

## Message from the Senior Leadership Team

We have had a fantastic start to the term this year, our new pupils in Reception and Year 7 have settled in well. We very much enjoyed meeting the Year 7 parents at the Friendship Afternoon BBQ two weeks ago and look forward to having them in school again. We have celebrated the Feast of St Matthew together as a school community and have created our first community art piece for this academic year based on the theme of 'We are SMA'. We cannot wait to display the work in both the primary and secondary phases. This week we have had the first of our Open Events and were visited by a huge number of families, all of whom were given tours of the school by our fabulous Student Ambassadors and Prefects. The pupils received many compliments which are well deserved. They really do shine brightly.

We are putting our faith into action with the first of our charity events in the coming weeks. Our Macmillan Coffee morning is happening today and our pupils and staff are excited to be both baking and enjoying the many cakes we will have in school. Our Heads of House have also launched our Harvest collection for Lewisham Foodbank, #Justbring1 in our assemblies across the school this week. Please encourage your children to support this work. We want to live out our virtues "integrity, courage and service".

We look forward to sharing more of our work, successes and celebrations with you as the term goes on.

**Mrs S Guest,**

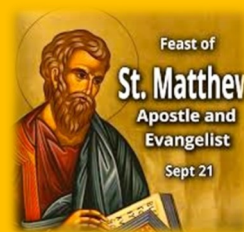
**Deputy Headteacher**

## Prayer and Reflection

On Wednesday last we celebrated the Feast of St Matthew with a beautiful liturgy. Our children wrote and read prayers, gave us a thought provoking reflection and praised and worshipped with vibrant song. The gospel of Matthew, Chp 9 verse 9-13, which we based our liturgy on, spoke about Matthew's transformation from a tax collector and sinner to an advocate for Christ. As we continue to reflect on these words let us ask ourselves if we are willing to allow God to transform us. Can we, like Matthew, allow ourselves to be used by God to spread his message of love, joy and peace? Are we willing to follow him with a pep in our step and a song in our heart? Christ encounters us every day of our lives, giving us the opportunity to follow him or stay as we are, to say yes or no, to change or remain the same. Ask of the Father, "How do I change Lord so you can use me to create an enriched school, parish and home community?" How can I be a follower of Christ and a doer of his Word? He is the Light of the world, we have his light within us. Let us, like St Matthew, shine that light bright and give glory to our heavenly Father.

*Dear Saint Matthew, you made the right decision at the right time and so changed your life and those of millions of others who know Christ because of you.*

*Help us to recognize when a pivot point arrives in our own life, when we must change direction, and help us to choose that direction well. Amen.*



# Welcome to Reception

Our new Ladybirds have had a great start to the term! They have settled into their new school and classroom well, learning all of the classroom routines and expectations and making new friends.

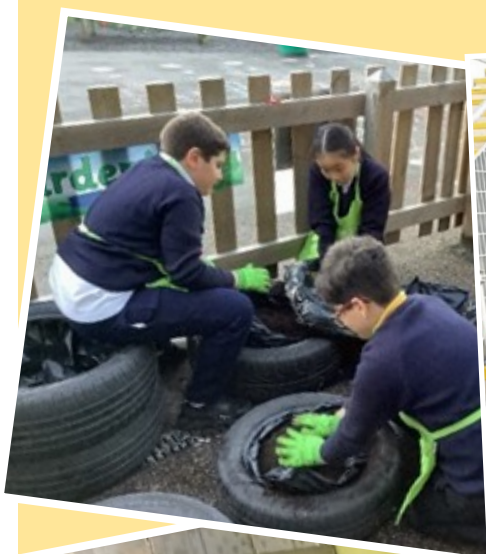
The children have enjoyed exploring the different areas of learning both inside and outside of the classroom and have already started to develop their social and communication skills with their new peers.

Here's what they had to say about their first few days in Reception...

