

Virtual School News

Issue 4

Friday 1st May

Key points

- **Top Tip for Google Classroom:** click on the link for a reminder on how to submit your assignments <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xDIXNTX7J0?>
- **Primary Challenge:** how good are you? See page 4.
- **GCSE Textiles:** check out the amazing Textile work created by our Year 11 GCSE pupils in this edition.
- **Stay in Touch:** if you would like to get an article into Virtual School News next week, email your teacher now!

Google Classroom is a Hit!

Week 2 of The Summer Term has seen pupils and staff getting to grips with Google Classroom as the main platform for learning and feedback—and it has taken a little bit of getting used to! However after a little bit of early confusion we're pleased to say that Google Classroom is going well—the digital world is alive with top quality pupil assignments and staff assessment going back and forth. Staff have been amazed and heartened by the response from pupils—proving that no matter the medium, our pupils know how to let their light shine!



SMA continues to be open for some of our pupils with some fabulous activities going on. This week has seen pupils designing and testing paper aeroplanes; practicing origami with Ms Thurston; pupils exploring chromatography with Ms Gibb and Gabriel and Raphael in Year 4 impressing Mr Bradley with their amazing reading! Pupils have been getting up to many more exciting things as you will see from our amazing SMA Virtual News!

3 Key things we have learnt so far...

1. Still Some Way to Go!

It is great to see the Prime Minister back at work and the glimmer of hope that the lock down is working however it is imperative that we all continue to stay at home and when we go out to exercise or shop for essential items, we keep our distance from each other. Up to now we've done brilliantly—so keep going!

2. Google Classroom is The Place to Be!

With the successful launch of this platform bedding in nicely, just be sure to double check that you are communicating regularly with your teachers and asking questions when you are not sure of what you have been asked to do. It helps if you open Google Classroom through SMA's RM server. See you in class!

3. Daily Exercise Routines

Whether it's Joe Wicks workouts or an exhilarating bike ride, it's great to see how pupils and staff have been maintaining their fitness in their daily exercise. Thanks to Finlay in Year 8 for all the updates—Finlay is on course to becoming the fittest pupil at SMA.!



SECONDARY CHALLENGES:

Check out the following pupils completing their PE challenges:

Finlay in Y8 is back completing his burpees and doing Joe Wickes this time. Keep it up Finlay!



Andrew in Y7 has been busy doing his workouts as well as completing his Scouts' 'Hike to the Moon Challenge' set by Bear Grylls and Tim Peak:





SECONDARY CHALLENGES:

This week's challenge is from Design and Technology:

Create a DIY aeroplane like the one below. It should be inspired by your favourite airline and destination of choice. Be creative!



Submit all entries to Miss Reid

Email: Lre@stmatthewacademy.co.uk

Deadline: Friday 8th May 3pm

PRIMARY CHALLENGES:

★ Dial a Word ★



Write out your spelling words by copying them correctly.
Use the keypad to help you text the word in the second column! Good luck!

Your 5 spelling words are:

- Inspect
- Spectator
- Respect
- Perspective
- Spectacles

What pattern can you see in the words and in the numbers you make?

Make up some words of your own and make a dial number for the word.

Dial a Word		
.,?!(): 1	abc 2	def 3
ghi 4	jkl 5	mno 6
pqrs 7	tuv 8	wxyz 9
*	0	#

Spelling Word	Dialed Number
example	3926753



Write a letter to the people in these pictures. Tell them about your day and what you have been doing to help them.

For example, Ms O'Neill knows people that are making washing bags for the NHS staff to put their clothes into to go straight into a washing machine, so she has donated spare bed linen to use as material for the bags, so she would write about that.

