

St Matthew Academy Primary Newsletter



Let your light shine

13th February 2009

The Fire Brigade Visit Yr 2

The London Fire Brigade visited Year 2 On Thursday 29th January.

The LFB selected our unique school to launch their revised website.

Fire-fighters based at Forest Hill station came along with their station manager Mr Stephen Baker.

The children were introduced to an interactive website that features new cartoon characters Blaze Bear & Flynn.



Jessica & Malachi also got to jump inside a real fire engine and try on the uniform.

The children did lots of work after the fire-fighters left, related to fire safety, including artwork and writing thank you letters to the fire-fighters. Our Academy and the fire fighters were so popular, we were featured in The South London press and The Mercury! At the next coffee morning, we will bring the copies down for you to see.



Trip to Millwall Stadium

On 31st January 2009, Yrs 4, 5 and 6 went on a trip to Millwall Stadium. After the long journey from Blackheath, to London bridge then on to Bermondsey, Millwall lost 2-1, but this didn't dampen the spirits, every body was extremely well behaved which is a real credit to the Academy. A Big thank you to Mr Armitage for organising this trip and for the staff who gave up their Saturday to help.

Tuesday 24th February

There will be a pancake sale after school to raise money for CAFOD. Please come and support.



Why are Pancakes eaten on Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday when Lent begins.

Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up foods like fat, butter and eggs, which some Christians - historically and today - would not eat because they are so tasty. Happy Pancake flipping!

ParentPay is Coming!

Thank you to those that have enquired about this facility. It has been a lengthy process, but we are now in the final stages. We hope to go live after the February half term, so please look out for a confirmation letter.

The Finance Team

What is ParentPay?

ParentPay is the web payment service that lets parents pay online by credit & debit card. ParentPay is safe and secure and a convenient method for parents to make payments.

Eating Healthy

With all the headlines recently that we are raising a generation of over weight children, below is a diagram to help plan balanced and healthy meals. Let us know of any recipes or 'snack swaps' you use at home that we can share with others. You never know, it could feature in the next newsletter! Lent would be a good time to try and cut out a lot of sugars in our diet. But wait until after the pancake sale!



Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, it is a season of reflection, and saying sorry to God and to each other. At the Mass on Ash Wednesday we have the opportunity to have ashes put on our forehead as a sign of repentance.

We will be celebrating Mass on Ash Wednesday 25th February in the Primary. Year 2-6 pupils will attend 10am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians in Blackheath. Year 7 & 8 pupils will have mass at 1.50pm while Year 9-11 pupils will go at 2.40pm across the road at St Margaret's. You are very welcome to join us. Year 1 will be going to the Prayer Room for a short story and reflection where they will also be offered Ashes.



Stars of the Academy



19/1/09

NE	Elizabeth	Chowdhury
NW	Freya	Gale
RE	Karal	Mancera
RW	Daquan	Burrowes
1E	Coretta	Ndomaina
1W	Serena	Garrick
2E	Elliot	Ofesi
2W	Scarlett	Montgomery
3E	Ashviny	Sryungvam
3W	Mekhi	Sewell
4E	William	Osaguona
4W	Ennis	Ansah
5E	Lukasz	Czerniecki
5W	Joao	Fernandes
6E	Lehannah	Shogbamimu
6W	Adaezi	Festus

26/1/09

NE	Harry	Walker-Mc Cormack
NW	Timothy	Barrow
RE	Ollie	Malik
RW	Tyler	Reilly
1E	Kaamila	Taylor
1W	Emmanuel	Olufade
2E	Kriyasha	Moodley
2W	Owen	Ferrigan
3E	Caaimhe	Lempriere
3W	Samuel	Lucas Olievera
4E	Nathaniel	Louison White
4W	Tushaun	Walters
5E	Tamikah	Ukachi
5W	Esiri	Owho
6E	Shaiden	Thomas-Ferguson
6W	Joshua	Salami

2/2/09

NE	Tuneer	Chakraborty
NW	Taaima	Moneer
RE	Ollie	Malik
RW	Shaqkori	Mahoney-Linduer
1E	Deasharne	Bell
1W	Maina	Niang
2E	Samson	Babela
2W	Scarlett	Montgomery
3E	Alicia	Hutchison
3W	Sumaiya	Bakth
4E	Emily	Cross
4W	Bisola	Olufade
5E	Manama	Senior
5W	Carl	Vel
6E	Paul	Tella
6W	Lucy	Renshaw

Instrumental Tuition

Can all the parents who **have not** paid their child/children's instrumental tuition please could you pay by Friday 13th of February or their name will be removed from the timetabled lesson at the beginning of the next half term. Thank you!

Half Term Holidays

The half term holidays are from Friday 13th February. School re-opens on Monday 23rd February. Have a well deserved rest!

Year 3 Q1 - Digital devices

These devices are now in school. The devices need have an "image" of the Academies network and software added to work smoothly in school. Unfortunately our supplier PC World did not add some key software to the devices. At the time of writing, this matter has still not been full resolved despite face to face meetings. However rest assured that the devices when issued will fully function with the Academy network. I will update parents in all newsletters and no payment agreements will start until the Academy is fully happy with the devices and their specifications. Thank you for your patience.

Mr Cregan.

Head of House News

Mandela

Mandela house are thinking ahead and want to raise money for Red Nose Day. They have some ideas already but if you have any more please see Keziah and Ella in Year 6

Teresa

Teresa house will be selecting 5 students from their school council to represent the Academy's council. If you are interested in being part of this council for Teresa House and have the confidence to speak up and make difference, please see Mr Cole.

Romero

Romero have won the Renaissance Reading cup for the 4th time in a row. Go Romero!

