

Friday News

No. 18 - 26th January 2024



St Matthew's CE Primary School

Forward through Friendship and Faith

Diary Dates

JANUARY 2024

- Monday 29th** Year 5 visiting Yiewsley Library
- Tuesday 30th** L B Hillingdon running pedestrian training for Year 5 pupils

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 1st** RE Explorers & the Choir visiting St Paul's Cathedral for LDBS Annual Service Number Day in support of NSPCC (new date - see information inside)
- Friday 2nd** Banji Alexander, children's author, visiting school today
4RM non-uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'
- Monday 5th** Year 6 visiting Yiewsley Library
- Tuesday 6th** Safer Internet Day - activities in school
- Wednesday 7th** Dental screening for selected pupils
- Friday 9th** 1LZ non-uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'
2.50pm 1SF class worship for parents

Monday 12th - Friday 16th Half Term week

- Monday 19th** Training Day - School closed except for Year 6 pupils going to PGL
- Tuesday 20th** School returns after Half term break
- Friday 23rd** 9am 4IT class worship for parents
- Tuesday 27th** Year 4 pedestrian training - details to follow

MARCH

- Friday 1st** 2.50pm 3BF class worship for parents
- Friday 8th** 9am 5SN class worship for parents
2.50pm 3MG class worship for parents
- Tuesday 12th** Proms Praise for Years 4, 5 & 6 at the Royal Albert Hall
- Friday 15th** 9am 6MN class worship for parents
2.50pm 2EM class worship for parents
- Monday 18th** Last week for all after-school clubs
- Tuesday 19th** Year 5 visiting Sri Guru Singh Sabha
- Wednesday 20th** Year 6 visiting Brunel University today
- Friday 22nd** 9am 4RM Class worship for parents
2.50pm 1LZ class worship for parents
- Thursday 28th** Term ends at 2pm

APRIL

- Tuesday 16th** Summer term starts

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St Matthew's School Yiewsley

SHARE OUR PRAYERS

Have you ever felt too small to make a difference? We may think that we have never seen an actual miracle, but really, we see them every day. When we join our small acts of kindness together, miracles happen! We learned how 2 small fish and 5 loaves of bread fed a crowd of 5000. The story of Jesus feeding the 5000 reminds us of His compassion for others,

Dear God,

Help us to show compassion for everyone around us. Help us to remember that every kind word and kind deed matters and makes a big difference, even though we may not realise. Amen.

IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please can we remind you that the welfare team will need to call parents to collect a child who either has a temperature or has been given calpol (or similar medication) to reduce feverishness.

Mrs Jones can advise if you are unsure whether your child should be in school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder, the daily charge for Breakfast Club attendance to £1/day for families who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals and £2/day for all other families. This daily charge will need to be paid via Parent Pay. Please see the school office if you want help with this.

If you would like your child to eat breakfast, please ensure this is booked by 7am each day via your Pantry account.

If you have any questions regarding Breakfast Club food or booking your child's lunch options, please contact The Pantry via email: office@thepantrycatering.co.uk or call 0208 813 7040.

MEET

Banji Alexander

AUTHOR OF
LOCKDOWN LOOMS
REGGIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



AS SEEN ON:


FRI
2ND FEB

VISIT: WWW.LOCKDOWNLOOMS.COM

CELEBRATED AUTHOR, BANJI ALEXANDER WILL BE VISITING OUR SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 2ND FEB, TO TALK ABOUT HIS VERY SPECIAL BOOK AND TO SIGN COPIES!
WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR HIM?

PRE-ORDER BOOKS VIA THE SCHOOL, FOR £10!



DON'T FORGET.....

Banji Alexander, will be visiting us on Friday 2nd February. Banji will be reading to children from Reception to Year 6 so if you would like to pre-order a signed copy of Banji's book, please complete the form and return it to the school office by 1st February. Any class with 5 or more book pre-orders will be allowed to wear their funniest hats to school when they meet Banji but there will also be a book signing at the end of the day if you want to buy another copy or two!





