



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16 September
2022

Latest news from school:



The Queen: I know that we have all been affected by the death of Queen Elizabeth II; we have spent time this week looking at the life of the late Queen and giving space for our pupils to express their emotions and feelings.

Statement from Annie Gammon (Director of Education, Hackney)

Monday 19 September: "I write to confirm that, in line with national guidance, school will be closed on Monday 19th September: the day of the Queen's state funeral. We will reopen on Tuesday 20th September at normal time (8.00am Breakfast club; 8.30am all pupils)



Hot Chocolate Friday starts this week! We have introduced a new way to celebrate our pupils who consistently uphold our school values. Each Friday one pupil will be chosen from their class to come and celebrate with a hot chocolate; the names of the pupils will be noted at the bottom of this

newsletter.

Family Fridays: These are opportunities for you to come into school to find out more about different aspects of our curriculum but can cover a wide range of topics. They run on a Friday from 8.30 - 9.15am and we publicise the content of each session in this newsletter. If there is a workshop that you would particularly like then please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Polio vaccine

The School Nursing Team will not be providing the Polio vaccine. Please see below information about where you can take your child to get the Polio vaccine. Please see link for further details: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-children-aged-1-to-9-in-london-to-be-offered-a-dose-of-polio-vaccine>

Polio vaccine is available at :

Homerton Gate 1 MWF 9.30am-6pm
St. Leonard Tues 12.30-6pm; Th 9.30am-6pm; Sat & Sun 9.30am-5.30pm

Important dates:

Year 4 to Ufton Court:
28 - 30 September

Harvest festival
celebration in Church
at 2.45 Friday 7
October. Everyone is
welcome.

Individual/Sibling
Photos
Tuesday 11th October

Parent consultations
(more details to
follow)

2 November 13.00 -
15.30 and 16.00 -
17.00

Remembrance service
Friday 11 November
at 2.00pm. Everyone
is welcome

14 - 16 November Year
4 residential to Ufton
Court

21 -25 November Year
6 residential to
Penrith

Thursday 8th
December

School Panto

Harvest festival: This year our harvest festival will be on Friday 7 October at 2.45pm in St Matthias Church. Parents/families are more than welcome to join us at this event. Each class will be putting together a hamper so please check on your child's google classroom for details. We will be giving our hampers to the Church who will see that they are given to families who are in need. Thank you in advance for your support.



School Parliament: Elections for our school parliament will be taking place today. We will be able to share the results of the election in next week's newsletter.

Young Carers:

What is a Young Carer?

A young carer is someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family or a friend

What might a young carer do?

- Practical tasks, such as cooking, housework and shopping.
- Physical care, such as helping someone out of bed.
- Emotional support, such as talking to someone who is distressed.
- Personal care, such as washing someone or helping someone dress.
- Managing the family budget and collecting prescriptions.
- Helping to give medicine.
- Helping someone communicate.
- Looking after brothers and sisters.

Being a young carer can have a big impact on the things that are important to growing up

Young carers will often need to miss school due to their caring role
 Many young carers struggle to juggle their education and caring which can cause pressure and stress

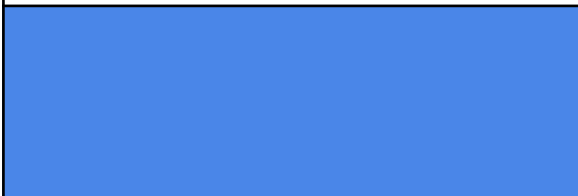
Do you know someone who is a young carer? We are here to help. Please let us know if we can support you/your family in any way. We will be talking about young carers with the children at an assembly next week.

