

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 1st May

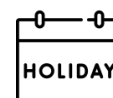


Important dates:

Tuesday 5th May
Parents Evening



Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday



Tuesday 5th May
Whole Class Photos



Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May
Year 6 SATs Week



Saturday 16th May
Hackney Run School Challenge!



Monday 25th - Friday 29th May
Half Term



Tuesday 5th May
Class Photo Day

A photographer will take each class's photo.

Forms will be sent home in a few weeks, so families can order the photo if they wish.

Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform. **If your child has PE on Tuesday, please make sure they come to school in their school uniform. They can change into their PE Kits after their photographs have been taken.**

Rocky the Therapy Dog

We'd like to introduce you to Rocky, who will be part of our school team at St Matthias. She will be in school every Tuesday and will be based in the finance office- this is a space behind the front office that is not accessed by children- to give her a quiet space to sleep! Throughout the day she will be timetabled with interventions to work with key children on the following areas: Emotional regulation, Reluctant reading, reward time with chosen children able to take Rocky for a walk in the meadow. She will not be in classrooms or out on the playground during playtime as this will be too exciting! But she will be around for children to meet and pet. There is a robust risk assessment in place so please ask at the office if you would like a copy. She is very gentle natured and friendly and during the rest of the week lives at home with her owner Joao, who is head of premises across our schools. If you do not want your child to interact with Rocky please call the school office and let us know. We can't wait to have her in school!



Attendance

The winning class this week with



99%

is....

Year 4!

"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



Physical Education

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: This week in EYFS, the children have had a truly amazing time filled with exciting learning and exploration! We enjoyed a lovely trip to Clissold Park, where the children spotted deer, birds, and lots of beautiful nature. They especially loved spending time in the big playground, where there was plenty of laughter and fun. Back in our provision, the children have been very busy continuing their learning. They went on a “mini beast hunt” with the mini bears, which sparked lots of curiosity and discussion. The children also got creative by making their own caterpillars and drawing detailed spiders. In addition, we explored and compared mosques and churches, helping to build the children’s understanding of different places of worship in a thoughtful and engaging way. It has been a fantastic week full of enthusiasm, creativity, and learning. Well done to all the children!	Year 1: Year 1 have enjoyed an enriching and exciting week of learning, starting with a lovely trip to Clissold Park, where the children explored nature to support our science topic on plants. They enthusiastically searched for different flowers and plants using their checklists and took part in fun challenges along the way. In RE, we continued learning about Islam, focusing on the important traditions that take place when Muslim babies are born. In English, we proudly completed our return narratives, demonstrating creativity and improved writing skills, whilst in Maths, we focused on odds and evens in teen numbers and started doubling and halving larger numbers. . In Humanities, we learned about the significant impact Florence Nightingale forged on modern hospitals and nursing today. We ended the week with a fantastic and fun trip to Dalston Library, where the children enjoyed exploring books and celebrating a love of reading. A wonderful week all round. Well done, Year 1!	
Year 2: Year 2 have done some fantastic learning this week and have created some amazing work! We have written and edited our persuasive letters based on our book <i>The King Who Banned The Dark</i>. We have been continuing with our focus on fractions by finding half of shapes, numbers and objects. In Humanities we learned about the life of Valentina Tereshkova the first female astronaut and in RE we discussed the importance of charity and helping others. We have also spent some time repotting our sunflower seedlings in science, as they have been enjoying all the sunshine and grown very quickly!	Year 3: Year 3 have had another fantastic week of learning! In writing, we wrote a first-person Egyptian setting narrative. The children were very creative and worked hard to include different dilemmas within their stories. In science, we have been exploring water transportation in plants. We learnt that the stem is responsible for transporting water up to the leaves. To prove this, Year 3 carried out an experiment to observe what happens when plants are placed into coloured water. In RE, we focused on what the word <i>sacrifice</i> means by studying the Buddhist fable <i>The Monkey King</i>. Well done, Year 3!	Year 4: Year 4 have had another great week! In writing we finished writing our Refugee Narrative. We put in some great description and personification. In maths we have been working hard at converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. In science we looked at how sound travels from a sound source through a medium then to an ear. We created cup telephones with string and predicted what would have the clearest sound - tightly pulled or loose. In RE we looked at the naming process for Sikhs and discovered the reason behind sharing surname and the meaning of equality.
Year 5 Faith: Year 5 have shown amazing behaviours for learning this week. In maths we started back on multiplication, using our timetables to work out long	Year 5 Hope Hope Class have produced some incredible work this week, especially within writing! We have completed our first writing outcome, which was a	Year 6 This week, Year 6 have been working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. In English, we have been focusing on developing our SPaG (spelling,

multiplication, even though some found it difficult they showed their resilience! In writing they completed their first outcome, producing amazing and entertaining survival narratives, showing amazing sentence accuracy. Within our science lessons this week we looked at our new topic on forces, engaging in a practical activity outside in the playground related to gravity. In RE, we continued looking at Sikhism looking at how Guru's shaped Sikhism and how we would like to be remembered in the future. Y5 have been amazing this week. Well done!	survival narrative based on being an explorer across the world. I was very impressed with the language and grammar that was being used! In maths, we have returned to multiplication and division in order to consolidate understanding and methods. This week we have focused on multiplying using short multiplication. In humanities, we have been continuing our learning on the Middle East, with a focus on why the Middle East is significant to Christianity, Islam and Judaism. We have started a new topic in science, which is forces. This week we learnt about gravity and the effect it has on unsupported objects. We did this through some practical mini investigations in the playground.	punctuation and grammar) skills, with pupils showing great progress and growing confidence in their writing. In PE, we have been building our athletics skills, practising running, jumping and throwing techniques while demonstrating excellent teamwork and determination. In Computing, the class has been learning how to use Google Sheets, where they have been inputting data and exploring how formulas work to calculate results. This has been a fantastic introduction to data handling and problem-solving skills. We are also very proud of the children's strong attendance and punctuality, which is helping them make the most of their learning time. With SATs approaching soon, everyone is showing a positive attitude and working hard in preparation.	
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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
Elira	Aysia-Leigh	Ezequiel	Jaidayal , Ahmed	Crystal	Nayala	Amiyah	Yasir

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

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 **kindness** are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Amaya	Shae	Valentina	Aishat	Veera & Safiyah	Kendrick	Asmin	Alberta

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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