*"I love playing with my friends and all of our new toys" Elsie-Rae*

*"I like going outside to go on the bicycles" Nicolo*

*"I like having lunch in the big hall" Jennifer*

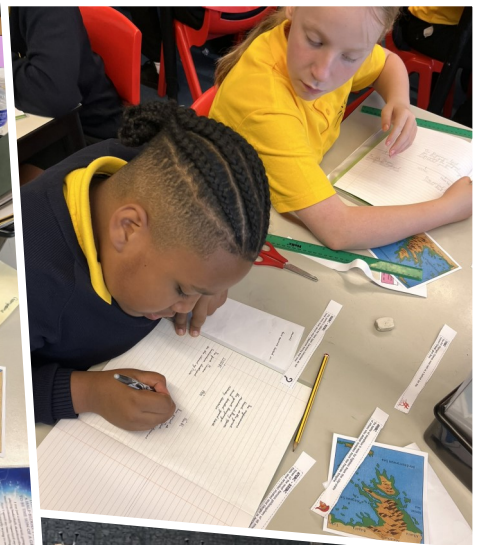
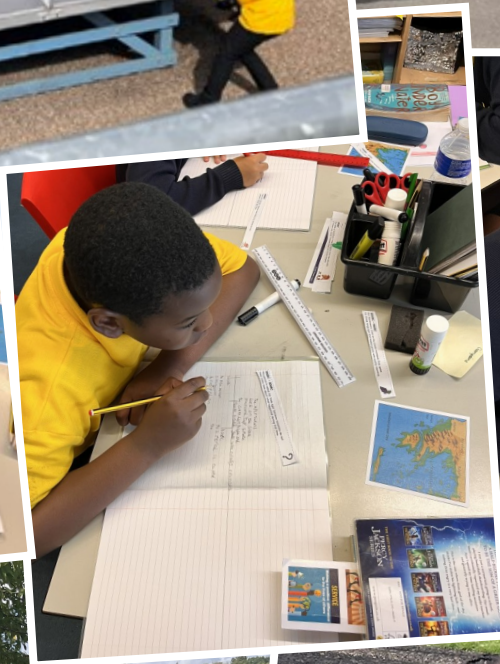




# Year 6 News

We are so pleased to welcome a fantastic class of new Year 6 children! They have settled back into school life so well and have shown an increasing maturity towards their learning already. Miss Roostan and Mrs Holding are so thrilled to see we have a class of enthusiastic readers who love their twice weekly trips to our amazing library.

With a new Year 6 class comes new sports leaders and they have already shown that they are a brilliant asset to our school community. They ensure that lunchtimes are stimulating, enjoyable and most importantly safe. We can't wait to see how they develop as we continue to recruit even more eager Year 6 children!





# Primary After School Clubs

## Autumn Term Clubs - 2022 - 2023

We believe that opportunities for enrichment are a key part of the development of our children, exposing them to activities and experiences they may not always encounter. Our clubs are designed to support our pupils to develop social and emotional literacy, through communication and team work. Our extensive offer aims to entice the interests of all and our aim for this academic year is for every child in the Primary phase to have participated in the wider school life by attending a club.

Clubs and interventions started week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Clubs start straight after school, finishing at 4:20pm.

The fee for each club for the term is £10.00. Parents who have signed their children up for an after school club can make a payment via [Parent Pay](#).

After School Clubs and Intervention Timetable

Autumn Term 2022

After School Clubs				
Year Group	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
EYFS/KS1	Messy Play (14) Mrs Ferrigan	Lego (15) Miss Toprak	Outdoor Learning (14) Miss Mraihi	Arts & Crafts (14) Miss Mitcham
Years 3 and 4	Sewing (10) Ms Toprak	Football (20) Mr Szejewski	Arts & Crafts (14) Miss Pollydore	Cooking (14) Miss Mraihi
Years 5 and 6	Cooking (15) Mrs Holding	Board games (16) Ms Nelson	Multi-sports (20) Miss Toprak	Football (20) Mr Szejewski
Open to all year groups		Choir (30) Miss Butterworth	Sign Language (16) Miss Boileau	

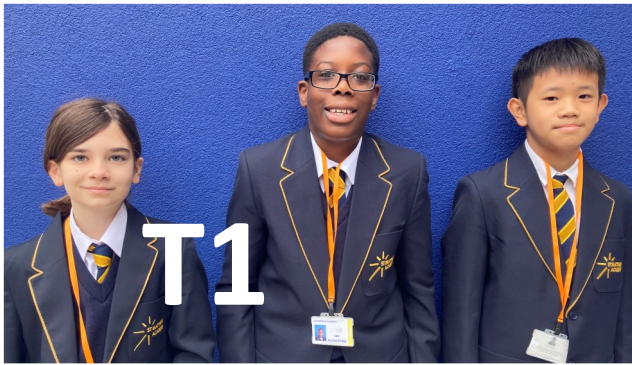
After School Interventions

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 Literacy – Miss Norman-Mercer	Year 1 Maths – Mrs Ferrigan	Year 1 Literacy – Mrs Ferrigan	
Year 2 Maths – Miss Butterworth	Year 2 Literacy – Mrs O'Neill	Year 2 Maths – Mr Szejewski	Year 2 – Reading – Mrs O'Neill
	Year 3 Literacy – Miss Mizon	Year 3 Maths – Miss Mitcham	Year 3 Literacy – Miss Boileau
Year 4 Literacy – Mr Bowen	Year 4 Maths – Miss Pollydore		
Year 5 Literacy – Ms Nelson	Year 5 Maths – Miss Lyambo		
Year 6 Reading – Mrs Vyas	Year 6 Reading – Mrs Holding Year 6 Reading – Miss Roostan	Year 6 Maths – Ms Chick	Year 6 Maths – Mrs Holding/Miss Roostan