Phoebe in 5SN made this great model of our planets for her science topic homework.

Number Day 2024

On Thursday 1st February, we will be supporting the NSPCC by holding a 'Number Day' in school. Number Day promotes the use of number in school and at home. As part of this, we will be having our morning off of time table to participate in different activities related to number.

Children are invited to wear anything that has numbers on for the day and we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1, which will go directly to the NSPCC.



Attendance Matters

Thank you to all our parents for supporting the school by ensuring their child is in class and ready to learn at 8.50am each day as children can find it unsettling when they are late. If you have problems with attendance, please speak to Mrs Papadakis or Mrs Winter. A reminder to all parents that the school does not authorise holiday during school time. We ask that parents call the school office before 8.45am if your child will be absent for any reason.

Whole school attendance from the start of term is 94.1% and for the week beginning 15th January was 92.9%. Our school target is 96%.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Each week the children have the opportunity to earn Positive Behaviour Points for showing kind hands, kind words and kind actions. This week's class of the week was 6MN with 1059 positive behaviour points.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	MERIT
NURSERY	88.2	N/A
RJB	91.4	Daniella
REF	92.5	Diya
1SF	90.8	N/A
1LZ	91.1	Chezhiyan
2LD	98.3	N/A
2EM	89.3	Eri
3MG	95.9	Dylan
3BF	95.9	Joel
4RM	86.7	Muhammad
4IT	97.1	Kawen
5JM	94.1	Joe
5SN	89.3	Danielle
6MN	99.3	Ilyas
6ES	92.0	Ethan

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Social Media Influencers

The things social media influencers do and say online can be quite impactful. Around a third of children and young people think that, because the influencer is a 'celebrity', what they share is always good. But we know that isn't the case.

Internet Matters has a great article where various specialists offer advice and guidance to parents/carers to help them to speak with their children about social media influencers. You can find the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/how-can-i-help-my-child-think-critically-about-the-social-media-influencers-they-follow/>

Safeguarding Review

This week, Mrs Wood from Frays Academy Trust, and Ms Claridge, our Safeguarding Governor, carried out a safeguarding review in school. They were very impressed with the children's understanding of safeguarding, their knowledge of our consent curriculum and how they keep safe.

Here are some of the things the children said:

'I feel safe at St Matthew's as all members of staff look after me and protect me.'

'If I have any worries, I can speak with Miss Murphy as she helps us.'

'Consent means asking permission for an appropriate touch. For example, asking someone if they would like a hug.' 'Online safety is important. You should never share your personal information to someone you do not know.'

'We are safe at school as the Site Manager checks for hazards.'

PAYMENT REMINDERS

Just a reminder that the following payment items are 'live' on Parent Pay:

PGL Rivals (for all Year 6 pupils not going to PGL)

Proms Praise (pupils attending have received a letter about this—other pupils are on a waiting list)

Kew Gardens (Year 2 pupils)

Please can we ask that all payments are made by the deadlines. If you need any help with this or have a question, please speak to a member of the office team.

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions

ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

**Friendship, Trust, Compassion,
Forgiveness, Gratitude**

GET TO KNOW US

Name: Mrs Winter

What do you like most about St Matthew's? I feel strongly about the values that St Matthew's follow and the staff are amazing!

The one thing you do not know about me. I love cats

My favourite book when I was a child was Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren

 St. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Join us for a *Pancake Party*
at St Matthew's Church Centre

Free to attend



Shrove Tuesday
13th February : 6.30- 8:00pm

Pancake races | Pancake tossing
Burning of last year's palm crosses | Ideas for Lent

We love hanging out over a cuppa and a

Community

Free



Every Thursday morning

Open 8.30–10.30am

In school term-time

Fresh Coffee | Tea | Homemade cakes

St Matthew's Church Centre

High Street, Yiewsley, UB7 7QH

For more information contact:

Jack Clements, Centre Manager & Community Worker

St Matthew's Church Office on 01895 444 042



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