

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

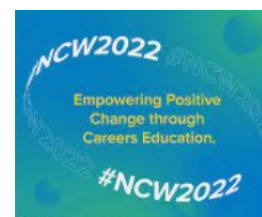
Welcome back to everyone following half term. It has certainly been a busy week at St Matthias and the children have been working incredibly hard as usual.

Governor Review

On Wednesday, some of our Governors carried out a review by completing a learning walk throughout school and discussing our school priorities. Governors regularly meet with myself as part of Sub-Committees linked to Education and Standards, Pupil Welfare and Resources and Finance. We also meet as a whole Governing Body six times a year. It is important for our Governors to be fully informed of the school's achievements regularly throughout the year. We discuss the progress being made towards the targets in our School Development Plan and priorities to ensure that your children are getting the best education they can. We ascertain that as a school we are making decisions with the best interests of your children in mind. Therefore, when governors are invited to visit the school and complete a learning walk to see evidence of our discussions, they jump at the chance. We were really pleased as a staff to welcome the positive feedback from the visit and for the recognition of the children working hard, making progress and being fully active and engaged in all lessons seen. We are very proud of everyone and thank you to the governors for taking time out of your busy schedules to visit us in action and celebrate our ongoing achievements.

National Careers Week 7th March-12th March

Next week is National Careers Week. This is an exciting opportunity to help raise children's aspirations and broaden their horizons by bringing volunteers from the world of work into our school. This is the first time St Matthias has celebrated this opportunity and we are very pleased to have a number of people sharing their careers with us to inspire and motivate our children, linking their learning in school with the world of work. We have people who run their own Jewellery business to a lecturer in construction! If children can see the purpose of their learning and identify their gifts and talents at an early age, then discover a number of different careers in the world of work, they will be motivated to achieve their destiny! This really complements our vision as a school 'Aspire, Believe, Achieve' and we feel it is important to give our children as many opportunities to discover the wide world as possible. We will also be sharing a number of BBC clips through the week of different jobs and careers people have today, from architects to inventors and the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.



Century Cup Challenge

This week also saw the start of the 'Century Cup Spring Challenge' where we compete with other schools nationally to complete as many 'nugget' assignments as possible from Year 3 – Year 6. We took part in the Winter Cup Challenge and did so well that we wanted to take part in the Spring Cup too! This means that in school, children in KS2 will be working hard on their Century learning and completing the assignments and 'nuggets' set by their teachers. It also means that they can also add to their own personal scores and school score if they continue to work on Century in their home learning. Teachers always set homework using Century but not all children complete it. So please make a huge effort to support your child over the next month to complete as much learning as possible using Century. It can only benefit your child as the more they complete the more they learn! Bonus! Each week we will announce the winners in each class and collect the school data!



Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Beale



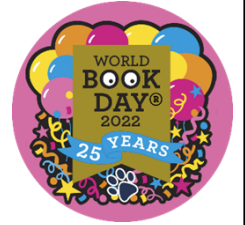
ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

'Our school family values us all as unique individuals and children of God.

We **aspire** to be the best version of ourselves; **believing** that through the gifts God has given us, we can make a positive contribution, flourish and **achieve** together to make a difference in our ever-changing world.'



It was absolutely amazing to see the effort and imagination that went into our dressing-up as a word for World Book Day! Thank you to children, parents and staff; you all did yourselves proud! Although we had some winners on the day for their costumes, we shared that everyone was a winner on the day as we were proud of you all!

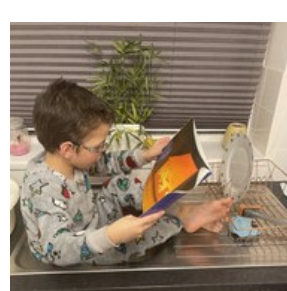
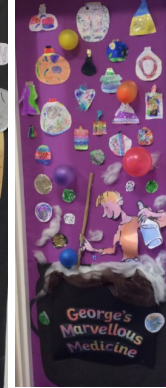
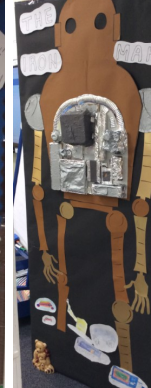
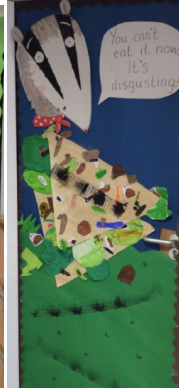
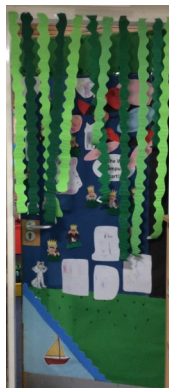


There were 2 winners in each class for the dressing up as a word who all picked a book to keep. There was also one winner from each class linked to our 'unusual' reading photographs, who won a book each, which was kindly donated by our Local Usborne Book Rep, Verity Smith. Some of these photographs made us laugh and some of them made us breath a sigh of relief! We shared all the photographs in our Celebration worship today and everyone who took part received a 'St Matthias' pen.

Throughout the day literature, books and words were celebrated through each class. Classroom doors were decorated in a 'book' theme, classes joined together to share books with each other and I even spotted Mr Salmon reading to Year 3, Mrs O'Connor reading to Nursery and Mrs Philgence reading to Reception; it really was a fun filled and active day! I have to say the decorated classroom doors were amazing!

Don't forget to send your sponsor money in by Monday 7th March and the winners for this will be announced next week.

Here are a few photographs from the day!



