

St Matthew's News



Head Teacher's message

Welcome to our 1st Issue of St Matthew's News and welcome to our first term.

Your children have settled in amazingly well and they are remembering the routines we have in place so that learning can take place. I am very proud of the way our community has come back to the school year.

I also want to say a big thank you to Year1, Year 2 and their teachers, Miss Pringle, Mrs Gulzar, Mr Turner and Miss Sizen for their excellent Harvest assembly.

It was a great production and I hope you enjoy the video which we will upload to google classroom.

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



A warm welcome to ...

Miss Begum and Mr Turner

This academic year we have had two new teachers join us. Miss Begum is an experienced teacher joining us from a school nearby. She teaches our wonderful year 3 children!

Mr Turner has recently began his teaching career in Birmingham, but has been teaching for many years in Nepal! Mr Turner will be our new Year 2 teacher.

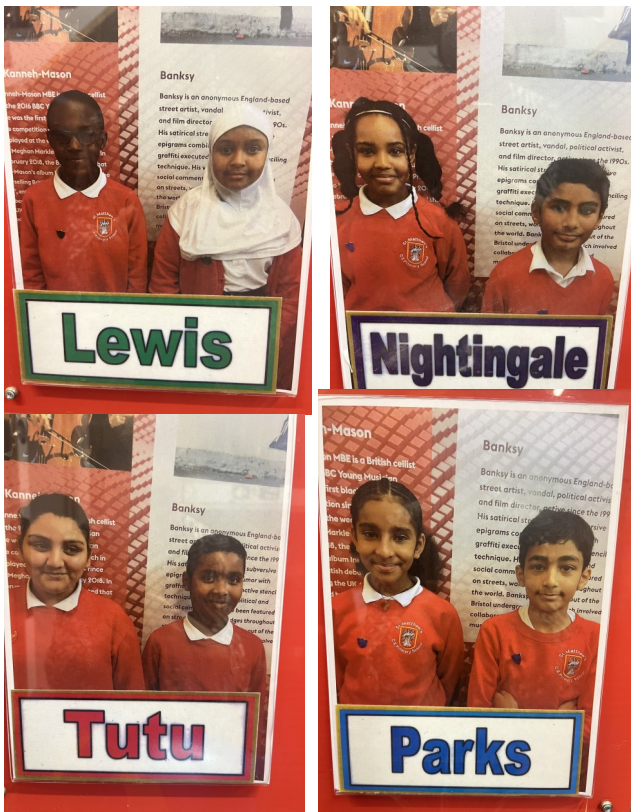
A big warm welcome to these two fantastic new members of the St Matthews team!



Our Democratic right to vote:

House Captains, Young Leaders, Worship Warriors, Bookworms

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



House Captains (Y6)

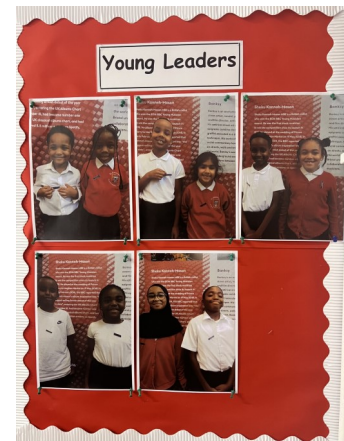
Some of their responsibilities include:

- 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.

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



Worship Warriors (Y1—6)

- Lead Collective Worship alongside Reverend Fiona, once a half term
- Greet children into assemblies

Bookworms (Y1—6)

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

Our Ethic of Excellence Gallery

We look forward to welcoming you to our ethics of excellence gallery very soon, but here is a sneak peek of what it looks like.



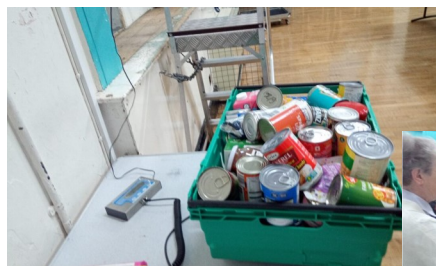
Our Visit to the Aston and Nechells foodbank.

A huge thank you for your donations...

On Tuesday 24th November the House Captains and Young Leaders visited Aston and Nechells Foodbank, with all of the amazing donations you had provided.

We found out that we had donated 113kg of food, which is enough to provide 20 single people with 3 days worth of food, or 6 families enough food for the same amount of time.

We cannot thank you enough for your support.



Next Half Term

What's coming up in Autumn 2?

Dates for your diary

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.



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 school through presentations, stories and poetry.

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

Inter Faith Week

14-21 November
www.interfaithweek.org



Dates for your diary

Monday 6th November - School closed to pupils for training Day

Wednesday 8th—10th November—Year 5 and 6 Residential

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

Friday 15th December—Christmas Fair (more information to come)

Wednesday 20th December—Reception Nativity (Reception parents only)

Thursday 21st December—Christmas Cantata (will be filmed and uploaded to google classroom)



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 Monday 13th November, we would like all the children to wear odd socks!

On Friday 17th November it is Children in Need. The theme is positive relationships in school!

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!

