

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 8th February

PUPIL POWER

Our school value of responsibility has been on show in so many ways this week. Our Leading Lights got together and spent time creating artwork and cakes! The new eco-champions have spent their time litter picking around the school site. It was really quite worrying how much they managed to pick up. It is important that everyone looks after their rubbish. We should not have litter around the playground as we eat indoors, however there does seem to be an increasing number of children eating something as they leave school which is obviously leading to litter.

The school council reps have been busy too, thinking about how to make improvements around the school. They have come up with a friendship scheme to help those on the playground feeling left out. This fits beautifully with Children's Mental Health week, which highlights the importance of friendship on well-being. They also had a meeting with an advisor who was carrying out a safeguarding review of the school. He told me that the children were delightful and had a lot to say, especially about 'walking tall'.

We also marked Safer Internet Day starting the week with an assembly, in which the children showed that they trusted family and school to help them if they were concerned about something that happened when they are on the internet.

NEXT WEEK

We hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday next week.

We wish Mrs Brown (office) and Mrs Bradshaw (year 1) all the best in their new jobs. They have been at St Matthew's a long time, starting as parents and then becoming members of staff. We'll miss you.

Friday 9th February - End of Term 3

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 19th February - Start of Term 4

Thursday 22nd February – Thinking Day.

Saturday 24th February – Community Day

Thursday 8th March – World Book Day



Year 4 had a great trip to London to the Sea Life Centre. Not only did they learn a lot and have a fantastic experience, they impressed all those they met, gaining compliments from people on the train and in the Sea Life centre.

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.



YR	This week we have been trying to write simple sentences about our story independently. We have been painting rainbows and investigating 7,8,9 and finding one more and one less. We have been enjoying our music lessons with Mrs Deacon.
Y1	The children have produced some fabulous Emperor Penguin information books. They have used the different skills that we have worked on this term to write and illustrate their own books. They have researched information, and grouped it under different headings. They have used thick and thin lines to illustrate their books, and have included life cycles and scientific facts.
Y2	Year 2 have produced some wonderful seascape pictures by painting the sea background and adding in a sunset with different media. We then learnt how to draw the Titanic and added this to our picture. Lorikeets really enjoyed Forest School.
Y3	In DT, we used knives and graters to prepare our delicious savoury salad which we took home to enjoy with our families. We have looked at the journey of a banana from a plantation in Costa Rica, to shops and how we use them. Banana milkshakes were a favourite! In ICT, we have been looking at the difference between traditional and digital media.
Y4	Year 4 have had jam packed week! We had an amazing time on our school trip to the London Sealife Centre! We enjoyed diving deep into an underwater world and exploring the needs of our wildlife, the effects of plastic pollution and conservation work. We were excited to see many key London landmarks along the River Thames. In DT, we have upcycled our plastic bag pom poms into keyrings and bookmarks!
Y5	Year 5 continued their science project on forces by carrying out their own enquiry into friction that we had planned last week. There was focused industry in DT where we made working seismographs, developing our designs to make them more accurate in detecting earth tremors.
Y6	Children have written their own suffragette anthem, learnt about the crucial role women played during WW1 and how that helped to move the campaign for the right to vote forward. They have also learnt to multiply and divide fractions by integers.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

5S
5B
Lorikeets
Kookaburras
4B

Swimming 4B

TUESDAY

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

3TWB
3DB
Owls
Robins

FRIDAY

Ducklings
Goslings
Lorikeets
Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL (THURSDAY)

3DB