

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 8th May



SATS next week!

A huge shout out to the fabulous year 6 children who have worked so hard in the run up to their SATs next week. They have all made the most phenomenal progress and we are really proud of each and every one of them. We know that SATs are important to measure the success of a school BUT we also know that there are far more important things that we measure success based on. Your children are well balanced, kind hearted and engaged members of the community and are an absolute credit to both the school and their families. They will go on to do brilliantly at secondary school- regardless of the outcomes next week. We are rooting for them as they are excited about showing off their learning. Sending love to them all. They have already made us all very proud. How lucky are we to have them as learners at St Matthias?!

Attendance

The winning class this week with



99.2%

is....

Year 5Faith!

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!

Important dates:

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

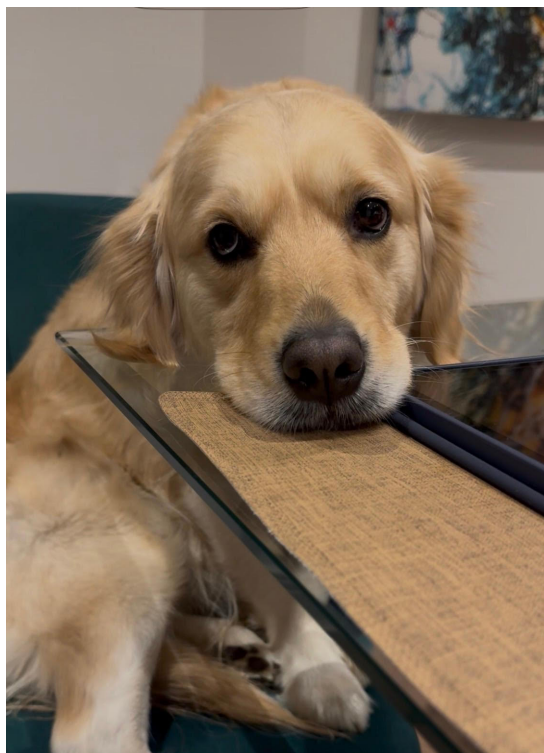


Saturday 16th May
Hackney Run School
Challenge!



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





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: EYFS have had a great week, learning more about Minibeasts and how they live, what they like to eat. We've been on a minibeast hunt in our garden finding where the little creatures like to live. Nursery have been learning about growing and what a bean needs to grow. We have enjoyed reading the story of Jasper's Beanstalk and reminding Jasper that he needs to be patient when growing a bean. Reception has been doing some great writing and retelling of their story The Extraordinary Gardener. Well Done EYFS a great week of learning.	Year 1: Year One has had another great work of learning. In Humanities, the children have begun learning about Mary Seacole and explored how she supported soldiers during the Crimean War, like Florence Nightingale. Science lessons have focused on comparing garden plants and wild plants. The children reflected on their recent visit to Clissold Park and tried to categorise the plants they saw. In Maths, we have been strengthening our understanding of number facts within 20 by using our secure knowledge of facts within 10 as a foundation. Writing this week kicked off with the children editing and improving their work, helping them become more confident editors of their own pieces. We have now moved on to our new unit on diary writing. In RE we explored how, why, and to whom Muslims pray. The children are looking forward to building on this learning during their upcoming visit to the mosque next week. Across all subjects, the children have worked with great effort and pride in their achievements. It has been particularly pleasing to see so many children reaching double and even triple Gold, reflecting their consistently positive attitudes and strong commitment to learning. Keep it up, Year 1!		
Year 2: This week we have been learning more fractions in Maths, developing our knowledge into thirds and quarters. We have been looking at concrete examples and then transferring this into numbers. We have also looked in greater depth at our letters to the King from The King Bans the Dark. We have used a range of conjunctions, adjectives and punctuation to further improve our letters. We have been transferring these into our best handwriting. We have also learnt in greater depth about Islam in RE, in particular the process of fasting during Ramadan. Here, the children learnt about who is exempt, the times in which people can eat and why. Science lessons have been furthering our exploration of plant growth and development. We have seen great progress in our sunflowers, and we have been tracking these through the growth journey tracker in books. Across the year group, children have enthusiastically participated this week. Lots of	Year 3: This week, Year 3 began exploring a secret diary inspired by the text <i>Egyptology</i>, which linked perfectly with our Humanities lesson where we discussed the Rosetta Stone and the deciphering of hieroglyphics. The children developed their understanding further by creating a drama piece where they pretended to be archaeologists making an exciting discovery, just like Jean-François Champollion when he deciphered the Rosetta Stone. In RE, we explored the meaning of the word <i>kindness</i> through the Buddhist story of Siddhartha and the swan. Well done Year 3!	Year 4: We have had another brilliant week in Year 4! In writing we have been working hard at getting into character for our diary entry, taking on hot seat and role play activities to generate ideas. In Maths we have been converting improper fractions to mixed numbers with any denominator and we have showed great resilience in this as it's tricky! In Reading we have nearly completed our book The Suitcase kid and have started using Reading Plus to help our fluency! We also enjoyed cricket again this week and PE where we were practising our athletic skills, preparing for sports day. Well done Year 4!	

golds have been handed out, including many triple golds for participation during maths.			
Year 5 Faith: Amazing learning has taken place in Faith class this week! In reading we have started a new book called Coming to England from Floella Benjamin, we are really enjoying the book so far! In maths we worked on 3 digit by 2 digit multiplication, they showed great determination and resilience! In science this week, we learned about friction, making a prediction and preparing ourselves for our experiment next week, in which we will use a toy car and different materials on a ramp to see which material will cause the most friction. In writing we are now looking at a survival guide based on our text, the lost book of adventures which we have really immersed ourselves in through role play and looking at our example text, year 5 have shown amazing creative skills this week. Well done year 5!	Year 5 Hope Great learning has taken place in Hope Class this week! We have continued practising our long multiplication and are now learning how to multiply three by two digits. It has not been easy, but the resilience and determination demonstrated by the children has led to success. We have role played this week to help immerse ourselves into our new writing outcome; a survival guide and also worked collaboratively to share and discuss ideas. We carried out a practical investigation in science to see how friction affected the distance travelled by a toy car. We covered the ramp with different materials and rolled the car down to see which surface would create the most friction. In humanities, we learnt about the rise of the Ottoman Empire and why Constantinople's name was changed to Istanbul. It has been a good week with lots of shared ideas, thoughts and discussions.	Year 6 This week, Year 6 have shown incredible determination and resilience as they completed their final week of preparation before SATs. The children have worked extremely hard throughout the week, taking part in lots of revision activities and giving one final push in readiness for next week. We are so proud of their positive attitude, focus and maturity during this important time. At the end of the week, Year 6 enjoyed a visit to the William Morris Gallery. This visit was a wonderful opportunity to introduce the children to the work of William Morris, who we will be studying in our Art lessons after SATs. During the visit, the children carefully sketched sections of his artwork and explored a range of beautiful handmade objects inspired by his designs. Well done to all of Year 6 for their fantastic attitude towards SATs and their preparation. We know they will do brilliantly and, most importantly, they have the full support of the whole school behind them. Good luck, Year 6 — we believe in you!	

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
Kim	Arina	Jasmyne	Jhoan	Mustapha	Malachi	Ellis	Kemari

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

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 **collaboration** are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
	Steve and Marinela	Isla	Femi &Jaidayal	Sharon & Cavalli	A'meirah Ja'niyah	D`Neisha and Mouhamed	Chloe Kabir

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 Janeice).



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