



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st April
2023

Latest news from school:

Eid Mubarak to all of our families in the community celebrating Eid today!

Welcome back!

We are so pleased to be back in school after Easter. The sun has been shining and we have started to move back into the KS2 building following extensive work on our roof and school heating system.

It is great to welcome all families in through our gates again and to see the classrooms and chat with teachers and staff in the playground and at classroom doors.

We have a number of bank holidays coming up for all our families to spend with loved ones as part of a long weekend. School will be closed on Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May.

We are also closed on Thursday 27th April and 2nd May- we know how disruptive this will be. We will be bringing y6 into school these days in preparation for their SATs. This also means we have had to move parents afternoon to Monday 22nd May. Thank you all for your understanding.

Important dates:

Industrial action:
Thursday 27th April
Tuesday 2nd May
School closed EYFS-Y5
(Y6 in school)

Every Monday:
Fresh produce from Felix project in school office - 13:00pm

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 26th April EYFS

Monday 22nd May Y1-Y6

Ms Rosser's last day will be on Friday. Her families and class have already been informed but we know many of you will miss her and will want to say goodbye. Wishing her luck for her next chapter closer to home.

Hot Chocolate Friday! These children have shown exemplary behaviour and learning.

Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Crystal	Ellis	Lachlan	Jia	Jane	Lebron



Class Dojo App
Make sure you're logged in and checking your child's class story!

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

<p>Year 1:</p> <p>We have had a great first week back. This week we started to look at Florence Nightingale, we made some good guesses as to why she was so important. We found out she was known as the Lady of the Lamp and can't wait to find out more.</p>	<p>Year 2:</p> <p>This week, Year 2 planted some seeds. We are about to observe how a plant grows and discover what it needs to survive.</p>	<p>Mr Selvin's PE:</p> <p>Athletics will be the topic for this half term. The students are already looking forward to Sports Day which will be held later this year. Some students will also be representing the school in different sport activities later in the term. More information will follow.</p>
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<p>Year 3:</p> <p>In year 3, we've looked at plants and how the different parts all have important jobs. We went on a plant hunt before dissecting a flowering plant. In humanities, we've started exploring the story of the Buddha.</p>	<p>Year 4:</p> <p>This week, we went to see the Wren 300 exhibition, where we learnt lots of interesting facts about the impact Sir Christopher Wren had on everything we know today.</p>	<p>Year 6:</p> <p>Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this week preparing for their SATs assessment! The class have been exploring the properties for shape and have been using this to answer assessment style questions.</p>
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Year 5:

This week, we have explored how gravity affects orbit in space. In writing, we have started writing a travel guide for Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. Lastly, we looked at the writing from cuneiform and practised writing on clay.

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:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Veera	Khyran	Amelia	Jeremy	Naod	Kaydon

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.

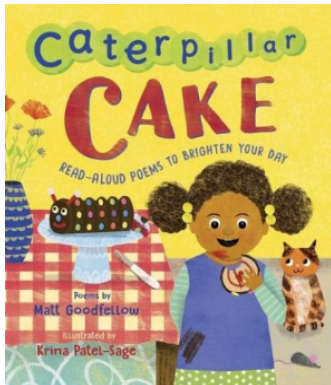
If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our designated safeguarding lead (Ms Durcan) or leadership team (Ms Martin/Ms Frohock/Mrs Blewett)



Poem of the week

If you want to share any of your poetry, please give it to your teacher and we'll upload it onto our writing blog [here](#).

'Hide and Seek' by Matt Goodfellow



hide in the butter
hide in a tree
hide in the nest
of a big bumblebee
hide in a teapot
hide in a drawer
hide in the teeth
of a crocodile's jaw
hide in a slipper
hide in a shoe
hide in a bottle
of PVA glue
hide in a mattress
hide in the sink
hide in the fizz
of your big brother's drink
hide in a beanbag
hide in a pram
hide in a jar
of raspberry jam
hide in the flannel
hide in the snow
I can still find you
wherever you go