# New Beginnings - Year 7



We were delighted to welcome our new year 7 pupils at the start of September. They all arrived looking extremely smart in their new uniforms and have made an excellent start to the term. There were many happy faces at the end of their first day. The year 7's have enjoyed making new friends, meeting new teachers and beginning their new classes. Drama, DT and Science are always a particular hit at the beginning of the new school year.



# St Matthew Day Feast

The Feast of St Matthew is celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> September every year. We mark this special feast day with liturgies for our whole school community. Our Light Bearers across both the primary and secondary phase lead the liturgies, which give us the opportunity to reflect on Jesus calling Matthew to “Follow me” and we ask our pupils to think about how they can be followers. Our pupils, led the prayers, the reflection and the singing joyfully. The art work contributed by pupils in both the primary and secondary phase added another dimension to our liturgies today.







# Literacy Corner



Welcome to our first edition of Literacy Corner for this academic year. The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) has been a hive of activity over the last two weeks.



All year 7 pupils have been having their LRC inductions during their reading lessons where they have been shown how the LRC works, all the books they can borrow and they have had a demonstration of our online reading app Sora which complements our wide range of books in the LRC.

We have also launched our 'Reading Bingo' challenge. Secondary pupils are encouraged to take a 'Reading bingo' card and choose a row of 5 boxes. They then have to read five books which correspond to the 5 boxes they have chosen. Books can be borrowed from the LRC or from Sora.



Also I would like to say a huge thank you to our book reviewers from last year. Our main contributors throughout the whole year were Sienna-Rose, Caleb and Henry. They were all rewarded with a certificate and an Amazon voucher for their hard work and dedication at the end of last term.

*\*\*\*We are on the look out for new book reviewers for this year. There will be a chance to find out more about what the role involves during form time or from your class teacher if you are in year 6.\*\*\**



# Pupil Voice

The new Year 11 students have made a great start to life in their new roles as prefects. Their presence around the school has been noticeable and supportive, assisting with lunch duties around the academy and escorting year 7 pupils to lessons when they are lost! Pupils have been leading discussions regarding Black History Month and preparing proposals for some pupil led events, so watch this space for announcements!

We welcome the new Pupil Leadership team ...

## Mandela House Team:



Mandela		
Head of House & Deputy	Prefects	
Lilia YAHIAOUI Finlay JAMIESON	Zillah OFIDON	Ehimome MOSES-IKHILE
	Adaeze OKOLI	Naomi ALABI
	Divine OBASOGIE	Vieric ANGWE
	Rupertas BRAZDZIUS	Angelima BAANAH-JONES
	Kevin AKUBUEZE	Romeo DALMADGE

## Romero House Team:



Romero		
Head of House & Deputy	Prefects	
Shannon WILLIAMS Kavin PREMKUMAR	Kassandra KAMENGI	Naomi SIFA
	Princess MARTINS	Christel MASASU
	Melissa MALUNGA	Samuel SANTOS
	Moyin SOLAJA	Abdul OLADEJO
	Danielle SALAMI	Michael FIDELIS

## Teresa House Team:



Romero		
Head of House & Deputy	Prefects	
Dominion NDEM CHRISTOPHER Benita ASABERE	Nivithan NAGESWARAN	Edibeth MATOS MENDEZ
	Ibrahim SILLAH	George KIONGA
	Jochebed KUMI	Joel JEEVARUBAN
	Aaliyah ROCHESTER	Nevaeh GORDON
	Michael UMUNNAKWE	Georgia BROWN



# Staff Stars

Introducing our staff stars nominated by their colleagues...

**Ms Crammond**



**Mr Bradley**



**Ms Hylton**



**Ms Cefai**



**Ms Mizon**



**Mr Bowen**



**Staff Stars**





# 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

### Autumn Term 22/23

**Monday 5 September 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022**

**Half Term: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022**

**Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December 2022**

### Spring Term 22/23

**Wednesday 4 January 2023 to Friday 10 February 2023**

**Half Term: Monday 13 February 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023**

**Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 31 April 2023**

### 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**

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

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