***Friday 9 December
 School Christmas
 lunch and Christmas
 jumper day***

***Monday 12 December
 Service of
 Thanksgiving at
 2.45pm. Everyone is
 welcome***

***Tuesday 13 December
 EYFS Nativity at 9.00
 KS1 and KS2 Carol
 service at 2.00pm
 Everyone is welcome***

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



Year EYFS:
 This week, Nursery and Reception have been continuing to explore our new space, learning about

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| <p>Yr 1: This week Year One have been getting creative with their writing! We have taken on the character of Beegu and have tried to walk in her shoes to see what it is like to be an alien trapped on Earth! We have planned and written some amazing diary entries in character role.</p> | <p>Mr Daniel's PE This week the all year groups have continued to develop their skill set. Their focus of learning is a way of exploring and exposing different aspects of PE. Year 1-2 is Win, lose, learn Year 3-4 is Working together and Year 5-6 is attacking and defending skills.</p> | <p>sharing and turn taking. We have been drawing minibeasts and decorating butterflies for our garden themed reading corner, as well as showing excellent listening skills in our carpet sessions.</p> | |
| | <p>Year 2: This week we have been looking at how London was in 1666, we dressed up as Tudors, danced to traditional music and described outfits that they wore in the past.</p> | | <p>Year 3: Year 3 have been researching the Stone Age and finding out about how humans lived through an ice age. We were lucky enough to discover artefacts in our school! After investigating, we determined they were cavemen tools!</p> |

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| <p>Year 4: It was great to be introduced to the parents who came to the teacher meet on Wednesday. I look forward to catching up with the rest of you throughout the year. This week in Y4, we have started our Ancient Rome topic and we have been looking at persuasive styles of writing.</p> | <p>Year 6: This week, Year 6 have produced portrait paintings, inspired by the work of Chris Ofili. They have learnt which colours to mix to create the colours that they require, and have selected colours to reflect particular moods. Ask the children which qualities they have chosen to portray.</p> |
| <p>Year 5: This week, Year 5 have produced drawings inspired by the artwork of Zaha Hadid. In science, we have experimented how the size and shape of an object affects its air resistance. In writing, we have retold one of Hercules 12 labours, the slaying of the Lernaean Hydra.</p> | |



Pupils who have celebrated with a hot chocolate this Friday are:

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Rome | Joelianna | Keliese | Dennikye | Abigail | Ilana |

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 received badges are:

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| lylah | Christopher | Gurshmanprit | Jia | Le'Shayne | Ebenezer |

Family Friday: What is a Family Friday? This is a time when you can come into school to find out about the curriculum your child is learning. It is a great opportunity to ask all the questions you may have. Family Fridays run from 8.45 - 9.30 each week. We will share the themes for each week but if there is something in particular you would like to know more about then please let us know so we can organise a session.

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 Redman) or leadership team (Ms Martin)

Recipes to try at home



Did you know?
Beetroot is low in fat, full of vitamins and minerals, and packed with powerful antioxidants.

Olive Dining

MONTHLY BULLETIN | CHEF'S CHOICE RECIPE
BEETROOT CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

METHOD

- Top, tail and peel the beetroot so you have about 400g. (Tip - where rubber gloves to stop your hands staining!) Roughly chop and put into a large bowl. Add a splash of water, cover with cling film, then microwave for approx. 10 mins or until tender.
- Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. While the beetroot cooks, butter then line a 20 x 30cm traybake or small roasting tin. Roughly chop the chocolate and cut the butter into cubes. Tip the cooked beetroot into a sieve, drain off any excess liquid, then put into a food processor or blender with the chocolate, butter and vanilla. Whizz until the mix is as smooth as you can get it. The chocolate and butter will melt as you do this.
- Put the sugar and eggs into a large bowl, then beat using an electric hand whisk until thick, pale and foamy for about 2 mins. Spoon the beetroot mix into the bowl (it may not look too pretty at this stage!) and use a large metal spoon to fold it into the whisked eggs. Try to conserve as much air in the mixture as you can. Sift in the flour and cocoa powder, then gently fold these in to make a smooth batter.
- Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 25 mins or until risen all over. Cool completely in the tin, then cut into squares.

INGREDIENTS

- 500g whole raw beetroot (3-4 medium beets)
- 100g unsalted butter, plus extra for the tin
- 200g bar plain chocolate (70% cocoa)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 250g golden caster sugar
- 3 eggs
- 100g plain flour
- 25g cocoa powder