

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

## Autumn is here!

Well, it is hard to believe that we have reached the end of September already! The weather has certainly got that autumnal feel now, although it is lovely to still have sunshine today!

This week the pupils of St Matthew's have made me so proud for a number of reasons. Firstly, our Y6 House Captains and Prefects have been voted in and they have already demonstrated our school value of RESPONSIBILITY so very well! They will be excellent role models to the rest of the school.

On Tuesday, Mrs Cheesman and I took a group of Y1 pupils to the Assembly Hall for the Tunbridge Wells in Bloom awards ceremony. Our school was presented with a gold award for our gardens by the reception classes. I was particularly proud to see that they commented on the 'contagious enthusiasm of the children and the teachers.' Ava, Archie, Reggie, Paige and Caleb were excellent ambassadors for our school and we had great fun on the train, brightening the other passengers' journeys!

On Wednesday, Enya, Fin and Kaiden accompanied Mrs Fogas and I to an event at Rochester Cathedral. This was a day of workshops exploring the relationship between faith and science called 'God and the Big Bang.' There were Y5 pupils from a variety of church schools from across the Diocese, answering questions such as 'What is our place in the universe?' I was very proud of how our children articulated their thinking and coped brilliantly with some tricky theological questions!

## NEXT WEEK

Thank you to those families who have brought in Harvest donations for St Matthew's Community Larder. We will be collecting donations on Monday morning before we go to St Matthew's Church for our Harvest Celebration. This will be the first time since I have been here that the whole school will be together in the church! I am very excited for us to gather and give thanks in this way.

Please take some time to look at the email sent out about uniform expectations, so that we can have everyone looking very smart!

Mrs Hookway is taking a team of Y5/Y6 girls to a Tag Rugby festival next Wednesday afternoon. This will be an opportunity for the girls to learn some new skills and to play against girls from other local schools. I am sure that Mrs Hookway will return very proud of them all!

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



**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 started to have a daily phonics session to learn our sounds. We have learnt a new sound each day and then the children have been practising at home each evening. We have also painted our portraits and looking for signs of autumn around the school.
<b>Y1</b>	'Lost and Found' is our new book and we have been making predictions about the story and writing in sentences. In Art, we have worked on using pencils to draw different types of lines, then used our pencils to carefully draw a penguin.
<b>Y2</b>	We have really enjoyed discussing and describing jellyfish, turning our ideas into group poems! In Science, we have been thinking about all of the different food groups and what makes a healthy lunch. In RE, we were thinking about Harvest and wrote our own prayers ready for our service on Monday.
<b>Y3</b>	In Y3, we have been observing our poppy seeds growing in a variety of conditions. The children successfully learnt how to print using ink, pens and whiteboards. They produced unique images of trees which you might find in the Rainforest. They thoroughly enjoyed their Forest school days, learning how to strengthen and reinforce structures made from sticks.
<b>Y4</b>	Y4 have been learning about the difference between modal and imperative verbs in preparation for writing some instructions next week. We have also learnt about the major mountain ranges in the world. 4VC are really enjoying their swimming lessons!
<b>Y5</b>	Y5 have written a recount of part of the class text, including noun phrases and paragraphing. They were also inspired to use sketching techniques to draw the elephant that Phileas Fogg rode on in 'Around the World in 80 Days.' The children enjoyed learning about the orbital motion of the planets around the sun by acting it out.
<b>Y6</b>	Y6 have made pasta this week as part of our DT and Harvest celebration. In Science, 6H learnt about the circulatory system and demonstrated their learning through drama. In RE, 6W learnt about cosmology and the Big Bang theory and how it is compatible with Christianity. The children have also been writing a persuasive argument using formal language. Our House Captains and Prefects are wearing their badges with pride!

## 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

4R