

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER 2022

HARVEST TIME!

Our week started with our first whole school celebration in the church since I joined St Matthew's. We came together for Harvest and we thought of all the things we can be thankful for. It was so lovely to be together as a church school community led by Chris. Thank you so much for your generosity with the donations to St Matthew's Community Larder. They needed two cars to transport all of the food! They sent us a lovely card to say thank you on behalf of all the local residents that will make use of it, during these difficult times. Thank you!

Mrs Hookway took some Y5/6 girls to a rugby festival on Wednesday afternoon. The girls had a wonderful time learning rugby skills and playing games. I believe that they were even wrestling! Mrs Hookway said that even though it was raining the girls had a fantastic time!

Our netball team played their first match this week against Speldhurst Primary School. Mrs Cawfield and Mrs Stammers were very proud of all of the girls as they won 9-3! Well done to Eliza who scored on her debut, and to Rianna as player of the match!

Thank you to all of the staff that run clubs after school so that we can offer a wide range of opportunities to the children. If your child has signed up for a club, they should attend every week. We have waiting lists for some clubs, so we can offer the place to someone else if need be.

Wednesday was International Teachers' Day, so I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our teaching team for the amazing work that they all do!

NEXT WEEK

October is Black History month and we shall be talking about this in school over the next couple of weeks. In worship next week, we shall be looking at Martin Luther King and Harriet Tubman's lives. Perhaps you could talk to your child about this too?

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Second Hand Uniform sales this week. Please see the poster attached about the upcoming Quiz Night. I know that some of the staff are excited to be taking part!

Y6 parents, please make sure that you have completed your secondary school applications by 31st October. If you would like some help or advice, please speak to Mrs Aspinall.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>

TERM 1 ENDS FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Thank you!



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 really enjoyed going to church for the first time to celebrate Harvest. We have been reading the book 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas and exploring how different colours make us feel. Thank you for the support being given with handwriting at home. We are ever so grateful!
Y1	Exciting news, our egg hatched this week and inside was a penguin! The children wrote postcards to the penguin and used all the information they had learnt about Antarctica to tell the penguin what it was like.
Y2	In English, we created a conscience alley to help the Mayor decide if the Beast should be allowed to live in the park. The children thought of arguments for and against the Beast staying there. We then wrote persuasive letters to the Mayor to try and convince him of our point of view.
Y3	After returning from St Matthew's church, we reflected on our Harvest service. The children loved seeing the wonky vegetables and hearing Chris talk about planting and growing seeds. We have also started learning about the features of a rainforest.
Y4	This week, 4R had a fabulous time building structures to see how much they could carry before collapsing. In Literacy, we have really enjoyed writing instructions on how to catch a sea monkey and are looking forward to designing and creating our own Seawigs.
Y5	This week, Y5 have been investigating the length of shadows during the day and explaining the science behind why the length changes. We made predictions, took measurements throughout the day and drew conclusions. In Art, we learnt about the importance of dragons in Chinese culture and began to design our own.
Y6	Year 6 have been creating a drama to show our understanding of the circulatory system. In Art, we have been using printing ink to produce some fabulous mono prints. We did get rather messy! We have been using our geographical skills to describe the journey of a steam ship from Naples to New York. Our House Captains did a fantastic job presenting part of our Harvest celebration in church on Monday.

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
4VC