



## NEWSLETTER 4 – 1st November 2024

Good afternoon everyone, welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! It is definitely much colder and damper out as well the evenings getting dark much earlier.

First of all I want to thank you all for your generosity last half term with our Harvest Appeals. You very kindly donated £77.60 to the Bishop of Blackburn's appeal to help the schools in the Diocese of Multan, in Pakistan and several boxes of food which have gone to the local Community Hub. We were delighted that Taz was able to come along to receive the goods and he asked me to pass on his and the Hub staffs' gratitude for your support.



Mr Mackley  
Headteacher

### We've won another award!

In recognition of the good work which goes on here, we have been awarded the Artsmark Gold Award by the Arts Council of England! This is a fantastic achievement by everyone here and I want to particularly thank Mrs Hatton who put the submission together (quite a big job!) in order for us to receive this accolade.



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If you want to read more about the various awards we have received, please visit our website at <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/our-awards>

### Competition Winner!

Well done to Zarrar from Y6 who entered the treasure hunt at one of Moor Park High School's Open Evenings recently; along with 3 other children from other schools he was a winner! We were delighted to present him with his £50 Smyths Toys Voucher just before the half term holiday.

### Curriculum Letters

Please visit our website to read the curriculum letters for your child's class to see what they are undertaking this half term. <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/children/class-pages>

### At the end of the day....



Please can we remind you to spend the time talking with your child at the end of the day and not to be on a telephone call - it is important to spend time with your child in support of their learning.

### Cleaner vacancy

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."

We have a vacancy for a cleaner at school. For more details please contact Mrs Jordan, School Business Manager via the School Office.

### Primary School Applications

If you have a child who will be starting in September next year or you know someone who has a child who will be, please remember that you need to apply for a place online by the **15th January 2025**

See our school website at <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/parents/admissions> for more information including posters in a variety of different languages.

### Stars of the Week & Values Award

Week ending 18th October:

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Shahab & Alaina	Jorgie & Zayn
Y1	Serah & Umairah	Patrick & Bareerah
Y2	Jakub & Isa	Anaya & Kamshire
Y3	Jayden & Aayat	Aamina & Divine
Y4	Amardeep & Zuzanna	Ali & Peran
Y5	Angela & Abdullah	Cosmin & Eileen
Y6	Freay & Nabihah	Lisa & Sofia

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mrs Bryden)	M. Ali Master correctly solved the maths challenge!
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	-
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	6R had a comprehensive victory and Owais was the most valuable player.
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	Most improved in accuracy were: 1st - Jakub; 2nd Kamshire; 3rd Musa
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Aleen correctly identified that the population of the UK was 69, 000, 000 people

Week ending 1st November:

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Antonio & Dhruv	Sehar & Kaurive
Y1	Kornel & Shahzaib	Amyra & Bareerah
Y2	Darius & Gabriella-Maria	Tara & Ahmed
Y3	Lilly & Hasnain	Zahrah & Kiana
Y4	M. Master & Aden	Kehinde & Kris
Y5	Meerab & Haniyah	fabian & Irina
Y6	Demii-Leigh & Amna	Ofuje & Michael

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mrs Bryden)	No one solved the challenge!
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	-
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	Battle for next week is 4C v 3M!
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - Gabriela-Maria, 2nd - Ahmed, 3rd - Jayram
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Massimo correctly identified that the population of the USA, when last counted, was 345, 426, 571 people!

## Attendance

We always share the attendance data a week in arrears as we need to calculate the numbers carefully before sharing which means it is not always ready to go at the same time as the Stars of the Week and Values Awards.

This is the data for week ending **18th October**

Class:	Number of Late Marks:	Year Group	Present Marks
RH	3	Rec	93.01%
RT	1		
1C	5	Y1	94.17%
1SW	1		
2G	8	Y2	96.93%
2R	0		
3H	1	Y3	97.71%
3M	2		
4C	1	Y4	93.53%
4CH	1		
5B	4	Y5	95.42%
5D	8		
6R	1	Y6	97.5%
6W	3		

**Fantastic results here, 3 year groups on green for attendance of 96% or better and, once again, all year groups in the 90s!**

**Very well done to 2R for zero lates!**

## Reflection & Prayer

As we returned to school this week, we gathered together to review expectations of behaviour and to celebrate how good behaviour is around our school. It is always a delight when **every** visitor we have to school comments on the



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positive and calm atmosphere around school and how well mannered the children are.

*Father God, thank you for our school and our school family. Help us today and everyday to remember to try our best in everything we do. Help us always to remember that the way we behave impacts on those around us and to remember that the better we behave, the happier everyone around us will be - us included!*

*Bless us all this ½ term.*

**Amen**

### **Google Translate**

If you need to translate this newsletter into your own language, please feel free to use <https://translate.google.com/> It's not perfect but better than nothing! Class Dojo only translates into a limited number of languages and we are aware of at least 28 languages other than English which are spoken here at St Matt's!



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