

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 7th JULY 2023

THANK YOU!

First of all, I want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone that played a part in contributing to the Summer Fayre last Saturday. Thank you to everyone who came to make it such a success! Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, brought in bottles, toiletries and toys in the weeks beforehand. The combined effort of everyone meant that we raised a record-breaking £3,854! This is the most money raised at as single event- so thank you! A special thank you to all of the members of the PTA who gave up so much time before, during and after to make it such an amazing event! The fantastic new wooden ship will be installed on the upper playground during the October half term.

Last Friday afternoon, Mrs Hookway took a group of children to the Colour Dash run at Dunorlan Park. The children had an amazing time throwing paint at each other and running around the lake! Well done to Joel and George who finished in the top ten of their race.

This week, we have been thinking about moving on. The Y5 pupils and parents got to hear all about the Y6 residential trip at a meeting and are now very excited about it! Our Y6 pupils got to spend a day at their new secondary schools, and I heard some very positive feedback! Yesterday afternoon, all of the children got to spend the afternoon in their new classes, with their new teacher. We welcomed the new Miss Bradley into Y5- we now have two Miss Bradleys- and all of the staff and pupils had a lovely afternoon and are feeling very positive about September.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 11th July

Mrs Hookway is taking a team to the Kent Rapid Cricket finals. Good luck!

7pm Y6 Production

Wednesday 12th July

Road Safety talks for Y5 and Y6

7pm Y6 Production

Thursday 13th July

Y5 Trip to the Amelia Scott Centre

Our school governors will spend the day in school, looking at the outcomes and impact of our school development plan.

Can I remind everyone that school uniform rules still apply and that only school PE kits should be worn on PE days. Y6 hoodies are the only exception.

Please make sure that all children have a water bottle in school, and wear a hat when it is very hot.

Have a lovely weekend!



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.

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| YR | This week, we have been reading 'Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. We have written poems, described the rainbow fish and thought how to be a good friend and how to share with people. We have been thinking about friendship and transition and had a lovely time meeting our new teachers. |
| Y1 | We have been learning about root words, prefixes and suffixes. We have also built some more castles and have been using coins to pay for our shopping in Maths. |
| Y2 | Year 2 have enjoyed using Scratch Jnr on the iPads. We have learnt how to create a new project, change the background and how to alter characters and make them move. In our latest session, we created a dance party on a stage with two characters dancing. We learnt how to loop the movement so that the party could keep going. |
| Y3 | This week, Y3 developed their photography skills. Using perspective, they used the iPads to take photographs which appeared to show Sophie in a bowl or frying pan, ready to be eaten by the BFG- or a much less friendly giant. We also interviewed Mrs King, who told us about hop picking in Kent! |
| Y4 | The children have had a great time recently being newspaper reporters and have produced articles to be very proud of! We have also finished painting our wonderful Greek pots. |
| Y5 | Year 5 have been learning about Islam and the importance of the Mosque to the Muslim community. We have learnt how it is a focal point and that different parts symbolize a Muslim's respect for their religion. We have also been thinking about the future and learning about the residential trip in Y6 and some of the responsibilities that go with being at the top of the school. We enjoyed looking at the school's original log books. |
| Y6 | Y6 have been putting the finishing touches to their performance skills ready for next week. We have been focussing on voice intonation and timing. We have also been learning how to sew a button on, so that it doesn't fall off and use blanket stitch. We have spent time reflecting on our greatest achievements during our time at St Matthew's. We really enjoyed spending the day at our new schools. |

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
Lorikeets