



St Matthew's School Newsletter

21st July 2017

We are delighted to begin our final newsletter of the year with news of two awards that we have learned St Matthew's has achieved this week...

Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award



We have had an amazing year of sport again this year at St Matthew's, and the year has finished with the fantastic year that, for the first time, we have been awarded the Sainsbury's School games Gold Award. We have been working towards this award for a number of years and we are delighted that we have finally achieved it.

Well done to all of the children, staff, parents, volunteers and coaches who have contributed to all of our work in this area – but we have to say an extra special congratulations to Mr Collard who has worked so hard to develop the range of sporting opportunities on offer to our children.

Food for Life Bronze Award

The awards are coming thick and fast for St Matthew's this week as we have just found out that we have also been granted the Food for Life Bronze Award for Food Education this week.



Well done to Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Sewell who have coordinated our work in this area, to everyone in our SNAG Team (School Nutrition Action Group) and again to all of the staff, parents and volunteers who have given their time to develop food education in our school. Special mention should go to our PTA who funded the building of our growing area – an important part of our achieving this award.

Developments continue next year when Premier Sport will start delivering lessons on nutrition to classes across the school in half term blocks.

This rounded off another year of sporting success for St Matthew's in which we also claimed second place in the Overall Sports Competition. Well done to our Rounders team who finished second in the final competition of the year.

A huge well done to all of our teams, coaches and parent supporters for all their efforts this year.

Working with the NSPCC

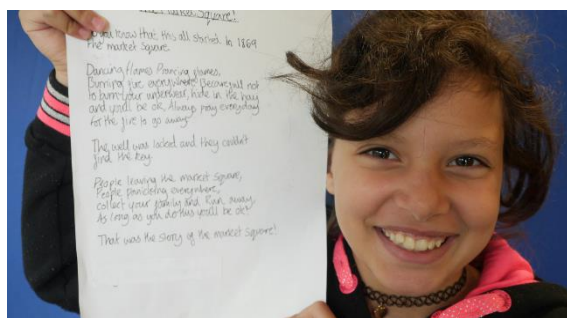
This term we have worked with the NSPCC who came into school to run assemblies and workshops on the "Underwear Rule". (Find out more at www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/).



Alongside this we raised money for the NSPCC with our Colour Run organised by Mrs Lloyd. Together we managed to raise £5,408.26 - a brilliant effort all round!

Year 5 Children Get creative with Historyworks and Michael Rosen

This summer term Year 5 children have enjoyed celebrating their creative achievements as part of the 'My Cambridge' History Trails project with Professor Helen Weinstein. They then attended the exciting creative writing workshop with Michael Rosen hosted by Historyworks at the University of Cambridge Debating Chamber. The Year 5 children have developed and shared their final pieces of poetry, song and artwork with Mario and Helen from Historyworks who came into school to record and photograph their work. Michael, Helen and Mario have all been extremely impressed by the standard the children's fantastic pieces and gave out special certificates to mark their amazing achievements at the end of term.



To find the poetry of our school students, inspired by the local history of the area, visit the Creating My Cambridge website: <http://www.creatingmycambridge.com/multimedia/schools-poetry-and-songs/morley-primary-school-lions-poems/>

To see the photos of the Y5 children & their work go to:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/historyworks/albums/72157686284990776>

To see the photos from the project and event with Michael Rosen hosted by Historyworks at the Cambridge University Debating Chamber:

<http://www.creatingmycambridge.com/multimedia/photo-slideshows/>

Next term we are looking forward to Historyworks singing with our choir and KS2 students for a new project which Helen Weinstein has devised to work with Michael Rosen called 'Rhyme and Rhythm of the Railways', and to sing new songs and poetry for the unveiling of a new artwork on Mill Road made by the local sculptor, Harry Gray, called 'The Romsey R'.

Also, parents, carers and children are welcome to join Historyworks to celebrate National Play Day on 2nd August on Coldham's Common. For details, see the posters at the end of this newsletter.

Summer Extravaganza

The PTA organised another fantastic Summer Extravaganza last Friday, raising £3,509 for the school. Thank you to all of the parents who organised the event – a fine example of how our PTA raises funds for the school while at the same time bringing our school community together.



The PTA have been organising events for us that have achieved these things all year. As mentioned above in relation to the growing area, the funds they raise makes a huge difference to the experience the children have in school. We really can't thank them enough.

Goodbye to Year Six

The end of the academic year always involves a few sad farewells. As said previously, we are saying goodbye to Miss Purnell, Mrs Isaac and Miss Willson today. We are of course also saying goodbye to our wonderful year six children. It has been a real pleasure having you all as part of our school community. Your leavers' assembly this morning was beautiful and brought many tears to many eyes. We will miss you all and wish you the very best of luck in the future.



Dates for Next Term

Below are some dates for next academic year.

Autumn Term 2017

Training Days, School closed to children	Monday 4 th September 2017 and Tuesday 5 th September 2017
School starts for children (note staggered start for Nursery and Reception children – see information on your admission information)	Wednesday 6 th September, 2017
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2017	
Autumn Term Closes	Tuesday 19 th December, 2017

Spring Term 2018

Training Day, school closed to children	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018
School starts for children	Thursday 4 th January, 2018
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2018	
Spring Term Closes	Thursday 29 th March, 2018

Summer Term 2018

Training Day	Monday, 16 th April, 2018
School starts for children	Tuesday, 17 th April, 2018
May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)	Monday 7 th May, 2018
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018	
Training Day, school closed to children	Monday, 4 th June, 2018
School starts for children	Tuesday, 5 th June, 2018
Last Day of Summer Term	Tuesday, 24 th July, 2018

Please note, children in years 1 to 6 return to school on Wednesday 6th September. Parents of children in nursery and reception will have received information already about their children's start dates.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing you for the start of the new academic year.



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BIG WEDNESDAY ON COLDHAM'S COMMON



To celebrate National Play Day
Please join us for some creative and sporting activities
including Geocaching, Birds of Prey, Street games and more!

Wednesday 2nd August | 1pm - 4pm
Coldham's Common (Abbey Pool end)

Activities: FREE

BIG WEDNESDAY

for ACTIVE ABBEY ADVENTURES!

Drop in any time 1pm - 4pm

Activities planned include:

- Wildlife Walk & Geocache Trail
- Badge-making and Pterosaur Mobiles and Glider-making for the Geocaching toy boxes and Scavenger Trail activity with Historyworks
- "Sweeper" obstacle attraction
- Park tennis & PING
- Cambridge Community Circus Workshop
- Making Bird feeders with Amey
- Meet and greet Birds of Prey from the Raptor Foundation and see the Owls and Falcons fly above Coldham's Common
- Abbey People mosaic-making activities & Youth Group Tuck Shop
- University Museums Object handling & activities
- Face painting and Under 5's area with ChYpPS
- Craft activities with Cambridge Community Scrapstore
- Parachute flying with Cambridge United Community Trust
- Sports activities from the City Council's Active Lifestyle team, GLL & Decathlon including street games, football and an athletics challenge!
- FREE Refreshments from Cambridge Food Cycle and Outspoken 'Make Your Own' Smoothie Bike Challenge

For more information please contact us:

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PLEASE NOTE: This is not a childcare facility. Children are free to come and go as they please. Under 10's must be accompanied by an adult.

In Partnership with:



Activities will be located in and around popup tents next to the BMX track near the Abbey Leisure Centre, Whitehill Rd, Cambridge CB5 8NT