U9 Football Festival at The Downs

Ten children from year 3 had an amazing afternoon experiencing a super football festival. They played on a very muddy pitch against The Downs, Ashperton, Lugwardine and Colwall. All of the children were an absolute credit, demonstrating the values that make a great St Matthias pupil. Well done to all who attended and a special mention to Oliver for superb goalkeeping!



Celebration Worship Awards

Every Friday we hold a 'Celebration Worship' to give out awards to our children to celebrate their achievements. Currently these are held virtually from the classroom using either Teams or Zoom.

Certificates (Effort in their work): R. Elsie, 1. Jake, 2. Damian, 3. Ledjana, 4. Archie, 5. Fraser 6. Ava-Rose.

Value Leaf for showing Hope: R. Dexter, 1. Isabella, 2. Jacob, 3. Whole class, 4. Michael, 5. James, 6. Casey.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Molly, 1. Charlie, 2. Loki, 3. Poppy, 4. Camille, 5. Ruby, 6. Rilee.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Loki Yr 2

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Kyle YrR

February 100% Attendance

Congratulations to the 84 Children who had 100% attendance for February, perfect ! Well done to you all.

100% Attendance Draw Prize for February 2022 goes to Molly E in Yr R

An amazing 14 pupils have had 100% attendance so far this year. Well done!

Attendance The table below shows class attendance statistics for **this week**.

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	81.3%	19	Year 3	94.1%	14
Reception	92.3%	14	Year 4	88.0%	21
Year 1	89.5%	10	Year 5	90.8%	19
Year 2	93.7%	10	Year 6	96.1%	9
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

Well done to **Year 6** for the best attendance this week & to Year 6 for the least missing sessions.

Hope



As a church school, every half term we concentrate on an important value for life. Each half term we choose a special Value which we think about very carefully in our worship, our classrooms, in our playground and everywhere in school. We will focus on what they mean in our lives and in our relationships with each other.

Hope



Our Value this half term is "Hope"

Isaiah 40:31 "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"

Christians see their hope in God's promise, "that love and goodness have and will ultimately overcome all evil"

Dalai Lama "When faced with problems don't lose hope. Keep up your self confidence and don't be too impatient to achieve quick results."

Gandhi "Only he can be a leader who never loses hope"

Teachers will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to show hope in their learning and around school as we return after the National Lockdown. This week we pray and hope for the vaccine to take effect and a better time ahead.

NOTICEBOARD



Reminders

Whole School Events

Careers Week

7th to 11th March

Easter Experiences

22nd to 25th March 2022

Science Enrichment Day

5th April 2022

Easter Service

Wednesday 6th April (school only)

School Closes for Easter

Thursday 7th April at 3.15pm

Young Voices Concert

17th May 2022

Class Events

Reception Vision Tests

Tuesday 8th March.

Year 5 English Workshop at Dyson Perrins

Wednesday 23rd March

Years 1 and 2 Multiskills at Dysons

Friday 25th March

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Who to contact in school and how

MRS KAZEROONI for:- Attendance issues, reasons for absences, request any forms, change of address or phone numbers, general enquires, urgent contact, inform her of medical appointments, (inform her of other persons collecting from school preferably before 1pm). email admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk or

Telephone 01684 574984

MRS JAMES (Works Mon - Thu) for:- Whizz Kids booking, paying any bills or invoices for nursery, trips, music lessons, PE kit etc please email

finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk or Phone 01684 574984 and ask to speak to Mrs James.

CLASS TEACHER for:- classroom issues, learning or behaviour related, use ClassDojo or Tapestry. To request a telephone call from a teacher call 01684 574984 or email admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk to ask for an appointment.

MRS BEALE Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

Black Pepper Lunches for:- booking your child's meals every half term, visit their website <https://www.blackpepperlunches.com/BP-default.php>

Severn Trent Water - Big Difference

Help that is available from **Severn Trent Water** for reducing water bills for families with low household incomes. If eligible for the scheme, you could receive a discount of up to 90% off your water bill and potentially suspend any arrears. Please click here for more information.

<https://bigdiff.co.uk/login.php>

Platform Housing customers only

Platform Housing have launched a 'Wellbeing Fund' for all customers to access in order to help cover the cost of food, essential items such as school uniforms, energy and utility costs as well as helping to bridge the gap between a benefit application and first payment. You can apply following this link.

<https://www.platformmhg.com/wellbeing-fund>

Covid 19

COVID-19 symptom check ([click here](#))

Book an NHS COVID test ([click here](#)) or ring 119

Book a COVID-19 Vaccine ([click here](#))

Support and Advice

Adult Mental health support ([click here](#))

Starting Well- for parenting, health and wellbeing support ([click here](#))

Here2Help- ([click here](#))

Bereavement support ([click here](#))

Citizens Advice Bureau ([click here](#))

Child Line - 0800 1111

Domestic Abuse 24 hour Helpline for Women and Men - 0800 980 333

School Nurse – 01684 612668

Family Front Door - 01905 822666 to report a concern about a child or request help.

The Family Hub for parenting support and advice ([click here](#))

Parent Online Safety Information ([click here](#))

Malvern Hills Housing support ([click here](#))

TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

SPRING TERM 2022

SCHOOL CLOSSES for EASTER

STAFF ONLY - Training Day

SUMMER TERM 2022

SCHOOL OPENS

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

HALF TERM BREAK

SCHOOL CLOSSES for SUMMER

at 3.15pm on Thursday 7th April 2022

Friday 8th April 2022.

Monday 25th April at 8.45am

Monday 2nd May

Saturday 28th May to Sunday 5th June

Friday 22nd July at 3.15pm