

## Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Exam season is now drawing to a close with the majority of our year 11's reaching the end point of their exam timetable and Year 10 having completed their three RE GCSE exams. It has been impressive to see the dedication and maturity our pupils have shown towards their studies during this crucial period of time. Our Year 6 pupils have completed their SATS exams and we are confident their hard work will pay off. We have been extremely impressed with their focus, hard work and determination and we ask that you keep all of these pupils in our prayers over the coming few weeks.

As we are in the final half term the staff body spend time reflecting on the year to date and there has been lots of continued success at SMA that we are very proud of. We had our first ever ski trip, our amazing Debate Mate team go from strength to strength with another National Final to look forward to; business studies pupils and media & film scholars collecting competition awards and athletics teams winning medals across South London while day in and day out we focus on delivering quality first teaching in classrooms. You will be able to read about some of these events in more detail within the newsletter.

The last half term is always a busy time as we start planning for next year and very soon will look forward to welcoming our new Year 7's and reception pupils.

We also have sports day and other end of term events to look forward to, including the Year 11 prom, the year 6 prom and the Year 6 Leaver's Mass.

We ask that you continue to support us by ensuring pupils uniform, timekeeping and behaviour continues to meet our high standard right until the end of term.

**Mr A Young**  
Deputy Headteacher

## Prayer and Reflection

This coming Sunday the Church will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, which was when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, Mary and Jesus' other followers, in the form of tongues of fire. They were given the gifts and fruits necessary to fulfil the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. Let us approach this feast day with the knowledge that if we fervently seek God, he will bestow on us all the gifts that we are worthy of.

*O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, didst promise to send the Holy Ghost to finish Thy work in the souls of Thy Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Thy grace and Thy love. Grant me Oh Father, wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety, knowledge and fear of the Lord. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Thy true disciples and animate me in all things with Thy Spirit.*

*Amen.*



***Veni Sancte Spiritus.***

Image By Rebecca Brogan

# Primary News

## Year 6

Year 6 have been working extremely hard this term and they have now completed their SATs. We are all so incredibly proud of Leopard Class and the determination and resilience that they have shown all year. Looking forward to the future, Year 6 are busy preparing for their residential in Guildford where they will be taking part in a range of activities including archery and crate stacking. We are looking forward to working together as a team, having lots of fun and making memories!



In other areas of the curriculum, Year 6 have begun learning about World War 2 as part of their history topic for the Summer Term. They know about the key events and why the war started. We are looking forward to learning lots more about this significant event in history. They have also been putting their maths skills to the test and completed an 'escape room' – well done to Alleyan and Acacia for cracking the code first! We are looking forward to developing our art skills this term and we started by creating one-line portraits and experimenting with different shades of colour.

Leopard Class, once again, have the best attendance in the primary phase – they are always in school and ready to learn! They are looking forward to celebrating their achievement with a tasty pizza party at the end of the Summer Term.



## Year 4

Things have been going swimmingly, as during the last half term the children have been at the Lewisham Glass Mill Leisure Centre every afternoon for their swimming lessons. The children have made great progress and it is wonderful to see them learning an important life skill that they will hopefully continue to practise and grow stronger at in the future.

As well as swimming, Year 4 have been busy in the classroom, where they have been working on fractions and decimals in maths, alongside their multiplication times table practise in preparation for the Multiplication Times Table Check in June.

In literacy the children have let their imaginations run wild in order to create their own Viking Saga – it has been a joy to read some of their creative tales of Gods, monsters, battles and voyages. The children's writing has been sparked by learning all about the Vikings, who they were and where they came from, they are looking forward to continuing this topic after half term.

In science the children have been learning about sound, how it is made and how it travels through different mediums.



# Secondary News

## Geography

Year 11 have completed their Geography GCSE exams this week. Quite an upbeat response from pupils as the targeted revision seems to have paid off - hopefully this predicts excellent results for our pupils!

Soon Year 10 will be off on an enrichment residential to the idyllic Surrey countryside, where they'll hone fieldwork skills. This will be followed up by a local trip to practice elements for their Component 3 exam, and investigate changes in Risk Mitigation over time.

Finally, Year 9 have been receiving feedback from their ranking exam, and they've relished the opportunity to improve their exam technique as well as deal with gaps in their knowledge.

## Sports News

Superstar Ade with his gold medal from the London Schools Athletics Championships on Saturday!!! Ade won the shot putt event even as one of the younger athletes in the championship



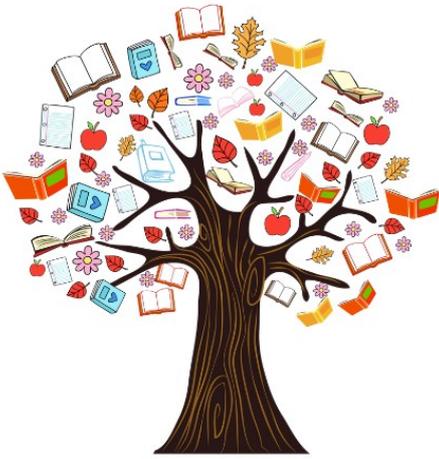
A team of Y3&4 boys participated in the Lewisham Schools football tournament on Tuesday. The team played 10 matches, winning 3. One player scored a phenomenal 5 goals in one match. Massive well done to the team for representing the school with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

The sun was shining at our annual rounders tournament, pupils and families gathered to get involved. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and the supportive nature of our school truly shone through. Well done to the dark blue team who were 2023 winners.



# Year 11 Leavers





# LITERACY CORNER

## Library News

We have been marking Mental Health Awareness week in the Learning Resource Centre.



## Book Reviews

### Secondary Phase

Liesel and Phoebe from year 8 reviewed 'Saving Celeste' by Timothee de Fombelle.

