Matthew's C.E (Aided) Primary School and Nursery Centre







'I can do all things because Christ gives me strength' Philippians 4:13

"Thursday" Feature: 26th October 2023

This half-term we are focusing on the Christian Value of Generosity

'God loves a cheerful giver' 2 Corinthians 9.7



Dear Parents/Carers

I have had a wonderful first-half term at St. Matthew's. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. It has been a pleasure to get to know so many parent/carers and children.

I hope you enjoyed parents evening. This was very well attended and I spoke to number of parents who felt it was really beneficial to meet the teachers and look at books.

Wishing you a wonderful half-term. We will be open again on Monday 6th November.

Harvest Festivals

The children led two fantastic Harvest Festivals this week. Many thanks for attending and sending in an amazing amount of food donations. They have been collected today.



Remembrance

The children will be holding a Remembrance Service on Friday 10th November and holding a 2 minute silence. From Monday 6th November we will be selling Remembrance Day merchandise.

Poppies - Donation

Zip pulls - 50p

Poppy Reflectors - 50p

Wristbands - £1

Snap bands - £1

Lunches

After half term we will not be serving sandwiches, but will be bringing back jacket potatoes with baked beans and/or cheese. This is to encourage our children to have a hot dinner during the winter months.

Weekly prayer

"Thank you God for taking care of us

Thank you for the Harvest and the lovely things to eat,

Thank you for all of the lovely things in our world.

Amen"

By Duchess

Sensei's End of Term PE Superstars

| 56 | Davey Mai | 45 | Indie |
|----|-----------|----|--------|
| R1 | Lillie | 12 | Taiah |
| 34 | Harrison | 2 | Lucas |
| R | Leo | 3 | Skylar |

Karate Afterschool Club Back Belt of the

Term— Milosz

Rounders After School Club— Austin and Mila

Minecrafter of the Term— Kenzo

Applying for a Reception or Year 7 School Place

The portal is now open for parents to apply for a school place in either Reception or Year 7 for September 2024.

The closing date for Reception places (born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20) is the 15th January 2024.

The closing date for Year 7 places (born between 1.9.12 and 31.8.13) is the 31st October 2023.

More information on applying for a place can be found on the Telford and Wrekin website.

Future dates/events

27.10.23 : PD Day

30.10.23 to 3.11.23 - Half Term

10.11.23—Remembrance Day

17.11.23—Children in Need—Mufti with £2 for charity

28.11.23—Flu vaccinations

22.12.23 - PD Day

25.12.23 to 5.1.24 – Christmas Break

12.1.24—Year 6 Height and Weight check

Pupils of the Week and Readers of the

Week



Readers

| Reception :St Francis | Dylan and Laylani | Miller |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| R/1: St Teresa | Milana and Janelle | Lucie |
| 1/2: St Nicholas | Kaliyah and Victoria | Ruari |
| 2: St Joseph | Henson and Joshua | Luna |
| 3: St Cecilia | Stanley and Eveie | Luca |
| 3/4: St Sophia | Daphne and Jayda | Leon |
| 4/5: St Kateri | Indie and Hamina | Bluebelle |
| 5/6: St Thomas | Kelsey and Kai | Natalia |
| 6: St Padre | Darcey and Diego | Kharis |

Art Week

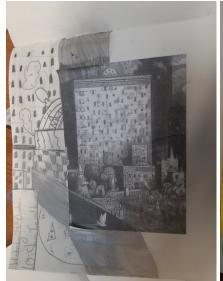
The whole school has been producing some fabulous art work this week.

Year 6 have been looking at the Works of Lubaina Himid. An artist who tells stories of racial struggles and the tiny moments in life that can be celebrated. The children have been practising mark making and collaging to make abstract pieces in the style of Lubaina, drawing on the patterns and vibrant colours she employs.

Daphne in Mrs Wyre's class said "this is the sea beast. I used my imagination. It is a sea hag."











Black History Month

Mrs Wyre's Class

Lenny's Childhood



Lenworth George Henry was born on 29th August 1958. Lenny's parents are from Jamaica but he was the first from the family to be born in the UK. His parent's were part of the Windrush Generation where the government told them to come to the UK to work after the second world war. As a child he lived in Dudley. He faced a lot of racism. He faced violence just for the colour of his skin. Lenny was bullied at school and they used awful racist words towards him and his family.

Written by Peniel

Lenny's early work life.

Lenny loved making people laugh and would pretend to be different people as he became a very funny comedian. At the age of 16 he went on a competition on TV and won it twice! He was also a singer, actor, a voice over for cartoon characters and is also now a writer. He went on a TV show called 'Tiswas.' When he was a comedian he met a lady called Dawn and they got married. They adopted a baby called Billie. In 1980 he joined 'Comic strip' and in 1984 he had his own show called 'The Lenny Henry Show.' Him and his wife faced lots of racism when they got married too.

Written by Ruby

Charity life

In 1983, there was an awful famine in Ethiopia and over 1 million people died. As an adult, on 1st April 1986 Lenny had to something about it so he got Richard Kurtis and they made the first ever Comic Relief. They raised 15 million pounds and over 30 million watched it on TV. It made people laugh, they gave money for this. After, Lenny visited Sudan and he saw how the money was going to help. The second year of Comic Relief, they raised 26.9 million!

In 2017 he was made the life president of Comic Relief and so far they have raised over 1 billion pounds.

Written by Noah

Lenny's life nowadays.

Eventually, he even appeared in Shakespeare plays. In 205, the Queen gave Lenny a Knighthood. Since then, Lenny has enjoyed studying and has a PhD in screen writing and English literature. Henry also supports his favourite football team, West Bromwich Albion.

Written by Daphne

Miss Jeffries Class

We learnt all bout Marcus Rashford and practised their football skills to be as good as him.





Get in touch: If you wish to discuss anything on the Friday Feature please contact the school office on 01952 386260 or <u>a3358@taw.org.uk</u>.