

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2023

Latest news from school:

National Storyteller Week

St Matthias has been celebrating NSW in style, with buddy reading classes, special visitors and library trips for Storyteller workshops that have motivated us to write our own stories to share.



Well done to all of the children who entered the story writing competition. We have had such wonderful contributions from every class with children very enthusiastic to share their original stories. The best ones were announced in our celebration assembly and will be on our website next week!

Hot Chocolate Friday! These children have started the year with exemplary behaviour and learning.

Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Safiyah	Ruzgar	Alberta	Daniel	Hephzibah	Ja'kayla

Important dates:

<u>Winter warmer</u> <u>mondays:</u> 11:00-1:30 Mondays 9,16,23,30th St Matthias Halls-Soup and cakes.

<u>Every Monday:</u> Fresh produce from Felix project @ school entrance. 13:00 pm

<u>Planned Strike action</u> (school closure) Tuesday 2nd of March Wednesday 15th March Thursday 16th March

<u>Red Nose Day</u> Friday 17th March



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

Year 1:

Year 1 has had an amazing storytelling week! We were lucky enough to visit our local library and listen to a storyteller who played his guitar! On Thursday we then had a visit from Year 6 who helped us read in our class. We loved it so much. Year 2: Year 2 has learnt about plants and seeds this week. We planted our cress in different conditions to investigate what helps plants to grow best. We've made our predictions but we'd love to hear yours!



Year 3 & Year 4:

We went together to a special performance of an opera: Man in the Moon! We were able to sing along to some of the songs as we had visitors that ran workshops with us and we had our magic timepieces to use.



Mr Selvin PE: All classes have been actively participating in PE with students demonstrating the skills they have been learning in their lessons.

Years 3 & 4 participated in a Tag Rugby competition where the team performed well with limited training. Well done to all the children who represented the school.

Year 6:

In RSHE, we have been reflecting on our dreams and goals. We have identified strategies we can use to support us in achieving these, as well as who around us can support us with this.

Year 5:

This week, in computing, we cracked a number of cipher codes and analysed codes to identify recurring letters. In Maths, we have been finding the missing lengths of compound shapes and then working out its area.

School value in focus this week: Forgiveness

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 forgiveness are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Delaney-Rome	Malachi S	Luna	Olamide	Le'Shayne	Nyah & Mozean

Online guidance for supporting your children at home:

A reminder of the web address for our school YouTube Channel. There are lots of useful short clips; for example, maths strategies which we use at school.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoP_ymSdwEBhB530cmcBW_g?app=desktop

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 Durcan) or leadership team (Ms Martin/Ms Frohock/Mrs Blewett)

THE FAMILY COACH SUPPORT GROUPS HALF TERM 3

FOR FAMILIES THAT HAVE CHILDREN THAT HAVE ADDITIONAL NEEDS ATTENDING A HACKNEY SCHOOL. NO FORMAL DIAGNOSIS OR EHCP NEEDED.

TO ATTEND ANY OF THE GROUPS PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL: FAMILYCOACH@HACKNEY.GOV.UK





Every Friday a class is nominated to donate cakes for the cake sale. A parent or two from that class can also offer to help run the stall with a member of the PTA. You are welcome to bake homemade cakes, or if that's not your thing, not to worry! All donations will be much appreciated. The next class is YEAR 1!