



Matthew's C.E (Aided) Primary School and Nursery Centre



'I can do all things because Christ gives me strength' Philippians 4:13

Friday Feature: 6th December 2024

This half-term we are focusing on the Christian Value of Trust



'My God is my strength in whom I trust.' Psalm 18.2

Dear Parents and Carers,



Carols by Candlelight

Thank you so much to all of our children, parents, family members and of course our staff, for the huge turnout last night at our Carols by Candlelight.

The weather didn't dampen the children's spirits and they all sang beautifully and it certainly put us all in the Christmas spirit.



Thank you must also go to the Church who provided their wonderful hospitality with mince pies, biscuits and hot chocolate.

We look forward to welcoming you to our EYFS and Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performances over the next couple of weeks.

Here is what two of children had to say :

"On Thursday 5th December we went to St Matthew's Church. We sang "Prince of Peace", "Midnight", "Silent Night", "Starry Night" and "Go tell it on the mountain".

After we had finished singing we went to the back of the Church and that's where we had mince pies, cookies and hot chocolate!



We thank you St Matthew's Church for this night! Once again, marvellous. Thank you for everyone who joined us in this experience."

by Amelia and Emily Jayne



Arthog Outreach



We are so proud of those children that participated in the Arthog Outreach trip. They really showed great resilience to challenges and activities that they were faced with. The group started with team building activities that they completed together, using communication and problem-solving skills, which they accomplished in record time. When faced with the indoor climbing wall, despite some



nerves, every child attempted the climb, and many reached the very top.

Bikeability

Last week 10 children completed level 1 and 2 of the likeability course run by the road safety team at Travel Telford. The group really enjoyed the course whilst learning the importance of road safety and handling a bike correctly.



Cycling is not only an alternative way to travel but also an effective way to reduce stress, improve sleep quality and boost your mood whilst helping protect the environment by reducing emissions. This is why we encourage children to participate in the bikeability programme. Well done to all those that participated.

Gurdwara

On Tuesday Mr Doughty's class went to the Telford Gurdwara.

"I enjoyed the food and the facts the lady told us about and what Gurdwara's do.

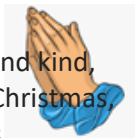
3 facts I can remember :

1. You need to wear a scarf on top of your head to show respect.
2. There is a knife that you use, but you can't fight anyone with it.
3. You have to wear a bracelet.



Weekly prayer

Father God
 Help us to be helpful, loving and kind,
 Help us to learn more about Christmas,
 Help us to achieve new things,
 Help us treat others the way we want to be treated,
 Bless our every move as we thrive.
 Amen.
 By 45 St Kateri



Pupils of the Week

Nursery	Kemi
Reception :St Francis	Jaxon
R/1: St Teresa	Noah
1/2: St Nicholas	Arlo
2: St Joseph	Xavier
3: St Cecilia	Ava
3/4: St Sophia	C
4/5: St Kateri	Daphne
5/6: St Thomas	Jasper
6: St Padre	Y



Readers of the Week



Reception :St Francis	Amelia-Rose
R/1: St Teresa	Olaf
1/2: St Nicholas	Malia
2: St Joseph	Jacob
3: St Cecilia	Redeemer
3/4: St Sophia	A
4/5: St Kateri	Favour
5/6: St Thomas	Max
6 St Padre	A

Attendance Award

This week the attendance award has gone to Mr Skelton's class, 45 St Kateri

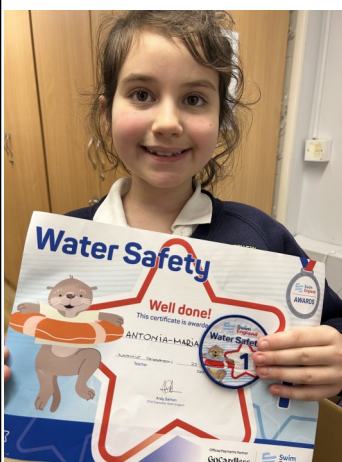


P.E. Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Edwards R/1 Miss Blocksidge 2 Mr Doughty 3/4 Mr Skelton 4/5	Miss Williams R Miss Plant 1/2 Miss Blocksidge 2	Miss Edwards R/1 Mrs Wyre 3 Mrs Barfield 5/6 Mr Bailey—6	Miss Williams R Mr Skelton 4/5 Mrs Barfield 5/6 Mr Bailey—6	Miss Plant 1/2 Mrs Wyre 3 Mr Doughty 3/4

Well Done

Well done to Seb who once again has been fund raising for the Children's Ward at Telford Hospital.



Another well done to Antonia who was awarded her Water Safety Stage 1

Future Dates

11th Dec	10am	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance
12th Dec	2pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
13th Dec	9.30am	KS1 Christmas Performance
16th Dec	10.30 to 11.30 and 2pm to 3pm	Nursery Christingle Workshop See letters for more information
16th Dec	2pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
17th Dec	9:30am	KS2 Christmas Performance
18th Dec		Christmas Dinner day
19th Dec		Christmas Party Day
20th Dec		Last day of school
6th Jan		Back to school



12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

1 DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS

Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.



2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Keep your personal information personal. Sometime people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.

3 DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE

This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real-life.



4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS

This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.



5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION

Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real-life if it is negative.



6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.



7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES

Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.



8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.



9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.



10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.



11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.



12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY

Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.

