



St Matthew's School Newsletter

20th May 2016

Girls' Year Five/Six Football Team in Action



Our Girls' Year Five/Six Football team were in action this week. They took to the pitches at Coleridge to play five league matches in one evening. The team played superbly. They won three matches, drew one and lost just one game to eventual winners St Alban's. That game was the only fixture in which the team conceded a goal. Their excellent goal difference saw them finish runners up in the competition as a whole.

The girls' performance has earned St Matthew's some more valuable points for the Parkside and Coleridge inter-school Sports League that is adding up the results for all of the schools in our area in all competitions. At this point we are top of that table.

Next up is the Year Three/Four Kwik Sticks Hockey on Monday.

Scratch Day at St Matthew's

On Saturday 14th May approximately 55 children and their families spent the afternoon at St Matthew's celebrating International Scratch Day! Our keen coders spent the afternoon completing a variety of projects, while eating lots of delicious cakes,



which were provided by the PTA. We were also joined by Dr Anjali Das, from the Centre for Computing History, who brought along lots of Raspberry Pis for children and adults to experiment with. All agreed that it was wonderful to see so many children enjoying coding, working together and sharing their ideas.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped, whether with the coding, by providing cakes, or by helping to clear up at the end!

Special thanks to Samin Ishtiaq who was fundamental in organising the afternoon.

If you would like to see the projects that were made, then

please go to <https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/2055193/>



PTA Events

Our PTA have been hugely active this week. We have had the bike sale taking place in the forecourt of the school and of course tonight is the PTA Quiz Night.

Thank you as always to everyone who is putting in so much time and effort for the children and the wider school community.

Governor News

As you may have already seen from a letter sent out earlier today, we are delighted to announce that Angel Gurria and Rosa Mottershead have been elected to be our new parent governors. I would like to thank them and all of the other candidates for their commitment to the school, and everyone who voted. This community involvement is such a vital part of the life of St Matthew's.

Below you can find summaries of two of our recent governing body meetings.

Resources Committee, 28th April

The resources committee met on Thursday 28th April primarily to review the finances for the year ended 31 March 2016, to approve the budget for the financial year ending 31 March 2017 and to discuss a recent link governor health and safety visit. Governors were pleased to note that the school ended the last financial year with a surplus (compared with a deficit the prior year) largely thanks to the injection of government funding for Cambridgeshire schools during the

period. Kevin, Chair of the Resources Committee and link governor for health and safety, agreed to follow up on a number of items from the health and safety visit including risk assessments and issues raised by the three storey atrium in the main building. The committee proposed that the budget for the new financial year be put to the full governing body for approval.

Full Governing Body, 4th May

The full governing body met on Wednesday 4th May to approve the budget for the financial year ending 31 March 2017 and to discuss the government's proposals for forced academisation of all schools (subsequently partially dropped by the Secretary of State for Education). Governors approved the change of name for the curriculum committee, which will now be known as the Teaching, Learning and Outcomes Committee ("TLOC"). The last governing body meeting of the school year will be held in July.

The above are brief summaries. Full minutes of all governing body and committee meetings are available on the school website once they have been agreed at the next meeting.

Lost Property

Over the half term holiday we will be clearing out our lost property. Please check for any missing items before the end of next week.

Can we also ask that parents (and children) put back into the drawers any items they take out when looking for something they have lost.