

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2023

BE SAFE!

This week, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have had Road Safety talks to remind them how to keep safe when out on the road. They have been reminded how to safely cross the road using crossings available to them. This needs to be reinforced by parents too, so can you ensure that you use the zebra crossing outside school rather than crossing on the corner of Great Brooms Road. I have also sent a reminder out about parking safely, as parents are still parking on the double yellow lines and the zig zag lines by our school. Please park legally and safely in the interest of the children. Thank you!

It was lovely to see so many children celebrating World Thinking Day on Wednesday by wearing their Scout/Guide uniforms. The children enjoyed talking about the various badges they have gained.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday and I know lots of the children enjoyed pancakes on Shrove Tuesday! On Monday, we remembered how Jesus was tempted in the desert and we talked about what tempts us. You won't be surprised that spending longer than we should on screen time figured highly in our thoughts! We also talked about how some people give things up for Lent and others do something extra instead. Next week, we shall be hearing the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand and talking about sharing. Perhaps you could follow this up with your child at home?

NEXT WEEK

The PTA are holding a pre-loved uniform sale on Tuesday after school in the new hall.

Next Thursday, industrial action is taking place in schools. Please see the email sent this morning regarding arrangements for St Matthew's. Further action is planned for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March and information regarding these days will be sent out nearer to the time.

We shall be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. Children are invited to come into school dressed as a book character. There will also be a Book Tombola and children can bring in £1 or £2 to take part. All pupils will receive a book token that can be redeemed in any book shop or at the Book Fair that will be at school the week after next. For some ideas for easy to make costumes, please go to <https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>



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 reading 'Supertato' and finding out about the antics of the evil pea! We have been counting peas and been finding one more. We have also been writing about vegetables and designing our own super hero capes. In Worship, we have been talking about Lent and what we might give up or take up.
Y1	This week, we went on a treasure hunt around the school, following clues that helped us to work out what our topic is for this term. We found some wine and cheese buried!
Y2	Y2 have enjoyed finding out all about Vincent Van Gogh this week. We listened to the story Camille and the Sunflowers to think about how life in Vincent's time might have been different from ours. We loved reading our new book 'Diary of a Wombat', and have been writing full sentences about it.
Y3	In Year 3, we have started learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We began the term creating an illuminated letter of our initial, as you would find in a handwritten book from this period. We also looked at non-fiction text features.
Y4	We are really enjoying our new book 'The Mousehole Cat' and have been learning to use personification in our writing. We have made a Lenten promise display and are thinking about acts of kindness to make a difference.
Y5	Year 5 have started our new topic learning about Crime and Punishment, looking at Roman law and order. We acted out some court scenes from Roman times and had fun issuing our gruesome punishments. We also started our new book, 'The Lost Happy Endings' and wrote similes to describe story endings drifting away in the night sky. We also composed pieces of music with quiet dynamics to relax us. You can listen to them on our class story on Dojo!
Y6	In Year 6, we have been creating our own stories based on the suffragettes. In RE, we have been learning about the Resurrection of Jesus and in Science we have been planning an investigation. In PSHE, we have been considering times when we have been under pressure and strategies we can use to alleviate this. We enjoyed our library sessions and are looking forward to World Book Day next week.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

5S
5C
Lorikeets
Kookaburras
4VC

Swimming 4R

TUESDAY

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

3TWB
3DB
Owls
Robins

FRIDAY

Ducklings
Goslings
Lorikeets
Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL 3TWB