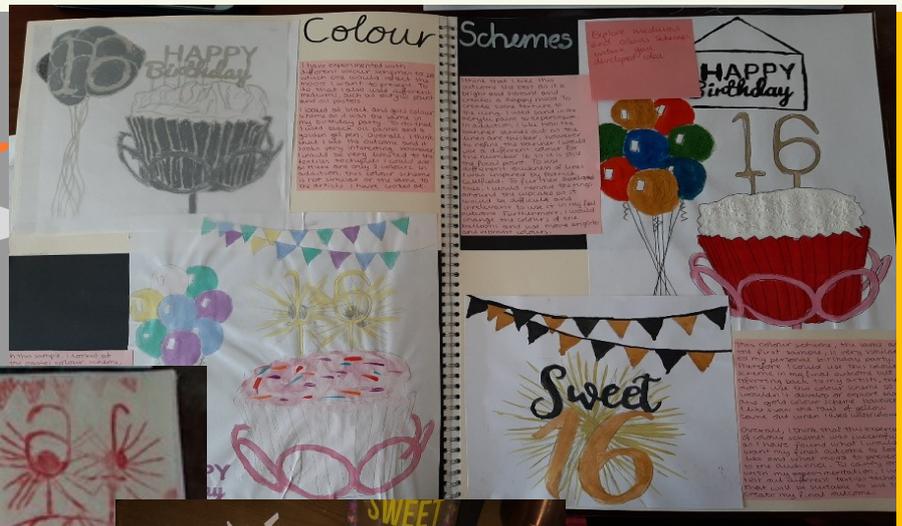
Remember that washing your hands regularly helps them, and we are all doing that.

Write in your neatest handwriting.

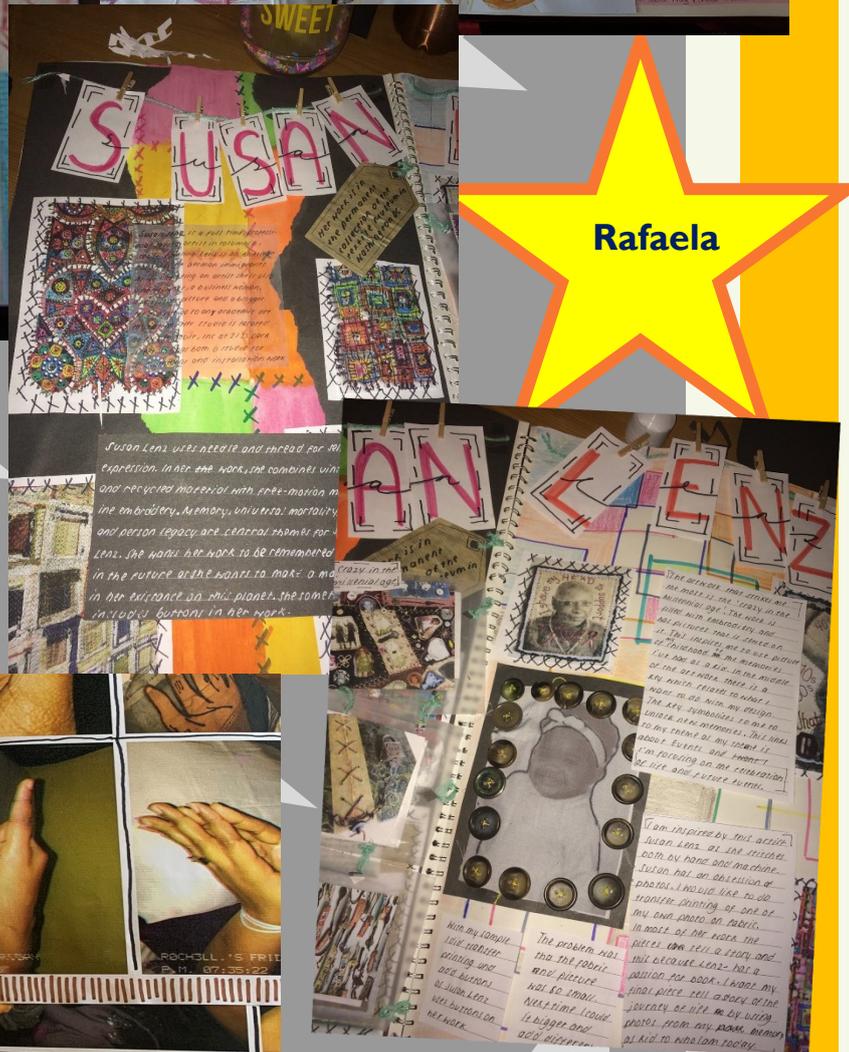
Secondary home learning roll of honour continued...

We had to dedicate a page to our Y11 Textiles pupils to celebrate the results of their progress and continued efforts, despite having limited resources available to them. Ms Wright is so proud of them!

Ruta



Rafaela



Rochelle



Secondary home learning roll of honour continued...

