assessments to see where the children are and they have enjoyed working 1:1 with their teachers.
<b>Y1</b>	We have discussed where we thought our egg might have come from and discovered it was Antarctica! We found it on a map and have been designing outfits to wear if we were to go there on an expedition.
<b>Y2</b>	Y2 have really enjoyed reading 'The Lonely Beast.' We created a story map to tell the story of the Beast's journey and wrote a diary as the Beast, exploring our thoughts and feelings. In Science, we found out how to take our pulse and explored how physical activity affects our heart. We made colourful posters about each of the 7 continents.
<b>Y3</b>	We have really enjoyed tasting fruits from the rainforest this week. We used our senses to collect adjectives and wrote expanded noun phrases to persuade the orangutan in our book to eat our chosen fruit. We have also planted poppy seeds in time for Remembrance Day.
<b>Y4</b>	Y4 have been learning about the features of a diary and creating story maps for 'Oliver and the Seawigs.' We are looking forward to writing a diary as Oliver. We have explored on a world map, where we have all lived and have celebrated how diverse our year group is!
<b>Y5</b>	In Geography, linked to our Literacy text, we have been learning about famous Parisian landmarks and how to write interesting descriptions of them. We had a fantastic afternoon in the Astrodome, learning all about the Solar System. The music and the props made it very engaging and interactive for us all!
<b>Y6</b>	In Science, Y6 have planned a fair test to investigate the effects of exercise on their heart rate. They have also been learning debating skills and beginning to write a persuasive argument. They continue to study place value in Maths and have been thinking about the awe and wonder around them in RE. Each child made a beautiful origami flower to add to add to our floral memorial garden in the hall to remember the Queen.

## WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

### MONDAY

5S  
5C  
Lorikeets  
Kookaburras  
4R

### Swimming 4VC

### TUESDAY

Owls  
Robins  
6W  
6H

### WEDNESDAY

3TWB  
3DB  
4VC  
4R  
6H  
6W

### THURSDAY

3TWB  
3DB  
Owls  
Robins

### FRIDAY

Ducklings  
Goslings  
Lorikeets  
Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL NEXT  
WEEK  
3TWB