



NEWSLETTER 9 – 3rd April 2025

How on earth are at the Easter holidays already? Christmas seems like yesterday when we celebrated the birth of Christ and we now come to the holiest time of year for Christians when we remember the sacrifice of Christ at Easter time.

I know many of our school family celebrated the end of Ramadan with the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr last weekend and it was wonderful to see the children in their new clothes in school yesterday. It remains a source of great joy for me to lead this multi-cultural and multi-faith school family where we can learn from one another and share our common bonds of humanity and love for each other. So, in that spirit of love and compassion, may I wish you all a peaceful and restful holiday and the peace and blessings from God for you all.



Mr Mackley
Headteacher

Cross Country

Yesterday a group of children from St Matthew's represented us at the Preston Schools' Cross Country event. Whilst we didn't win any trophies, all of our competitors gave their all and completed the event with great determination and sportsmanship and none of them came last!



Allergies & Birthday Treats

We have a significant number of children with food allergies and also specific dietary requirements. We know that when it is a child's birthday, many parents want to send in cakes or sweets to share with classmates which is a very kind and generous thing to do.

Please note that we can only share such food items if they are shop bought with a clear list of ingredients and possible allergens. Do not be offended if we refuse to hand items out which do not have this; we have a duty of care to ensure that children with allergies and intolerances are not exposed to risk.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

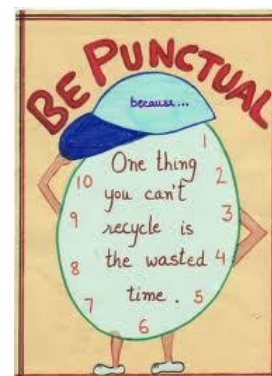
Uniform

Just a further reminder that we do expect the children to wear correct uniform to school each day, if you are not sure what that is, please ask us or visit <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/parents/uniform> for more details.

Punctuality

Each week on a Friday we celebrate the year group with the best overall attendance and the class with the best punctuality; so please make sure that your child(ren) get to school on time each day so that they not only make the most of the learning experience but also help their class win £5 if they have the best punctuality!

We have noticed some children regularly arriving as the gates are closing or just after. After Easter, these children will be recorded as late once the bell has gone and the gate is being closed. Please be on time!



Class Dojo

We know you find this a useful tool for sharing information about what is happening in class and for messaging the teachers. Please note, staff are only required respond to messages during working hours and not during weekends or holidays; also, if you wish to contact Mr Mackley, please do not use Dojo but contact the school office either on 01772 794482 or via psmoffice@cidari.co.uk Thank you.

Stars of the Week & Values Award

Week ending 14th March

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Seerat & Isabella	Antonio & Muaaz
Y1	Wania & Weronika	Juwaria & Hannah
Y2	Azriel & Mohammed K	Mia & Dua
Y3	Mira & Alexia	Jayden & Essa
Y4	Abinoor & Kris	lasmina & Areesha
Y5	Sara & Kayden	Nigel & Amiyah
Y6	Sulayman, Samuel & Hawwa	Zara & Marwa

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mrs Bryden)	Ranveer - Y5
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	Weronika - Y1
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	Y4 girls won! Erum = MVP
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - safa, 2nd - Aida, 3rd Elyf
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Marius - Y5

Week ending 21st March

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Kiara & Noor	Gabriela & Sufyan
Y1	Armeena & Hamdan	Kornel & Yusuf
Y2	Tasneem & Kamshire	Dominic & Hafsa
Y3	M Arif & Kiana	Yarin & Hanifat
Y4	M. Hussain & Eric	Maria & Zayd
Y5	Adam S & Marliss	Sophia & Irinia
Y6	Scarlett & Juwairiyah	Sara & Andrei

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mrs Bryden)	Kiana Y3 (St Patrick's Day Challenge)
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	Ayaan - Y2
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	Y4 boys! Shayan = MVP
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - Bhavik, 2nd - Jakub, 3rd - Azriel
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	-

Reflection & Prayer

This week we learnt about the Muslim festival of Eid-ul-Fitr, why it is so important and some of the traditions and customs and joyous events of the festival. We learnt about the sharing of gifts and the generosity of giving to charity at this special time.

God of all,

Thank you for the good things in our lives.

Thank you for the times when we are happy.

Help us to share our happiness with people who may be sad or lonely.

We pray for people around the world who do not have enough to eat - help us to be generous with what we have.

Amen

All our worships can be viewed online here <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/blog/category/worship>



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If you need to translate this newsletter into your own language, please feel free to use [Google Translate](#) . 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 31 languages other than English which are spoken here at St Matt's!



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