

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th March

My Identity My World My Voice My Future



Know who they are Ask questions about the world around them Use their voices to make a difference Aspire to greatness



OPAL Play Coffee Morning

It was wonderful to welcome over 60 parents to our OPAL play Coffee Morning!



Important dates:

Monday 23rd March
Easter Egg Hunt



Wednesday 25th March
Butterfield Green -
Outdoor Learning Trip
Y3 9:30-11:20
Y4 1:30-3:30



Tuesday 24th March
Year 4 Apollo Music
Trip



**Monday 30th March -
Friday 10th April**
Easter Holidays



Monday 13th April
Summer 1 Term
Starts
**ALL CHILDREN BACK
TO SCHOOL!**



Attendance

The winning class this week with

100%

is....

Year 5 Hope!



Monday 30th April
Parents Evening



Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday



Saturday 16th May
Hackney Run School
Challenge!



Monday 25th - Friday
29th May
Half Term



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

"THE BIG TWO": ARRIVING ON TIME & COLLECTING ON TIME.

8:30-8:45 Start

To ensure we get off to a flying start, it is vital that all children are in their classrooms and ready to learn by 8:45AM. This is when our registers are officially taken.

Being in your seat by 8:45AM means your child is marked present, hears the morning's first instructions, and starts the day feeling calm and prepared. If a child arrives after the register closes, disruption to the class and a rushed start to their day.

3.30pm

Just as a calm start is vital, a predictable finish is just as important for a child's emotional well-being.

If a child is not collected on time, they stay in their classroom until 3.40pm, they then go to the office.

While our office staff are always happy to help in a one-off emergency, please remember that the front office is a very busy hub of school administration.

When children are left there waiting for collection, it means our team must step away from their vital work to provide supervision. To keep the school running smoothly, we ask that all children are collected promptly from their designated areas.



KEY TIMES

ACTIVITY	TIME
GATES OPEN	8:30
REGISTRATION	8:45
LUNCH REGISTRATION	1:00/1:30
SCHOOL ENDS	3:30

"HOW DO I HELP MY CHILD WITH **MATHS**?"

Watch Miss Frohock do it with Year 1!

Adults try activities with their child in class.

Take resources home to try. Come back the next week to watch the next activity!

SIMPLE - EFFECTIVE - FUN

Session 1 - Tuesday 14th April
 Session 2 - Tuesday 21st April
 Session 3 - Tuesday 28th April
 Session 4 - Tuesday 5th May
 Session 5 - Tuesday 19th March
8:45 AM IN THE YEAR 1 CLASSROOM



PE next week - please ensure pupils are in the appropriate PE kit.

Spring 2 P.E Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Year 1	Year 5	Year 4 Year 6	Year 3 EYFS

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

EYFS:

This week has been full of exciting learning and celebrations across our setting!

We have been learning about Eid and exploring why it is such a special time for many families. The children really enjoyed taking part in our very own Eid celebration. They had the opportunity to make delicious pakoras and some special sweets, which they were very proud of. It was a lovely way to experience different cultures through food and celebration.

In RE, we have been focusing on the Easter story. The children learned about how Jesus went to a special place to pray, helping them begin to understand the meaning behind Easter in a simple and thoughtful way.

In Nursery, the children have been enjoying the story of The Ugly Duckling. They have been listening carefully, joining in with the story, and talking about kindness and how everyone is unique and special.

Alongside this, we have been very busy getting creative and making beautiful Easter decorations to brighten up our learning environment. The children have loved using different materials and showing off their creativity.

It has been a wonderful week of learning, celebrating, and creating!

Year 1:

Year 1 have worked incredibly hard this week, and they should be very proud of everything they have achieved, especially all the focus they showed while sitting assessment papers..

In writing, we have uncorked our imagination, coming up with ideas and descriptive language, creating our very own "Wild Thing" characters. Maths has been great fun, with lots of practical learning and group activities focused on commutative addition and number bonds to 10.

The children had a fantastic afternoon in Science, sorting animals into carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores, and in RE, we shared a thoughtful discussion about Holy Week, reflecting on the meaning of real love and sacrifice. Humanities gave us pause for thought as the children learned why our oceans are so important, helping them develop their social conscience and showing a strong determination to protect the oceans and care for the planet.

A wonderful week of learning...well done, Year 1!
Let's keep up the fantastic effort as we head into our final week of term.

Year 2:

A huge congratulations to all of Year 2 for all their hard work during this assessment week. They have shown great resilience and determination! We have not paused in our learning this week either - in writing, we started researching facts about orangutans and even narrated our own nature documentary!
In maths we revisited 2 digit addition and subtraction. In humanities we looked at the physical geography of Wales and Northern Ireland and in PSHE and Science we explored the benefits of each food group and how healthy eating helps our bodies.

Year 3:

Year 3 have spent the week showcasing their phenomenal learning by completing reading, writing, and maths assessments. All the children demonstrated resilience and determination, and they have made us incredibly proud.

We ended the week with a well-deserved trip to the library, where we enjoyed listening to a fantastic story and had the opportunity to choose books to take home.

Year 4:

Year 4 have worked so incredibly hard on their assessments this week! They have all shown such resilience and commitment to their learning and it has certainly paid off.
We had so much fun at forest school, making smores and getting stuck into nature!
In writing we have been learning the art of persuasion. We are trying to persuade the evil witch to give back our happy endings!
We have used some amazing vocabulary to do so!

Year 5 Faith:

Year 5 Faith, have been working extremely hard this week! It has been assessment week and they have shown great resilience in completing all of their

Year 5 Hope

Class Hope have demonstrated great resilience during the assessment period this week. They have remained focused

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic week of learning. In RE, we finished our Easter topic by exploring and discussing the debate

assessments, using the knowledge and skills they have learnt all term! Within Humanities this week, year 5 looked at the tundra biome, exploring how different it is compared to other biomes! In science, year 5 continued looking at reversible and irreversible changes, focusing on burning! In RE, we focused on Maundy Thursday, they learnt about the rituals that take place and they were able to create a poster that illustrated what takes place during Maundy Thursday in churches today! Well done year 5, you have worked extremely hard this week!

even when finding questions challenging. We have spent part of the mornings revisiting prior learning for maths and writing to reinforce and embed what has been taught so far.

The children have begun to learn about irreversible changes in science, this week focusing on burning.

In writing, they carried out role play and freeze frames to help them understand how characters are feeling, which will aid their letter writing next week.

In RE we learnt about Maundy Thursday and the rituals of washing feet which take place in some Christian churches. This is to commemorate Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and encouraging them to wash each other's feet on the evening of the Last Supper.

We were also fortunate enough to have a trip to the Stoke Newington Fire Station which was a great experience!

surrounding Jesus' resurrection, sharing thoughtful and respectful ideas. In writing, we began crafting our own narratives inspired by Hansel and Gretel, focusing on building suspense and engaging the reader. It has been wonderful to see such creativity develop. We also proudly celebrated our excellent attendance and punctuality at the end of the week in Butterfields, recognising the effort and commitment shown by everyone. Well done, Year 6—keep up the great work!

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
Sem and Shanaya	Liya	Zion	Junior	Anna	Steven	Joellianna	Lachlan

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

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 **resilience**

are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Sem	Archie	Marley	Christianna	Year 4	Elif	Ellis	Amelia

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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