

St Matthew's News



Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the 1st Issue of the year, of St Matthew's News and what a bumper issue it is...lots to see and read!

Your children have settled in amazingly well. I am particularly proud of the way they are learning and remembering and we are well on our way to another strong term.

I want to say a big thank you to Year 1, Year 2 and their teachers, Miss Munni, Mrs Gulzar, Miss Williams and Mrs Hussain for their excellent Harvest assembly. The art work and singing on display was wonderful. It was a great production and I hope you enjoy the video which we will upload to Google Classroom.

Thank you Families, as always, for your care and support. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers, as we continue to pray for you.

Have a peaceful half term and remember we are here if you need anything.



Some of our highlights from this half term.

Celebrating World First Aid Day



BritishRedCross First Aid Champions.



St. Matthew's Day

We used our **democratic** right to vote, to vote for: House Captains, Young Leaders, Worship Warriors and Bookworms.

On St. Matthew's Day, we practiced our democratic right to vote by voting for the children's leadership groups. Each group has already been very busy and we will keep you updated with their work as the year goes on.



House Captains (Y6)

Some of their responsibilities include:

- To organise whole school and class events (Christmas Fair/Wonders of Nechells/Sports Days)
- To organise charity days (Harvest Food Bank, World Mental Health Day Assembly, NSPCC, Red Nose Day)
- To announce the winning house in celebration assemblies at the end of the half term.



Worship Warriors (Y1—6)

- Lead Collective Worship alongside Reverend Fiona, once a half term
- Ensure prayer spaces around the school are effective and purposeful
- Greet children into assemblies

Bookworms (Y1— 6)

- To organise Reading Sheds
- To support Miss Sizen with organising the library

Young Leaders (Y1—6)

Some of their responsibilities include:

- To meet half termly to discuss their views and those of the class.
- To support the house captains to organise whole school and class events and support house captains.
- To make sure our school is a happy and safe place for all of our children



Look out for our next newsletter to see the fabulous work they have completed.

World Mental Health Day

The children enjoyed a performance and workshops in their classes.



Reading for Pleasure

What will you read over half term?

Aston and Nechells Foodbank

On Tuesday 22nd October, the House Captains and Young Leaders visited Aston and Nechells Foodbank, with all of the amazing donations you had provided. A huge thank you for your generosity.



Art with Mrs Guthrie

This half term, Year 2 and Year 4 have been extremely creative. Check out some of their incredible work below.



Harvest Assembly

What an incredible assembly from Year 1 and 2. Fantastic dancing, singing and poetry too - a much loved highlight each and every year.



Shakespeare's Guided Tour

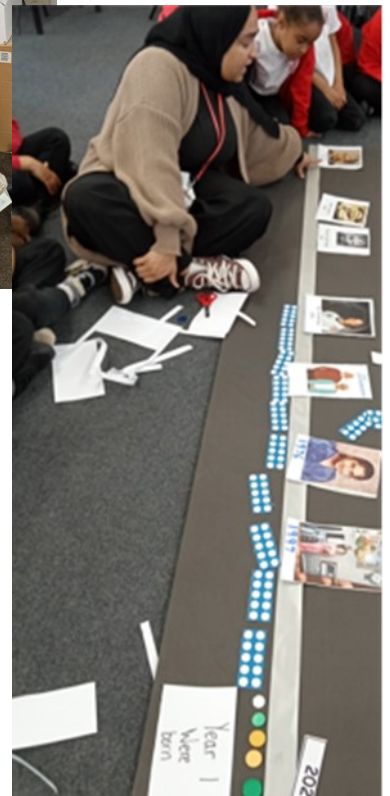
Year 5 and 6 visited Stratford-upon-Avon, the home of Shakespeare. The Year 6 children led guided tours for Year 5 and the public too! They were amazing and spoke like true historians.



History and Geography Week

KS1 and EYFS

KS1 and EYFS have had a brilliant week learning all about their family history, significant people from the past, as well as learning about their local area, creating some incredible 3D maps.



What's coming up next half term?

Our Autumn 2 Assembly will be led by Reception.

Their focus religion will be Christianity and they will share the story of Jesus' birth through story, songs, dance and poetry.



Dates for your diary:

Monday 4th — Wednesday 6th November —
Year 5 and 6 Residential

Thursday 7th November— SATS meeting for
Year 6 parents

Monday 11th —Friday 15th November—
Anti-bullying and Inter-faith week

Monday 11th December— Design and
Technology Week (look out for text for Parents
to school day)

Friday 13th December—Christmas Fair (more
information to come)

Wednesday 18th December—Reception
Nativity (Reception parents only)

In Autumn 2, it is Inter Faith week. During this week, the children will be learning about a different religion and will be sharing their knowledge with another class through presentations, stories and poetry.

This is a week to celebrate the concepts which unite us all.

They will also be visiting lots of different places of worship, including the Mosque, a Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh Temple.



We will also be celebrating Anti-Bullying week.

During this week, we will be teaching the children about what bullying is and reading books which encourage children to celebrate their differences.

**On Tuesday 12th November, we would like all
the children to wear odd socks!**

On Friday 17th November, it is Children in Need. The theme is, we're there for you.

On this day, your children can pay £1 to wear something spotty!

There will be a tuck shop where we will be selling extra delicious tuck—make sure to bring in a little extra than usual!

