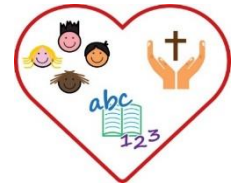


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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



NEWSLETTER – 26th April 2021

★ Stars of the week! ★	★ Values Award ★	★
Reception Mia & Daria Year 1 Trevor & Amiyah Year 2 Umar & Zain Year 3 Elissa & Samiyah Year 4 Inaya & Divine Year 5 Raheem & all 5B! Year 6 Oliwier & Muhammadawais	Reception Rania & Amardeep Year 1 Adam & Esme Year 2 Reis & Aizah Year 3 Tommy & Erdi Year 4 Eda & Alina Year 5 Jakub & Ayaan Year 6 Olivia & Aisha	Best attendance: Year 4 Best punctuality: Reception & Year 1

The values we are considering this half term are **THANKFULNESS** (one of our school values) and **SERVICE**.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the latest school newsletter, we hope that you are finding them useful? We have been putting the text directly into Dojo deliberately so that those who wish to access them in their own language are able to do so. Dojo is able to translate into over 35 different languages.

This link will help you work out how to do it on laptops, Android or Apple devices.

<https://classdojo.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/204885716-How-to-Translate-Class-Story-Posts-for-Parents#web>

Very best wishes,

Mr Mackley

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

One of the great things about St Matthew's school family is the rich cultural diversity of its members. We have well over 20 different languages spoken by our children and we celebrate this! We are currently going through our records and want to update them to make sure we know all the languages that our children are exposed to outside of school. When you receive your letter, please do complete the slip and return it to school, thank you.



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Silver Award
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Halo Code

Following a suggestion by one of our Year 5 pupils, the School Council have been considering the Halo Code and want us as a school to adopt it. If you want to know more about the Halo Code please visit their website [here](#).

Essentially, the code asks workplaces to recognise the cultural significance and importance of Black hairstyles. Following the challenge from the children, we recognise this importance and are happy to adopt the [code for schools](#) which is:

“Our school champions the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black staff and students’ racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, and wraps.

At this school, we recognise and celebrate our staff and students’ identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed.”

Here are some pictures of some of our Black children with their fabulous hairstyles:



All we ask is that any braiding which uses colours only uses any of our school colours, thank you and that hair is tied back safely for PE lessons. 😊

Uniform

Whilst on the subject of uniform, it is lovely to see the children coming in their summer uniforms, another reminder that better weather is here!

Can we remind families that uniform is school shoes and not trainers/pumps and that it is school trousers/skirts and not joggers or leggings. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch

Ramadan

For those who are collecting their children to take them home at lunchtime, please be prompt to collect at 12:30pm and return **at** 1:30 pm, not before. Thank you.

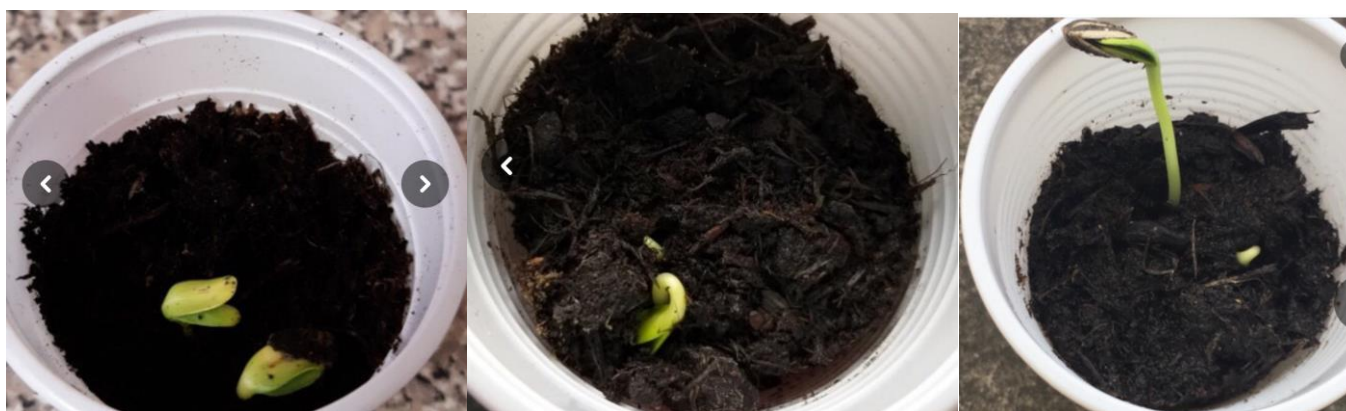
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Something to share!

We thought you would like to see some of the work Year 5 have been doing in Science which they have been sharing on their Dojo page for their families. They have been studying seedlings and tadpoles with some great learning and fantastic vocabulary in use!



Prayer

From Mr Mackley's worship this week:

Serving with joy prayer

Father God

Give us willing hearts to serve others with joy
and bring them help and comfort.

Give us humility to accept help and service from others
with thankfulness and grace.

Amen.

Dates for your diary:

- 📅 May Day Holiday – Monday 3rd May **reminder, this is next Monday**
- 📅 Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
- 📅 PTFA Meeting 15th June, 2pm
- 📅 School Closes for the summer – Friday 16th July.

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Governor Meetings:

-  Curriculum & Standards Committee – tonight
-  Resources Committee – 10th May
-  Vision & Ethos Committee – 17th May
-  Full Governing Board – 14th June

Don't forget to visit our school website if you need answers to your questions about school **and** do have a look at some of our worship blogs and leave us a comment!

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Also, if you are one of the very few who are not yet registered for Class Dojo, get in touch with your child's teacher to find out how to get connected!

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