

# St Matthew Academy Primary Newsletter



Let your light shine

Friday 12th December 2008

## Enterprise

### One Water

Year 8 girls are hoping to raise £7000 for a play pump in Africa so people can have safe clean drinking water.

So far they have raised £250 by selling bottles of water. The girls are asking people to donate one pound and their name would be put forward into a draw to win an Apodo (A resource to promote enterprise in school) which is worth £895 pounds. The Year 8 girls are hoping lots of people and different schools will donate and have a chance to win an Apodo for their



school. The winner will be drawn by Duncan Goose (head of One Water) on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. This is a national competition and we are hoping many people will support our attempt at raising the £7000-there is only £5850 to raise! Watch out for the girls and their raffle tickets.



## Congratulations

**Year 7 and 8 won the Lewisham Indoor rowing Championships last Friday afternoon!!**

They won the last deciding race by 1.01 seconds beating Knights Academy who are a Sports Academy!! It was a very sweet victory!

## Enterprise Week 15-18th December

Next week sees the start of more exciting opportunities for everybody to be involved in social enterprise. The theme of this Enterprise Week is how to be a good citizen. Watch out for the next edition of the newsletter where we will have all the details and achievements of our students. Meanwhile please discuss at home with your child the ways in which you try to be a good citizen.

## Technology News

My Name is Mr. Alexandrou, and I am the Head of Technology Faculty. This half-term I have been absolutely delighted with the effort and progress that 5E have made. They are brilliant learners, very confident while they use a range of tools and equipment very skillfully to a high standard. They have been working at a rate of knots, and they will soon be the proud owners of their mechanical toys. I will be very sad to give up this group on the next technology change over, they have been an absolute joy to teach, Thank you 5E.



Well done to the following Year 6 Editorial Committee of this Newsletter: **Keziah, Aaron, Amy, Rohanna**. The commitment, time and effort you have all put into this has really paid off. A big thank you to you all.

Mrs Cross

## SMA Christmas Carol Concert

To celebrate the coming of Our Saviour this Christmas, St Matthew Academy will be hosting a Carol concert in the main hall on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

On that Evening you will hear singing and music from our most musically talented students who will be letting their light shine. Hopefully see lots of you there.



## Stars of the Fortnight



|    |          |                 |
|----|----------|-----------------|
| NE | Shanai   | Dior-Brown      |
| NW | Shaune   | Thomas-Ferguson |
| RE | Clodwell | Gap Gaupol      |
| RW | Joseph   | Erokwu          |
| 1E | Trasjorn | Lawrence        |
| 1W | David    | Onoriode        |
| 2E | Anthony  | Erokwu          |
| 2W | Belinda  | Blackson        |
| 3E | Rashida  | Iscandari       |
| 3W | Reiss    | Tyra            |
| 4E | Zuzanna  | Jusczcak        |
| 4W | Tobi     | Awofeso         |
| 5E | Thomas   | Laver           |
| 5W | Enock    | Ajetunmobi      |
| 6E | Frederic | Alawe           |
| 6W | Joshua   | Salami          |

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|----|-----------|---------------|
| NE | Andy      | Torres        |
| NW | Paris     | Godman        |
| RE | Rochelle  | Carter        |
| RW | Gabriel   | Udoh          |
| 1E | Aaron     | Okolodo       |
| 1W | Angela    | Baliaj        |
| 2E | Ellie Mae | Grant         |
| 2W | Victoria  | Osaguona      |
| 3E | Amier     | Sharpe        |
| 3W | Cian      | Gough         |
| 4E | Xhesilda  | Baliaj        |
| 4W | Taylor    | Sonko-Garvey  |
| 5E | Alexander | Mothersole    |
| 5W | Frankie   | Donnelly      |
| 6E | Fiona     | Sanya Wandera |
| 6W | Leoni     | McKie         |

## Important Dates for the Spring Term

School Closes: **Friday 19th December at 3.20pm.** The secondary phase of the school will close at 1.45pm. If you wish to pick your child up earlier please inform their class teacher.

School opens: **January 5th 2009**

Half Term: **February 16th-20th 2009**

INSET Days: **January 26th and 27th 2009**

Congratulations to all, St Matthew Academy is very proud of you!

### Theme of the Week

A prayer for Hope

Dear God,  
 Faith Hope and Love are your gifts to us,  
 Help me to use these gifts when life gets hard,  
 You give me Hope when I can't see any,  
 Help me to share that promise of Hope with those I Love  
 Give me Faith to see the Hope that is there because you  
 Love and guide me.



### Advent

We have put up the crib to remind us that Advent is the time when we are preparing our hearts for Christ coming into our lives. Through Jesus we find out what God is like, so let us try and care for one another just a little bit more during this festive season.  
**Happy Christmas!**



### Mandela Charity

At the moment Mandela house are having a fund raising event.

Students and staff are very welcome to GUESS how many MM's are in a jar.

It's 10p a guess and you can guess as many times as you like. The money will be going to DEMELZA, a hospice with cares for children.

## Head of House

### Nelson Mandela

For many people, Nelson Mandela is the person they most associate with the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. At the forefront of the African national Congress' fight against racial segregation, he campaigned non-violently from 1944. By 1961, the government had banned the African National Congress and pursued a policy of aggression towards protesters such as Mandela. Despite this Nelson Mandela continued his drive to try and establish equality for all South Africans. In 1964, he began a life sentence in prison for political offences. His imprisonment, which was to last 27 years, led to worldwide publicity and support for his cause. Mandela thus became an international symbol of the fight for equality.

### Mother Teresa

Teresa House is named after Mother Teresa of Calcutta, an amazing woman who devoted her life to serving God through the work of serving the poor. In fighting for the dignity of the destitute, she gave the world a moral example that bridged divides of culture, class and religion. In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitute a threat to peace. When Mother Teresa received the prize, she was asked, "What can we do to promote world peace?" Her answer was "Go home and love your family."

### Oscar Romero

Oscar Romero was one of the most influential Archbishops of EL Salvador. He witnessed ongoing violation of human rights and therefore started a group which spoke out for the poor and the victims of EL Salvador's civil war. He spoke words of peace and supported non-violence among people. He used the Church as a light of hope to challenge oppressors. Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass for his devotion to peace and justice in his country. We aim to apply morals and principles of Romero's ethos of courage, hope and peace.