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Easter 2018

SPECIAL EDITION OF FRIDAY NEWS

ST. MATTHEW'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

On behalf of the staff of St. Matthew's, we would like to take this opportunity in wishing you all a Happy Easter



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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Pupils and Staff at St. Matthew's Primary School have reflected on the events leading up to Good Friday and the final days and hours of Jesus' life.

The four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all tell us about what happened to Jesus and his disciples during that week. Jesus was preparing himself to face his crucifixion. For him it was a sort of journey, from the joy and excitement of Palm Sunday when everyone was cheering Him to the horror and pain of Good Friday, when the same people wanted to crucify Him, to the wonder of Easter Day and His resurrection.

Christians often look on the week as a time of preparation, when they can learn more about Jesus and how what He did affects their own lives.

The children have been thinking about this during the week and here are some of their thoughts:

"When people learn about Jesus during Holy Week it may change their thoughts about Jesus and God". Jesse

"People can easily forget that Easter is about Jesus dying and His resurrection because they are focussed on the Easter eggs and Chocolate". Chloe

"When reflecting on difficult times in our lives we can think about what Jesus went through and how our problems aren't as complicated as His". Maissa

"Jesus died for our sins and if He hadn't have done this then nothing would be the same right now". Andre

"We can learn to trust in God more by knowing that He will always be with us, listen to us and our prayers and that He will always help us". Nika

As we approach Easter let us not forget why we celebrate this festival.



Spreading the Easter message in the Community - 'Good News'

St. Matthew's has certainly tried to spread the Christian message this Easter and on Thursday, the audience were treated to a really special Easter Performance. Year Three and Four have really enjoyed working hard to pull off this astonishing production. 'Good News' was an amazing story set in a news room, and was interjected with aspects of the Easter story. Superb actors were the only thing in sight as they wowed us with their magical movements and emotive body language. As well as fantastic solo performances from Scarlett as Judas, Amin as Mary Magdalene, Tasmin as Barrabas, Henry as Peter and Jucal as Pontius Pilate, pupils from Year Four acted out this special story with the support of our Year Three singers to a packed house. The songs were both poignant and fun, and the dancing really added a celebratory feel when they were re-telling the events of the resurrection.

We can't forget to mention the brilliant performance of the news reader, John Good and his co-presenter, Bigya and Caleb, in the News Room, keeping us up to date and always informed. The West End had better watch out as there are definitely some future stars in the making! Lucas' portrayal of Jesus was reflective and thoughtful, and several members of the audience had a tear in their eye as a result of his emotional performance.



Easter Reflections



Judas betrays Jesus
Sara 5JP

Jesus in the garden
Skye 5JP



The Last Supper
Jacob 5JP

Our End of Term Awards

At the end of term, we always present lots of certificates and awards for a range of different achievements across the curriculum. These are in addition to our weekly merit and attendance awards. Here is our list of award recipients:



Merit Awards

RMM	Jacob G	RKT	Dezarie K
1RD	Natalia D	1TH	Musab A
2RH	George D	2RF	James B
3EC	Erin B	3NM	Sophia Z
4CP	Wayne M	4SB	George W
5JP	Levi R	5MN	Lily L
6ES	Sherice B	6LB	Simran J

Weekly Attendance Awards

1st place	100%	6LB
2nd place	97.9%	3NM

Termly Attendance Awards

1st place	4CP	98.6%
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Writing Awards - for fantastic improvements in Writing

Foundation Stage	Julia K
Key Stage One	Ferenc V
Key Stage Two	Ruchi G

Gray Award

Bobby R - for fantastic progress in Mathematics

Percy Award

Samuel B - fantastic progress in all curriculum areas.

