



News from St Matthew's

Autumn Term 2023

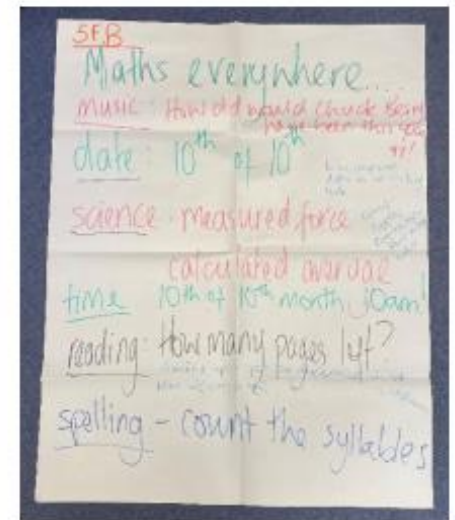
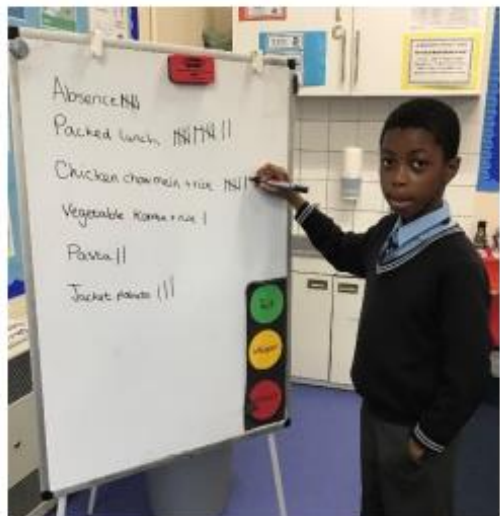
Maths Across the Curriculum

Teachers throughout the school have been highlighting the use of maths in non-maths lessons, reminding the children that they use maths much more than they think! The **Ladybirds** and **Bumblebees** always have games that include some element of maths in them through their continuous provision, including counting, shape and grouping.

Some other highlights include **Year 1** introducing algorithms to guide a partner, then a Beebot, around a numbered grid, before going back a hundred years for some number chanting on the Victorian Day. **Year 3** always capture their lunch choices using a tally or bar chart and have started trying to spot patterns. They also used measurement, prediction, estimation and tabulation to carry out a scientific experiment involving grabbing cubes.

In **Year 5** the children kept a table of every time they came across maths in another subject, including the likes of time, ordinal numbers, the four operations and shapes. **Year 6** used time, estimation, prediction, ordering and means when carrying out a bird beak evolution experiment. They also discussed negative numbers, mass and distance when exploring Antarctica in geography lessons.

The children are now much more adept at spotting contextual maths and we will continue to highlight maths in other lessons throughout the year.



Key Stage 1 Panathlon

Our Key Stage 1 team finished fourth in this annual competition.



Key Stage 2 Panathlon

The older children won silver medals having competed against 7 other schools.



Football

The girls and boys teams have enjoyed success in their matches.



SPILL Festival

Mrs Furniss arranged for 12 of our pupils to participate in the SPILL Festival News News News project. This involved filming and editing local news broadcasts and then putting on a performance to the public in a local theatre.



The usual regular events have taken place, including

Diwali Celebrations

Bring an Adult to School sessions

Parents' evenings

Remembrance Day service

Multisports Club

Creative Club

Cinema Trip



Anti-bullying Week / Odd Socks Day

We thought about the issue of bullying and how best to tackle it through our assemblies and in PSHE lessons. Mrs Dorrington organised an Odd Sock Day, where we celebrated the fact that we are all special and unique.



School Council

The new School Council is well established and has been meeting monthly with Miss Zych. They are continuing with the recent eco school initiative and ensuring we are being environmentally aware.

School Council members take part in a weekly litter pick, and they are busy organising a *Cleaner Air Day* scheduled for next term. They have improved the recycling of rubbish in school and reduced the use of single use plastic at lunchtimes.

