

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

My Identity



Know who
they are

My World



Ask questions about the
world around them

My Voice



Use their voices to
make a difference

My Future



Aspire to greatness

Friday 17th April



What a wonderful first week back into school. The children have shown excellent learning and behaviour and have been very happy to be back in school with their friends and teachers. The playground continues to be a place of joy and the classrooms a hive of activity. This week we have been focusing on acts of kindness- which we have seen across the school.

We are focusing heavily on our attendance at the moment- so you will all be part of our celebrations, special shout out to year 6 who not only performed with resilience and resolve in their practice sats tests this week but also scored 100% for their attendance. Keep it up y6!

Attendance

The winning class this week with

97.5%

is....

Year 5Hope!



Important dates:

**Thursday 30th April &
Tuesday 5th May**
Parents Evening



Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday



Saturday 16th May
Hackney Run School
Challenge!



**Monday 25th - Friday
29th May**
Half Term



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

"THE BIG TWO": ARRIVING ON TIME & COLLECTING ON TIME.

8:30-8:45 Start

To ensure we get off to a flying start, it is vital that all children are in their classrooms and ready to learn by 8:45AM. This is when our registers are officially taken.

Being in your seat by 8:45AM means your child is marked present, hears the morning's first instructions, and starts the day feeling calm and prepared. If a child arrives after the register closes, disruption to the class and a rushed start to their day.

3.30pm

Just as a calm start is vital, a predictable finish is just as important for a child's emotional well-being.

If a child is not collected on time, they stay in their classroom until 3.40pm, they then go to the office.

While our office staff are always happy to help in a one-off emergency, please remember that the front office is a very busy hub of school administration.

When children are left there waiting for collection, it means our team must step away from their vital work to provide supervision. To keep the school running smoothly, we ask that all children are collected promptly from their designated areas.

KEY TIMES	
ACTIVITY	TIME
GATES OPEN	8:30
REGISTRATION	8:45
LUNCH REGISTRATION	1:00/1:30
SCHOOL ENDS	3:30



"HOW DO I HELP MY CHILD WITH MATHS?"

Watch Miss Frohock do
it with Year 1!

Adults try activities with their child
in class.

Take resources home to try.
Come back the next week to watch the
next activity!

SIMPLE - EFFECTIVE - FUN

Session 1 - Tuesday 14th April
Session 2 - Tuesday 21st April
Session 3 - Tuesday 28th April
Session 4 - Tuesday 5th May
Session 5 - Tuesday 19th March
8:45 AM IN THE YEAR 1 CLASSROOM



PE next week - please ensure pupils are in the appropriate PE kit.

Summer 1 P.E Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Year 3	Year 5	Year 4 Year 6	EYFS Year 1

News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?

EYFS:

It has been a fantastic week back in EYFS!

We have started our exciting new topic all about mini beasts, and the children have loved exploring and learning about the tiny creatures around us.

We have also been very busy in the garden, planting lots of seeds including coriander and mint. The children were enthusiastic gardeners and are looking forward to watching them grow. Alongside this, we have been growing cress seeds, which we hope to use to make a delicious salad once they are ready.

Reception children have been working hard on their maths, focusing on counting to 20 and beyond. They have also begun instructional writing, learning how to give clear step-by-step instructions.

We have had a super week in EYFS and are so proud of all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm. Well done everyone!

Year 1:

Year 1 have had a fantastic first week back! The children returned to school well-rested and were very happy to be back with their friends, settling quickly into routines.

In Maths, we completed our learning on addition and subtraction within 10, enjoying lots of fun games and activities focused on doubling and halving. In Writing, we began our new text, *The Secret of Black Rock*, a mysterious story that has had the children completely engaged and on the edge of their seats!

Music was full of energy, as the children explored pitch by becoming superheroes and practising singing high and low notes. In Humanities, we learned about Florence Nightingale and why she was known as "The Lady of the Lamp" — the children were amazed to discover there was once a time without electric lights! While in Science, we went on a plant hunt around the school grounds and created some beautiful drawings inspired by what we found.