Well done to our top scorers in Hegarty Maths, This is Language, Duolingo, Seneca and Lexia this week. Congrats to our photographer of the week too! Will you make the roll of honour next week?

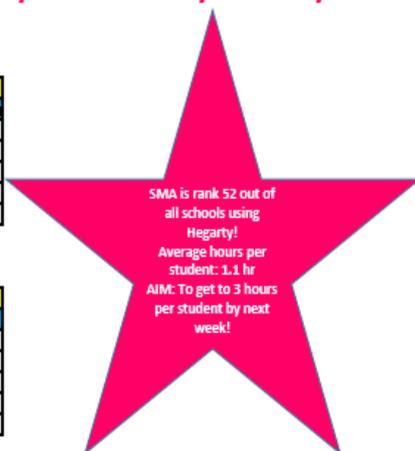


St Matthew Academy Hegarty Maths Performance Monday 27th - Friday 1st May 2020



Top 5 Hegarty Users in SMA		
Name	Year	Number of hours on hegarty
Haja KONIE	9	11.9
Hanako DENTON	7	11.5
Aisosa AHANOR	7	10.4
Farishta MUSTAFA	7	10.4
Adama BAH	7	10.3

Top 5 MEMRI Classes in SMA		
Name	Year	Number of hours on Memri
7w/Ma2	7	8.5
8et/Ma1	8	8.1
11ew/Ma4	11	5.2
10ew/Ma1	10	5
7w/Ma3	7	4



Top 2 Hegarty Users in Year 7 SMA	
Name	Number of hours on hegarty
Hanako DENTON	11.5
Aisosa AHANOR	10.4

Top 2 Hegarty Users in Year 8 SMA	
Name	Number of hours on hegarty
Pupertas BRAZDZIUS	7.6
Jochebed KUMI	7.2

Top 2 Hegarty Users in Year 9 SMA	
Name	Number of hours on hegarty
Haja KONIE	11.9
Elsa NGUYEN	6.2

Top 2 Hegarty Users in Year 10 SMA	
Name	Number of hours on hegarty
Dorin DANUT	8.3
Kadina CHARLTON	7.7

Well done for your brilliant efforts with your hegarty maths over this last week!! Keep up your great work! :)



This Is Language Top Scorers:

French – Lydia Y9 + Cherry Y11

Spanish – Shemmy Y10

Duolingo Top Scorers:

French – Bess Y7

Spanish – Cassel Y7



Photo of the week by Emilija in Y10: 'Inside'



Primary home learning roll of honour...

We are so proud of our primary pupils who have been working hard at home this week to produce amazing quality work. And big thank you to our parents for making home schooling possible! Will you let your light shine and be awarded a shout out next week? Complete your tasks and email your teacher any other work completed to make the roll call next week.

Reception Star Learner of the Week:
Bumblebees = Raeyon-Jamar

Y1 Star Learner of the Week:
Dragonfly = Lauren

Y2 Star Learner of the Week:
Butterfly = Romario

Y3 Star Learners of the Week:
Cheetahs = Orane
Panthers = Xingzhe

Y4 Star Learner of the Week:
Tigers = Juan

Y5 Star Learners of the Week:
Wolves = Noe
Lions = Kymani

Y6 Star Learners of the Week:
Eagles = Tamia
Jaguars = AJ

Pupils in Y5 share their building projects and Time Capsule ideas this week



Dear God,

I am thankful for the NHS for doing what they can to help people get better and going to do their job even if they want to stay home and protect themselves. I am also thankful for a family that can stay with me during a lockdown.

Summer Gallery, Wolves

SMA Time Capsules



Maria Frimu, Lions—using lockdown to spend time with her family.

Kymani Pinnock, Lions

Supporting our critical keyworkers' children...

Thank you to our wonderful staff who have gone above and beyond to support our critical keyworkers' children by providing these families with a crucial service and safe space.



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How far do they fly? #lewisham





Chaplaincy

A Prayer for NHS and health care workers

All mighty God, at this time we lift to you those who are working on the front line in our medical services. Our wonderful NHS staff, who are working so hard to ensure people who are unwell are well looked after. We ask that you would give them your peace and wisdom at this challenging time. May they know your presence and have a new zeal for caring well for their patients. We also ask that you would help the government whilst they are thinking of new ways to support our NHS workers. Amen.



Are you Feeling bored?

Why don't you try playing these games?

