



St Matthew's Friday Feature



Friday 27th January 2023

World War I Workshop

"On Monday we were very lucky to get the experience of meeting Steve so that he could teach us about World War I. We also ended up learning some facts about World War II!!

With Steve we learnt about a lot of things. We learnt about the different causes of WWI: nationalism, militarism, imperialism and alliances. The main event was the assassination of Franz Ferdinand. He was the Archduke of Austria-Hungary. He was killed by a Serbian nationalist called Gavrilo Princip who was a Black Hand member. We also learnt about the gas rattle which is used to alert soldiers in the trenches when there is gas which was deadly! At random times Steve would shake

the rattle alerting us to put the mask on that we were given.

We were shown a picture of what the trenches looked like, and we could see sandbags on top of the

trenches. These were used to stop bullets from killing soldiers. As a pair of two or three we had to fill up bags with pieces of newspaper crumpled up. We had to make them thick enough so that we could then recreate a sandbag wall. This was an awesome experience for our whole class, we learnt a LOT!"

By Michaela and Jack



Well Done



Well done to these four! Ffion was awarded best dancer in her troop, Pistis swam 5 metres, Serenity won a football match and Chloe was awarded a medal for working extra hard in her gymnastics. Great work!

Young Voices

Last night I was so proud to accompany 40 of our choir to the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham. There were over 6000 children there singing their hearts out and we couldn't have enjoyed their company more! We also received the exciting news that the BBC children's television programme, Blue Peter, attended and filmed the performance and rehearsals in the arena and their Presenter Mwaksy Mudenda was on stage during warmups and taking part in the performance as part of the Young Voices Choir. It was amazing! We also found out that our children can apply for their Blue Peter Music badge for just taking part in any Young Voices performance. The Blue Peter episode with the Young Voices performance is likely to be aired on Friday 3rd February 2023 at 5pm on CBBC and iPlayer, so make sure you tune in!

To add to our excitement Heather Small was the guest singer and we were amazed to hear her say we were joining her in recording 'Proud' as a Charity single which will be released soon! There is much to celebrate!

What we enjoyed most though was being with such a wonderful group of children who as always represented their school with so much pride and enthusiasm - we couldn't be prouder of them! Thank you to Mrs Skitt for all her hard work in preparing the children, and to Miss Wilson and Mrs Urey who accompanied me on the day.

Mrs Clark

Dates for your Diary

7 February	Dogs Trust assemblies
20 to 24 February	Half term
3 to 14 April	Easter break
26 to 27 April	Year 2 Kingswood
9—12 May	Year 6 SATS
29 May to 2 June	Half term
5 June	PD Day
6 June	Back to school
7 to 9 June	Year 6 Arthog
21st July	Break up for summer

Commando Joe

Perseverance—Bluebelle

Service—Dayton and Corey

Generosity—Laila

Justice—Caitlin

Respect—Jayden



Kingswood

"On Monday Year 3 had a day trip to Kingswood.

We were going to learn all about the Stone Age. First we cooked dough on a campfire just like they did thousands of years ago. We all ate the bread—it was yummy.

Then we had a go at using Stone Age weapons and tools. We got to shoot a bow and arrow at a target.

After lunch we had great fun building a Stone Age shelter. We had to work as a team to collect the materials.

The last activity was working out how to move a large, heavy rock with wooden logs and just one finger.

We all had a great day doing all of these fun activities." by Amelia B and Max



*KS1
Recommendations
this week went to :*

Miss Scully's class :

Redeemer
Che
Pistis
Riley
Chloe
Serenity

Achievement awards go to :

Hollie and David in Miss Wilson's class

Taiah and Junior in Miss Jeffrey's class

Ffion and Henson in Miss Scully's class

Evie and Noah in Mrs Jenkins' class

BAFTAs went to :

Freddie and Safire



An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)

Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper

Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)

Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

It is VITAL that your child attends these days as they are statutory so please avoid booking any holidays at this time.