

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 14th JULY 2023

SO, SO PROUD!

Well, another very busy week at St Matthew's with much to celebrate! My absolute highlight was watching the Y6 production of 'Shakespeare Rocks.' In 27 years of watching Y6 productions, I can honestly say that I think this was the best one I have seen! Everything about it was amazing! The staff and children worked so hard to make it such a wonderful experience for everyone! Fantastic memories made to take forward to secondary school. Well done everyone and a special thank you to Miss Walters, the director!

Mrs Hookway and the Year 2 Rapid Fire Cricket Team had wonderful success this week too! They won 6 games in a row and ended up taking third place in the Kent School Games Finals! Only 2 points separated them from the winners! This rounds off a super year of sporting success. Well done to all of the children that have taken part in events throughout the year, and thank you of course to Mrs Hookway for her time, dedication and passion!

Y5 had a wonderful trip to the Amelia Scott Centre yesterday, taking part in many activities that you can read about below. I am very proud to report that the ticket collector at Tunbridge Wells station, told Mrs Claro that our children were the best behaved school group that he had seen in a long time! Well done Y5!

Earlier in the week, the Road Safety Officer came to talk to Y5 and Y6 about how to stay safe on the road. The children watched videos and had to identify what behaviours were unsafe. For example, wearing headphones, looking at mobile phones and crossing between parked cars.

NEXT WEEK

Monday 17th July

We are looking forward to welcoming several work experience students next week.

Tuesday 18th July

The children who have individual music lessons, will be performing for parents after school in the New Hall.

Wednesday 19th July

Y6 Leaver's Service at St Matthew's Church at 2pm- Y6 Parents invited

Thursday 20th July

PM-Y6 party on the field.

Friday 21st July

Final day of term.

School ends at the usual time.

This will be the last day at St Matthew's for Mrs Aspinall, Miss Ravilious, Mrs Claro and me!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!



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	This week we are learning about recycling and reusing different materials. We have been making cards and models using junk modelling. Some of the children have created some wonderful designs including recycling lorries and boxes for batteries.
Y1	Y1 have planned and written their own stories based on Jack and the Beanstalk. They have really persevered with their writing and have worked on their stories every day this week. The children used fantastic language in their stories!
Y2	This week, we have enjoyed learning to sew by making Binka bookmarks. It is tricky but we are trying our best! In Literacy, we have been imagining what might happen after the end of Traction Man, writing our own adventures. In Maths. We have been practising anticlockwise and clockwise turns and have been using our knowledge of the analogue clock to do this.
Y3	The children have worked really hard on writing newspaper articles reporting the capture of nine man-eating giants from our class text, The BFG. They have also been thinking about different jobs people do and what we need money for.
Y4	We have been reciting some of Valerie Bloom's poems and discussing their meaning. We have continued designing and making our own Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang Cars.
Y5	Y5 had a super trip to the Amelia Scott Centre in town yesterday. They explored lots of exhibits documenting the history of Tunbridge Wells and had great fun in the Microworld area, where the children experimented with interactive ecosystems and animals. They also did a workshop on how life in Tunbridge Wells was impacted by World War II, looking at where bombs fell, rationing and blackouts.
Y6	This week, Year 6 put on their amazing production of 'Shakespeare Rocks' to parents, grandparents, teachers and children. It was truly incredible! Amazing costumes, acting, singing, dancing, energy, enthusiasm, technical skills and art work on the scenery and back drop. Well done to all the children. We are so proud. We are now preparing for our final week at St Matthew's and our leavers' service and party!

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

Owls + Robins