



St Matthew's News

Issue 5

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Issue 5 and to the final term of the year - Summer.

Your children are doing amazingly well and all of their learning is really coming together. I am super proud of our St Matthew's community.

I want to say a big well done to Year 5, Miss Fayaz and Miss Sizen, who shared their excellent Easter Assembly with the whole school, parents and our visitors from Aston and Nechells Parish Church. It was a moving production.

We are now in the term where Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 will undertake a number of statutory assessments. Please join me as we pray for their success. Let us also continue to pray for our community and the world.

Finally, we are here to help in anyway we can. Our door is always open and you are welcome to come and see us, at anytime.



St Matthew's Spring Concert

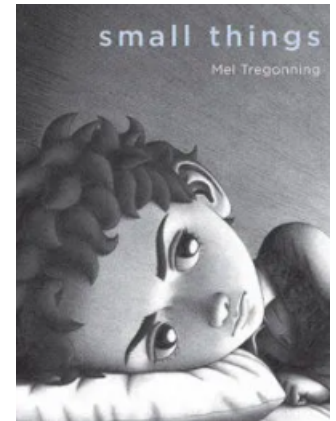
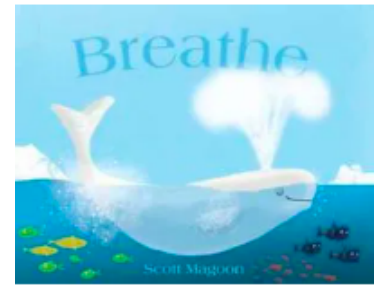


On the final Thursday of Spring 2, the whole of St Matthew's school came together to perform a mix of songs, poetry, musical pieces and narration around the theme of: God's Creation.

The children of St Matthew's (from Reception to Year 6) excelled and thrilled the audience, which included our chair of governors: Mike Tooze; Matt from St Martin's Church in the Bullring and our local Vicar: Reverend Fiona.

The theme came alive in that hall, that day and confident children shared their love of God's creation and the Easter story in a wonderful and inspiring way.

We were also blessed with a solo from Rebecca Taylor - on the oboe - who is a student at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire., who did a music project with Year 3 and Year 4. A special thank you to Mrs Wright - our flute teacher and a big well done St Matthew's!



We will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness week on the last week of term:

22nd - 26th May.

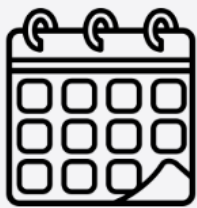
This years' theme is Anxiety.

Anxiety is a normal emotion in us all, but sometimes it can get out of control and become a mental health problem. Lots of things can lead to feelings of anxiety, including exam pressures, relationships, starting a new job (or losing one) or other big life events. We can also get anxious when it comes to things to do with money and not being able to meet our basic needs, like heating our home or buying food.

Anxiety is one of the most common mental health problems we can face but on a positive note, anxiety can be made easier to manage.

Focusing on anxiety will increase our children's awareness and understanding of anxiety by providing information on the things that can help prevent it from becoming a problem.

We will use picture books and drama to bring this theme alive.



Important Dates

Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May

SATs week for Year 6

Monday 2nd May

SATs period for Year 2 begins

Meet the Head (in-person) - Summer Term Dates

Summer 1 - 24th April - Behaviour

Summer 2 - 5th July - School Improvement Plan

What exciting things are coming up, in Summer 1?

Key Stage One's Geography and History Week

will be held from the 15th - 19th May.

During this week, **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will focus on developing their Geography and History skills, across a variety of themes:

Reception: Seasons/Queen Elizabeth II

Year 1 and 2: Working Hard/Stories about the Distant Past (from Britain, Ireland and Africa)

Key Stage 2 will continue to focus on weekly lessons.

Geography - The River Rhine and Mediterranean

History - Alexander the Great

Summer 1 Class Assembly



Our Summer 1 assembly will focus on the religion of Islam and will share facts and information about EID, through story, song, dance and poetry. They will share their production, with Year 4 parents, on **Friday 26th May at 9.15am.**



This half term, we will train 24 Year 4 and Year 5 pupils to become Lunchtime Peacemakers. They will be chosen by their peers and work in the Key Stage 1 and 2 playground. The Peacemaker's role will be to help children to deal with conflicts. Year 4 and 5 have an introductory workshop on the 18th May. They will vote on the 22nd May and training will take place on the 23rd and 25th May.

What an exciting opportunity for Year 4 and 5!



In Summer 1, it will be

Parents to School Day on the Tuesday 16th May .

Reception and Key Stage 1 parents are welcome in the morning.

Key Stage 2 parents are welcome to attend in the afternoon.

If you would like to stay for lunch, please let the office team know.