



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 30th June
2023

Latest news from school:

OFSTED Visit

This week has been a big week at St Matthias! Ofsted came into school for two days- it was an ungraded inspection so we won't get a grade but will get a report with our strengths and useful feedback. This will have been published by the time we come back in September. The inspector commented on what a lovely school we have.

Summer Concert

The summer concert was joyful and uplifting and so wonderful to share our singing with our families. Father David was overjoyed in having our help celebrating 170 years of St Matthias. We're very proud to have been so successful in supporting our community for so long and hope to continue to do so for many more years to come!



Cultural Heritage Day

(Year 4 learnt made their own version of the haka)



The children went to town on their outfits yesterday and looked fabulous! Lots of great learning and sharing took place for our day of culture.

Important dates:

Industrial action:
**School closed Weds
5th & Fri 7th July (not
EYFS & Year 6)**

Thursday 6th July
**Secondary school
transition day**

Wednesday 12th July
**EYFS and KS1 Sports
Day**
9:30-11:30am

Thursday 13th July
KS2 Sports Day
9:30-11:30am

Friday 14th July
**End of Year reports &
SATs results**

Monday 17th July
**Year 6 Graduation
Ceremony**
9:30-10:30 am

Wednesday 19th July
**Year 6 matilda
production**
5-6pm
St Matthias Church

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

Summer Fayre

Let's not forget the summer fair which was a resounding success!!! We hope you had a fabulous time - please speak to us if you'd like to be involved in putting on a Christmas fair with us- we need parents on our PTA. Come and help us make the magic happen.



Have a lovely weekend and remember next week, on Wednesday and Friday, **school is closed to all but Y6 and EYFS (see below).**

Strike action:

Unfortunately the teaching unions have been unable to reach an agreement with the government. As a result our teachers will be striking for two days: **Wednesday 5th** and **Friday 7th of July**. School will be closed for all classes but year 6 or EYFS. We are not able to have any other children in school due to all teachers fighting the cause on the picket line. Thank you for your understanding and support.

PE next week	
Monday	EYFS and Y2
Tuesday	Y1 and Y5
Wednesday	Y6
Thursday	Y4 and Y3
Friday	N/A

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

Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Enzo	Aiden	Winley	Jeremiah	Roshni	Meneleky



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?

EYFS:


We have made flower garlands to wear, inspired by our topic of India. We have also been acting out key scenes from our book No Dinner using masks and puppets. For our celebration of

Year 1:

Year 1 has had a great week. In maths we have been exploring coins. We have been using our reasoning skills to think about how coins are different from each other. We also enjoyed culture day! Everyone

Year 2:

Year 2 have had a great week learning about their cultures and heritage. They wrote fact files about where they are from, practised traditional dances from India and Africa and they also were fantastic at

<p>culture day, we wrote about our families and where we come from. We also explored the music of the Caribbean and learnt some Bhangra dancing!</p>	<p>told their class a little bit about their culture and traditions and we learnt some dances from different countries.</p>	<p>guessing flags of different countries. We also have been enjoying story time and listening to different stories from around the world.</p>			
<p>Year 3: We have created our very own fossils using clay. We looked at what ancient creatures may be found in sedimentary rocks and decided to create ammonites. We then buried these and became palaeontologists to 'rediscover' them!</p> 	<p>Year 4: We have written some sensational character descriptions based on made up creatures from Harry Potter. The children also had a super culture day where they learned the Haka and created posters from a country of their choosing.</p>	<p>Year 5: For our cultural day, we have crafted extraordinary posters that depict our origins and highlight the significant aspects of our culture.</p>			
<p>Year 6: We thoroughly enjoyed Culture Day and created presentations about our own culture on laptops. Each child presented this to the rest of the class and celebrated what it is that makes each of us special!</p>	<p>PE: We played lots of different games this week, focusing on developing interdisciplinary skills. We have also been focusing on rules of different games on the playground, ensuring that everyone plays like sportspeople!</p>				
<p>School value in focus this week: Forgiveness</p>					
<p>Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.</p>					
<p>The pupils who have shown excellent forgiveness are:</p>					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Selasi	Ja'niyah	Keylor	Gabriel	Hephzibah	Mozean
<p>Online guidance for supporting your children at home:</p>					
<p>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.</p>					
<p>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoP_ymSdwEBhB530cmcBW_g?app=desktop</p>					

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)



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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](#).

'O' Singing Tap' by David I, Y6

O' Singing Tap why do you sing

O' Singing Tap what will you sing

O' Singing Tap what is thy precious song

O' Singing Tap when will you stop

O' Singing Tap why do you sing

O' Singing Tap sing a song for me

O' Singing Tap to what is your destiny

O' Singing Tap stop my wrath and sorrow away

O' Singing Tap how do you sing

O' Singing Tap do you have friends

O' Singing Tap I wish I could be like you

O' Singing Tap shall thy be my friend

O' Singing Tap your songs are always in tune

O' Singing Tap I wish you would be my friend forever

Every good thing always ends

O' Singing Tap must you leave me

This was inspired by the tap in the Y6 classroom.