Celeste is a girl whose health is a reflection of the environment. If the environment gets worse, so does she. When a young boy finds this out, he does everything in his power to save her but is it enough?

I gave this story a 3.5 star rating because I loved the idea of the story and I love the perspective the author has taken on climate change. Despite this, I think he has rushed the book and I would have loved it to be slightly longer and maybe a bit more imagery.



# House Points Update:

Week beginning 12/06/23

## Total Achievement Points

1st – Teresa: 38486  
2nd – Romero: 34123  
3rd – Mandela: 32745

## Attendance:

1st - Mandela  
2nd - Teresa  
3rd - Romero

## Overall House Points

1st - Teresa: 4472  
2nd - Mandela: 3991  
3rd - Romero: 3984

Teresa house has maintained their first place position since the beginning of the school year, increasing the gap with the other houses during the last half term. Well done Teresa house!

Romero house is holding onto second place and not leaving any opportunity for Mandela to catch up.

After the selection progress, the pupils of the leadership team have been selected and it is with great joy that we can announce the following,

**Teresa house:** Head of House is Daksh, with Luxmy and Shameemah as assistants.

**Romero house:** Head of House is Fatima, with Gracie and Morgan as assistants.

**Mandela House:** Head of House is Aaliyat, with Resma and Paapa as assistants.

Prefects have also got stuck into their new roles. You can spot them all by their green jackets and their gold ties, please congratulate them and support them in their roles in serving the pupils.



# Going Above and Beyond!

## *Secondary phase*

*Pupils with the most achievement points during May*

### **Year 7**

Vladyslav STEPANIUK 7M1  
Polina MAZIAR 7M1  
Cassandra FOWLIN-KAMARA 7T3  
Adam EL HARI 7M2  
Cesar ANDRADE 7R1

### **Year 8**

Ademide OYELEYE 8M3  
Phoebe MAURER-SMALLEY 8T2  
Aarav NAIR 8M2  
Churchill KINGE 8T1  
Sienna Rose BENINCASA 8T2

### **Year 9**

Blessing AKINNUSI 9T1  
Shumsana NANTHAKUMAR 9R2  
Jodelee OWUSU 9R1  
Abdul KOMEH 9R1  
Maria NENYCH 9R1

### **Year 10**

Elana YOUSEFI 10T3  
Louise ARTHUR-FORSON 10T2  
Aliyat LATEEF 10M1  
Matthew ADEGBOLA 10T2  
Alexander PAREDES VASQUEZ  
10R2

### **Year 11**

Kevin AKUBUEZE 11EED  
Jessica ALIKER 11ABA  
Stiven MATEO NOVAS 11MEN

Dominion NDEM CHRISTOPHER 11KDE  
Isabelly CARVALHO DE SOUZA 11MEN

**Well done to these pupils for all their hard work!**

# Staff Stars

**Mr Bob-Ume**  
**Maths Teacher**



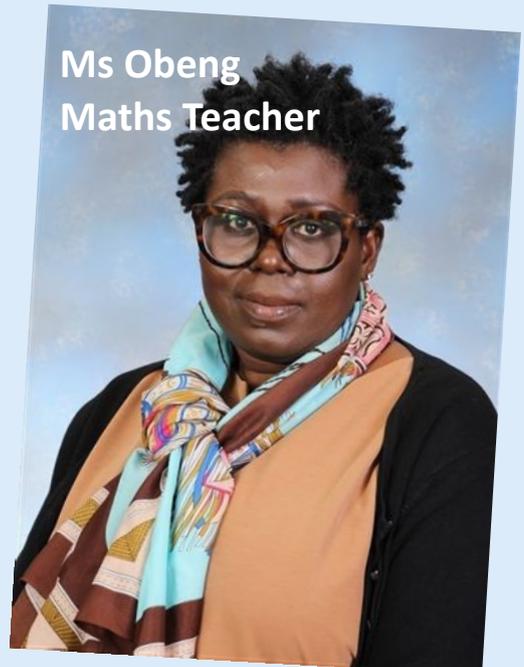
**Ms Knapp**  
**Attendance Officer**



**Ms Williams**  
**Admin**



**Ms Obeng**  
**Maths Teacher**



# Safeguarding our pupils at St Matthew Academy

At St Matthew Academy our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Young supported by Mr Gunningham (secondary) and Ms Chick (primary), and our Child Protection Officer is Mrs Laker. Pupils can contact any of our Safeguarding Team during the school day.

## Worried about a child?

**You can phone or write to MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.**

- Lewisham MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) **020 8314 6660**
- Or call **999** or **101** if you believe a child is in immediate danger
- Childline **0800 11 11** [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)
- NSPCC **0808 800 5000** [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

## Term Dates

### Summer Term 22/23

**Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023**

**Half Term: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023**

**Monday 5 June 2023 to Friday 21 July 2023**

### Autumn Term 23/24

**Tuesday 5 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023**

**Half Term: Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023**

**Monday 30 October 2023 to Wednesday 20 December 2023**

If you have any comments, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

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# Summer fayre

Thursday, 13th July 3:00-5:30pm

2023



**Traditional games and stalls**

**Tomobola**

**Raffle**

**Pre-loved uniform**

**Bouncy castle**

**Delicious food**

**Ice-cream van**



**All in the SMA community welcome!**

**All money raised for school charities, pupil enrichment i.e. theatre trips and school journey etc.**

# KS4 Art, Design and Technology

Friday 23rd June 2023 5:30 -7:00pm, Room no.20

# Exhibition



3 DEF

2 ABC

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6 MNO

5 JKL

4 GHI



9 WXY

8 TUV

7 PQRS



# Unlocked



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