

# St Matthew Academy Primary Newsletter



Let your light shine

9th January 2009

## Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term at St Matthew Academy. We all hope you have a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New year. As we all try to keep to our New Year resolutions, we also encourage the children to think about what they would like to change and improve on this year. Remember a New Year is a new start! We look forward to another hard working term.



## Reception.

After meeting them, both Reception classes used puppets of their favourite Go-Giver to tell each other how they can be good citizens. They also had a go at making their own puppets to tell important messages. They had so much fun!

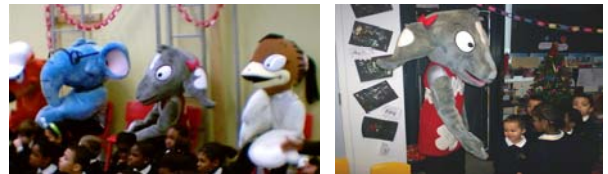
## Enterprise News December 15th-18th



A big thank you to the Go-Givers who managed to join us throughout the week as we learnt about being good citizens. They joined us for our celebration assembly and thought our singing of the Go-Givers' song was fantastic! Log onto the website to find out more about the Go-Givers.  
[www.gogivers.org](http://www.gogivers.org)

## Year 3

For Enterprise Week, 3E very excitingly had use of new Nokia handheld computers which allowed them to type up their work for their Podcast on London and also take photos of themselves as they worked. They also got to use new Neo computers from Renaissance Learning to allow them to share their work easily. This made it easy for Year 3 to work together in groups to create a script for a Podcast on London. They also created a display in groups to show off all their work on London and to present at the Go Givers assembly on the Thursday. 3E were very enterprising throughout the week and any time they met a problem they worked as a group to solve it. Well done Year 3!



**Nursery** looked at ways to show they care at Christmas. We talked about the joy you feel when giving and receiving gifts. Finally we talked about the best gift of all which was the gift of friendship and baby Jesus.

## Year 4

Yr 4 looked at Cities and Communities for Enterprise week. We looked at the way cities are laid out, and things that we need to have in a community. We designed and made a community centre, thinking about what we would need for the different people that make up a community. We made a list of activities, a time table, and a model of our different centres.

## Year 6

Year 6 were very lucky to work with Urban Mission on creating a song and movement based on M People's famous hit 'Moving on Up'. The main lyrics reinforced the message of change for our Year 6 students as they begin to think about the secondary phase of their education. The song emphasises that through hard work and dedication, we can achieve our dream.





**Thank you** to all the parents and carers who attended our festive celebrations at the end of last term. The Nativity play, Carol service and Church celebrations allowed us to come together and remember the true gift of Christmas-Jesus Christ. The children take so much pride in what they do so it was good to see those supporting the children and the school. It really does mean a lot.

A big **welcome** back to **Mrs. Ahmed** who had returned from maternity leave. She is back teaching Year 2 as well as being a Primary Co-ordinator. The Primary Phase would like to thank Mrs. Finnemore who has done a fantastic job in the absence of Mrs Ahmed and she looks forward in continuing her hard work in Literacy and IPC throughout the Primary Phase.



This week's theme is **Choices**. Here is a prayer of guidance when difficult and important choices come our way.

Dear Father in heaven you know and love me,

you care for me and always want what is best for me,  
 you know all of my thoughts- and you love me  
 you know all of my hopes and dreams – and you love me  
 you know everything that I do – and you still love me  
 guide me in all of the decisions of my life  
 because –  
 you know what is good  
 you know what is true  
 you know the future  
 and you want what is best for me, because you love me.  
 Amen

### Stars of the Fortnight



Stars from 8/12/08

RE	Salma	Choukri
RW	Lashana	Hierons
1E	Oghenefega	Oyeye
1W	Jaquan	Beckford
2E	Ebony	Renee-Jenkins
2W	Beatrix	Almeida
3E	Niamh	O'Fathaigh
3W	Sajith	Sivaratnam
4E	Kasharn	Nixon
4W	Chantelle	Ullah-Brown
5E	Ehimen	Inegbedion
5W	Harry	King
6E	Lehannah	Shogbamimu
6W	Lucy	Renshaw

### IMPORTANT: SCHOOL INSET

26th and 27th January

#### Library News

St Matthew Academy is taking part in two schemes to get more books for our school library. The first one is the Box Tops for Books scheme run by Nestle cereals. If your family eats Nestle cereals please can you tear off the token on the top of the box and bring it into school.

The second one is Books for Schools run by the Times Newspaper. Please can you collect tokens from the Times Newspaper each day and bring these into school.

The collection boxes for both sets of tokens is in the school library. Thank you in advance for your support and let's hope we can get lots of new books for our library!

Mrs J Bache



## Head of House News

Quotes from our House leaders. Let us live by their example.

'It is better to lead from behind and put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when in danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership.'

Nelson Mandela

This quote echoes Jesus' words 'If one of you wants to be great, he must be the servant of the rest. For even the son of man did not come to be served; he came to serve and give his life to redeem many people.' Mark 10: 43-45

'It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving.'

'Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.'

Mother Teresa

'Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence of cemeteries. Peace is not the silent result of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all. Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is right and it is duty.'

Archbishop Oscar Romero