

## BOOK FORTNIGHT 2011

Two weeks of special events to celebrate books and reading!!

Book character fancy dress day was great fun! Many primary children and staff dressed as favourite characters. There were plenty of imaginative outfits as you can see from the photos on this page. Lots of fairytale princesses and action heroes mixed with characters as varied as a judge and prisoner, the BFG and Paris Hilton!

On World Book Day school staff wore badges with the name of a book character. The characters were in pairs eg Juliet and Romeo and there was a competition for students to match up the pairs. There was also a special Roald Dahl themed school lunch!



## Carol Russell – the great storyteller

Last Friday Carol Russell visited our school to tell traditional stories to Year 6 and other primary classes. The stories were fun and exciting and Carol made the characters really come alive. Carol told us that stories can give children a better understanding of past generations and can also tell us some of the reasons why the present is how it is. She asked us to tell the story to a friend afterwards to help spread the story. India from the Press Gang interviewed Carol.

### Who inspired you?

*"About 20 years ago I saw an African storyteller and I saw him get paid. I thought wow you can get paid for telling stories!"*

**What was your ambition when you were younger?** *"To be a lawyer"*

**Have you ever worked in another country?**

*"Yes, loads, I have been to the USA, Denmark, Italy and Sweden and I loved it".*

Carol is very funny and everybody really enjoyed hearing the story and meeting her.

**By India-Rose Lawrence, Adam Sianga and Harrison Sonko Garvey, Y6**



## Author visit

Hi everyone. Last Monday the girls from Years 5 and 6 went to our fantastic school library and met Anne-Marie Conway, the well-known author of the Star Maker series of books.



Anne-Marie grew up in London dreaming about being on the stage. She joined drama clubs and went to hundreds of dancing lessons. When she grew up Anne-Marie

qualified as a primary school teacher and started her own Saturday Drama Club which has been running for years. The drama club gives Anne-Marie the ideas and inspiration for her fabulous series of books.

Anne-Marie talked to us about her books and we also played some outstanding drama games. It was fun and interesting to meet her and have the chance to ask questions about being a writer.

**By Kyra-Jade Lamptey, Y6**

Book Fortnight 2011 has been a wonderful success and we hope it will encourage our students to continue to read widely and enthusiastically!!

Well done to Jenny Bache and Jacqueline McNamara for organising all the special events and visits. Thank you for making Book Fortnight a tremendous success!

## SMA GIRLS ARE AWESOME!



Hiya – on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March the years 5 and 6 girls all went to an amazing International Women’s Day parade. It was absolutely magnificent! There were some extremely talented musicians playing catchy but wonderful beats with special drums. We marched from Borough Market along Bankside to the Millennium Bridge with a vast amount of women ahead and behind us. We even had to sing, dance and shout. This is one of the songs we sang: “We are SMA and we’re here today, to celebrate women’s day.” On the bridge we had to make a wish for a woman we know and let go of our balloons. It was an outstanding trip!

After the march we had our lunches and went to Tate Modern where we saw some fantastic art.

**By Kyra-Jade Lamprey, Y6**

The behaviour, singing and enthusiasm of our girls was phenomenal and we are very proud of them.



## LENT

Lent is a time to take stock of our lives and our relationship with God and others. Students will take time each day to share silent prayer during DEEP time (Drop Everything Except Prayer). Year 6 students will be raising funds for the Cabrini Children’s Society “Good Shepherd Appeal” during Lent.

**Jane Roberts, Chaplain**

## St Matthew Academy Cubs News

My name is Ayishah Bridge and I’m going to tell you about some of the things we have been doing in Cubs. One week we went to Mr Tetley’s classroom to work on our Musician 1 badge. We learnt the song Lean on Me and then we learned to play it on the keyboard. First we played with one hand and then we learnt to play it using more of our fingers.



**At the end of Cubs we all played Lean on Me together in the music room.**

Hi, I’m Valencia. Before half term we had a fantastic sleepover at school! We went to the campsite and sat down to sing campfire songs. We had barbecued burgers and hot dogs for our dinner and some drinks. After dinner we sang some more songs and then it was time to go to sleep. First the girls went to wash and then the boys did. It was great fun having a sleepover at school!

My name is Yuan. It was so much fun when we did cooking in cubs. We made rock cakes, vegetable curry, pizza and much more.

### Attendance 14 Feb-5 March

Class Group	Attendances
RE	89.26
RW	89.06
1E	93.77
1W	91.35
2E	93.81
2W	95.01
3E	93.82
3W	93.18
4E	94.97
4W	95.38
5E	96.84
5W	96.12
6E	97.39
6W	93.35