<file:///N:/Books-of-the-Bible-Games-for-Kids.pdf>

The Third Sunday of Easter

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 3rd May 2020 - The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-10)

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep

Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and removing any distractions. Perhaps light a candle. remain still for a minute of **the love that God has for this scripture our Lord is** Gospel, preferably aloud and words that stand out. If any do, minutes and be and be invited



create a suitable environment by Make sure that you are comfortable. Make the sign of the cross † and settling silence. **Call to mind you. Remember that through truly present.** Then read the slowly, and pay attention to any meditate on them for a few into a dialogue with God.

Useful resources

Live-streamed Mass and Spiritual Communion within the Diocese

Several Parishes within the Archdiocese live-stream Mass each weekend.

Click [here](#) to view.



Reading Corner...

Don't forget to join in with the virtual book club and take part in the poetry competition launched in last week's newsletter!

Send us pictures of you or your family enjoying a good book – audio counts too!

Guess what?

Amazon are offering loads of free content such as free e-books and audio books, including educational textbooks, all of which you can access on the link below:

<https://blog.aboutamazon.co.uk/in-the-community/amazon-makes-books-video-music-and-more-available-for-free>

Staff Reading Recommendations This Week:

Ms Debko is reading two very different but very exciting books:

Primeval and other times by Nobel Prize winner **Olga Tokarczuk** – a modern myth set in the mythical village of Primeval, a microcosm of the world populated by eccentric, archetypal characters and guarded by four archangels.

The Ice Child - 9th book in **Camilla Läckberg's** series of 10 of her crime novels set in her hometown of Fjällbacka on the west coast of Sweden. The first in the series is ***The Ice Princess***, if you wish to read them in a chronological order.



Did you know?
The book 'Green Eggs and Ham', written by Dr. Seuss, has only 50 different words in it. The author took a dare from his editor that he could not write a book that used only 50 words. It turned out he could and he won the bet!

Who said the quote?
Which famous person said: "Believe you can and you're halfway there"?

Secondary recommended read of the week:

High-Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson

Primary recommended read of the week:

The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson

Don't get bored!



Bring the wild into your living room: Naturalist and TV presenter Steve Backshall will be discussing geography and the environment as well answering all of your burning questions about animals, conservation and the environment:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm-URP49TgSgyIU1rgh2m7A>

Keep cooking and carry on: Jamie Oliver is releasing new episodes on Channel 4 focusing on what you can cook from what you already have in the kitchen:

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/jamie-keep-cooking-and-carry-on/episode-guide>

Have a snoop around Buckingham Palace:

Have you ever wanted to see inside the Queen's house and learn more about the history of the Royal family? Now you can on the virtual tour:

<https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace>

Ms Philips has been making the most of her allocated daily exercise by getting out and about on her bike!



Don't get bored!



Can you do the maths puzzle below?

Send your answers to kng@stmatthewacademy.co.uk

Use the clues below to work out:

Who am I and what was my most notable achievement?

- Sixth letter of the most exciting subject to study at school.
- Fifth letter of the name of the mathematician after whom the relationship $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ is named.
- Second letter of the result when two numbers are multiplied.
- Fourth letter of the name of a flat straight sided closed shape.
- Fourth letter of the name of a number in the sequence 1,4,9,16,25, ...
- The first letter of the average found by adding all data values and dividing by how many there are.
- First letter of the average being the most common item in a data set.

- Fourth letter of a line connecting the centre to the circumference of a circle.
- Second letter of a number expressed in the form $\frac{a}{b}$
- First letter of nothing.
- Fourth letter of an expression containing this symbol =
- First letter of a quadrilateral with two pairs of equal adjacent sides.
- Second letter of a quadrilateral with four equal sides but maybe no right angle.
- Fifth letter of the average being the middle number of an ordered list of numeric data.
- Third letter of an equation of the form $y = ax + b$
- Second letter of the shape produced by all points that are the same distance from one

Final thoughts for the week...

Thank you to our staff and parents for your support in making this difficult time as 'normal' as possible for our pupils.

If you wish to donate to our gofundme.com initiative to raise money for equipment for pupils at home, please use the following link:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/computers-for-pu-pils?member=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2Binvi-tesupporters

For more information about anything else, please visit:

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We want to wish Captain Tom a very happy 100th birthday and congratulate him on his unbelievable efforts in raising over £30million for the NHS.

We salute you!

