

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2023

HELLO FEBRUARY!

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of term 3! It has been another busy week at St Matthew's! Our netball team played their final match on Tuesday. Unfortunately, this was the first match that they lost all season, however this didn't stop them celebrating as they are runners up in the league. Well done team, we are really proud of you! Thank you to Mrs Cawfield and Mrs Stammers for their time and dedication each week to train the team.

Mrs Hookway took a group of children to Chimera Climbing Centre yesterday. The children had a fantastic time and the staff were very impressed by the courage demonstrated by the children! Well done!

Thank you for your support concerning the industrial action taken on Wednesday. Whilst not all teachers were on strike, we are all united in our support for the reasons behind the action. Further action is planned for

- Thursday 2nd March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

Information as to what will happen on these dates will be given nearer the time, however please bear in mind that the arrangements may well look very different to this week. Therefore, it would be prudent to have alternative arrangements in place, should they be necessary.

Whilst we continue to fundraise long term to enhance the KS1 playground, the PTA are funding the purchase of some new musical instruments to support lessons across the school. Thank you for supporting the pre-loved uniform sale this week. The next one will be Tuesday 28th February.

NEXT WEEK

- On Monday, Y2 and Y5 will have the opportunity to work with a visiting tennis coach. We'll have to see if we have any future Wimbledon talent in school!
- Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. Children will be revisiting how to stay safe online. This is the 20th Anniversary of the campaign and the theme is 'Together for a Better Internet.' This would be a good time to check your parental settings on devices your children have access to. Take the opportunity to talk to them about what to do if they came across something that upsets or concerns them.
- Good luck to the football team who are playing against St Augustine's Primary School on Wednesday.

**TERM 3 ENDS ON FRIDAY 10th
FEBRUARY**

**TERM 4 STARTS ON MONDAY 20th
FEBRUARY**



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 writing about our trip last week and also learning the story of the Little Red Hen. We have learnt actions and can re-tell the story. We have also been learning about capacity in Maths and have used pasta and oats to see which containers hold the most. We loved the Air Raid Shelter!
Y1	The children received a letter from Evil Pea explaining that he has kidnapped Supertato! The children are working on the skills that they need to plan and write a missing poster so that everyone can help to look for him.
Y2	This week, we have really enjoyed planning our own story based on 'Where they Wild Things Are.' We have been working very hard to create our own habitat dioramas. We have used a variety of materials to recreate different habitats and have been very creative in our thinking! We can't wait to show everyone at home the finished products!
Y3	We have explored and compared traditional art work and modern digital art. We then created our own digital art picture. We are also learning that good readers ask questions before, during and after reading to help them think about what they have read.
Y4	We have continued our work on plastic pollution by making some fabulous persuasive posters and writing letters to Tescos to encourage them to reduce the amount of plastic they use.
Y5	This week in Year 5, we have been investigating friction and designed an investigation to test how far a toy car would travel on different surfaces. We made predictions, discussed fair testing and evaluated the validity of our results. We also used Glockenspiels to compose our own pieces of music in the style of the Jazz musician Louis Armstrong. We have made a real effort to use fronted adverbials in our writing.
Y6	In Year 6 this week, we have been making electrical circuits and representing these using universal electrical symbols to create circuit diagrams. In RE, we have been learning about the importance of the Qur'an and how Muslims show the utmost respect for their holy book. In PE, we have been choreographing our own dance sequences incorporating the following elements; travelling, spinning, jumping, falling, balancing and gesturing. We had great fun doing these!

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

5S
5C
Lorikeets
Kookaburras
4R

Swimming 4VC

TUESDAY

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

3TWB
3DB
Owls
Robins

FRIDAY

Ducklings
Goslings
Lorikeets
Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL

Lorikeets/Kookaburras