One of the highlights of the week was our Maths workshop, where it was wonderful to see the children enjoying learning alongside their parents. We look forward to welcoming even more parents to support their children's learning in future sessions. It has been a wonderful start to the term, well done year 1! 😊👏

Year 2:

Wow! We are in Summer term already! It has been lovely to be back together ready for our final term of Year 2! We have hit the ground running by thinking of reasons why the dark is a good thing - inspired by our new story *The king who banned the dark*. We have been looking at art, listening to sounds and using objects to think about how the dark and the light make us feel. We also started looking at the topic of money, looking at different ways to combine coins to make amounts and give

Year 3:

Year 3 have had a fantastic first week back! We kicked off the term by exploring the book *Egyptology*, which inspired us to write a detailed setting description paragraph.

To further our understanding of our book, in humanities we have been focusing on Ancient Egypt, specifically when it existed and where it was located.

In maths, we have been focusing on column subtraction, with

Year 4:

What a great week back of the summer term! Year 4 have come back to school with an amazing attitude to their learning! In maths we have been working so hard at understanding fractions greater than 1. We have showed resilience in this as it can be tricky! In writing we have been looking at *The Journey*. We have made some thoughtful predictions about the text and created some amazing contrast poems about our characters fleeing from their country due to conflict.

change. We also started learning about our new RE topic based on the five pillars of Islam and we are very lucky that Huzaifa, Isla and Inaaya were on hand to share their experiences and knowledge of their faith with us!	particular attention to the key vocabulary: minuend, subtrahend, and difference. In science, we discussed the different parts of a plant and learned about their functions. Well done, Year 3 , a brilliant start to the term!	We have an amazing opportunity this term for extra sports with cricket lessons from external coaches! In Science we explored how sound is made by testing out different items in a carousel.	
Year 5 Faith: Year 5 have been working extremely hard this week, they have had a great week back! In maths we started our new unit and began to explore what volume is and how volume is measured, using practical activities. During writing lessons this week, we started our new text “The Lost book of adventures” . They truly immersed themselves into the book, using clues to make predictions about the text! Within reading this week, year 5 used their comprehension skills to answer questions about the book Holes which we are continuing from last term. In RSHE, they learnt about what a healthy and unhealthy relationship looks like, looking at what green and red flags are. In RE this term we are learning about Sikhism and our first lesson looked at their prior knowledge about Guru Nanak and how he became the first Guru. I am very proud of year 5 this week, they have shown amazing behaviour for learning!	Year 5 Hope A fantastic start for Class Hope this week, with some highly focused work and brilliant participation. We had some explorative immerse lessons at the start of the week to introduce our new Vehicle Text in writing; The Book of Lost Adventures. The children made predictions and wrote poems based on the various landscapes and adventures from the text. We had practical lessons using playdough and shape building to introduce our new maths topic: factors, multiples and prime numbers. We have started learning about Sikhism in RE. This week we learned about how Nanak became the first Guru. We were fortunate to have an RSHE workshop on Thursday and Friday, where the children learned about healthy and unhealthy friendships and relationships.	Year 6 Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this week as they completed their Mock SATs. Throughout the week, the children demonstrated excellent resilience, approaching each test with determination and a positive mindset. It has been wonderful to see the progress they have made, and their mature attitudes show just how prepared they are becoming for the real SATs in May. Their focus, perseverance and readiness to learn have been particularly impressive. In PE, pupils have been practising athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day. They showed great enthusiasm while developing their running, jumping and throwing techniques, supporting one another and striving to improve. To celebrate a successful and hardworking week, the class enjoyed some well-earned Green Time on Friday. This was a lovely opportunity for everyone to relax, socialise and reflect on their achievements. Well done, Year 6—keep up the fantastic effort!	

Hot chocolate Friday!

Pupils enjoyed hot chocolate this week. They have consistently displayed exemplary behaviour and learning.



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Amaya	Archie	Maison	Femi	Safiyah	Edson	Amaya	Israel

School value in focus this week **Respect:**

Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.



The pupils who have shown excellent **respect** are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Raine	Steve	Jasmyne	Stan	Amina	Aiden C	Nylah-Rose	Naziah

Keeping Children Safe

The safeguarding of the children at St Matthias is our number one priority. We adhere to stringent safeguarding procedures to protect the welfare of all the children who come to our school. We will endeavour to work with parents and carers as it is our duty as a school to protect our children and to keep them safe.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Blewett) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Ms Frohock, Ms Cherid or Ms Janiece).



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