House Points - pupils with the most house points this term

RMM	Daniel P	RKT	Rylee B
1RD	Austin A	1TH	Pranith S
2RH	Kian F-G	2RF	Amelia C
3EC	Yunus S	3NM	Luca V
4CP	Shivi T	4SB	Annette I
5JP	Serena M	5MN	Liam L
6ES	Thavenesh N	6LB	Liberty O

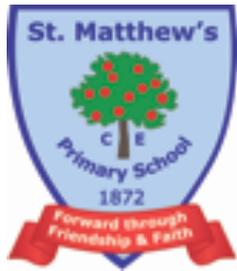
Well done to all those in **St Clare** who are now leading in the race for the most House Points.

Congratulations also goes to:

85 children who received their Bronze Attendance Awards for being in school every day this term.

97 children who received their Silver Attendance Awards for being in school every day for two terms.

Well done Everyone



Open Evening - 1st May 2018

Open Evening will be on Tuesday 1st May 2018 (apart from 2RH which is on Tuesday 17th April 2018). This meeting is particularly important for sharing information with class teachers and will be a meeting to set targets for the summer term. A number of children will be sitting tests in the summer term and this will enable you to have a clearer picture of how you can support your child through this process. Staff will also share with you how the children have progressed so far this year. This meeting will give you an ideal opportunity to discuss ways to continue to work together with the school for the benefit of your child and you can agree the specific targets that your child will be working on in school and at home.

Sign-up sheets for appointments are available after the holidays so please make sure you book a time. Each appointment will be allocated approximately 8 minutes – if you need a longer discussion, a further appointment can be made for another day, to ensure we run to time!

Year 6 parents should sign up for one of the three time slots available to see Mr Small, Miss Barr and Mrs Papadakis in the Key Stage Two hall. Your child may be taught by more than one of these members of staff, so make sure you speak to everyone your child works with.

Year 6 Holiday Revision Packs....

Pupils have been given a Literacy pack and a Numeracy Revision book with activities to complete throughout the holidays. These are to give the pupils the best chance in their Key Stage Two SATs test which are in May. This is most effective if the children complete a page or two each day over the two week break. We greatly appreciate your support with this preparation for the Year 6 end of year exams.

Help Aggie the Alien- Story competition

"Aggie the Alien has come to visit Hillingdon with her family from a far, far away planet. Unfortunately Aggie has no knowledge about who the NHS are or what they do."

Thankfully the children of St Matthew's school were here to help. All those aged between 5 and 10 were invited to be a part of a borough-wide competition run by the NHS. They wanted the children to make up a story that could help Aggie the Alien understand who the NHS are and when we should and shouldn't use them.

The borough had to choose 9 winners out of approximately 200 entries. Amazingly 7 out of the 9 winners were from St Matthew's school! They were Tina A and Sumarveer S from Year 1, Thais L from Year 2, Leah B, Amber J and Uzair R from Year 3 and Holly H- B from Year 5.

The winners went to Uxbridge on Saturday 24th March to meet the British Paralympian Natasha Baker, collect their prizes, and a signed copy of the "Help Aggie the Alien" book, which has all the children's winning stories in.

We are very proud of all the children that wrote a story but ecstatic to have done so well as a school. Well done to everyone involved!

Summer Term begins - Monday 16th April 2018.

We Are Silent Day

On **Wednesday 25th April** St Matthew's is taking a vow of silence for a day to help us—and those around us—understand what it's like to have our voices go unheard. Each year group will be silent for a set amount of time throughout the day and the entire day will be dedicated to learning about child rights around the world and understanding how it feels to have no voice.

This week everyone should have received a sponsorship form and if you would like to take part please could the forms be returned by **Friday 20th April**. Teachers will return the forms after We Are Silent Day and the children can collect their sponsorship money after taking part. We are asking that the money be returned by **Friday 11th May**. The money will be split between Free the Children (to support education, health and water access in India) and Kamwezi Primary School in Uganda.



Holy Week and Easter 2018 at St Matthew's



Good Friday
30th March
2.00 - 3.00pm
Last Hour Service
Journey's End

Readings, hymns and reflections to remember the death of Jesus.

Easter Sunday

1st April 10.30am
All Age Easter
Celebration
Celebrating that Jesus is
alive for ever!



Includes admission of children to communion and Children's Easter Egg hunt afterwards.



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