



St Matthew's School Newsletter

8th July 2016

Sports Day 2016

There has been a huge amount of sporting activity in these last few weeks, culminating in our wonderful Sports Day.

Setting up in the pouring rain at 5am, we weren't sure it was going to happen at all. Fortunately the rain cleared and we had a fantastic day.

Thank you to all of the parents who arrived from 6am to help us set up on Parkers Piece, to all of our staff who worked so hard to make the day so successful, to the Young Sports Leaders from St Matthew's and the Year 7 children from Parkside who helped lead activities, and as always thank you to Mr Collard for his superb planning, organisation and dedication to make a very complex operation run so smoothly.

A highlight was the awarding of the new "Margaret Gillies Fair Play Cup" to the classes who demonstrated the most sporting behaviour throughout the event. It was a very special moment when Mrs Gillies was there to present the cup for the afternoon events to Mrs Isaac/Mr Evan's class. Well done to Mrs Lloyd's class, winners of the morning's Fair Play Cup, and to all of the children who displayed outstanding behaviour throughout.

Below are a few photos from the day. More can be found in a gallery on our website at <http://www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk/website/news/72680>.



St Matthew's Overall Sports Champions

St Matthew's has been crowned overall sports champions for our area, a great reward for all of the hard work put in by children, staff and coaches in our teams and clubs throughout the year. We won the overall championship by ten clear points.

In recent weeks we have reached the quarter finals of the County Finals of the Kwik Sticks Hockey tournament, our Year 5/6 boys Football Team just lost the Champions League Final on penalties (having already sealed the League Championship earlier in the season). Our Kwik Cricketers won their group to qualify for the county finals (unfortunately organised on a day when many of the team are playing in the hockey championship finals). Our Korfball Team also came second in their recent competition.

Below you can see our Rounders Team picking up the Overall Champions Trophy after their competition this Monday, where they played superbly to finish in third position. And with them a very proud Mr Collard.



Well done to all of the children who have competed for St Matthew's this year.

Wild Maths - Explore, Imagine, Experiment, Create!

Visit the new NRich Wild Maths website to find lots of mathematics based activities that you can try with your children at home. AS the website itself states, "Mathematics is a creative subject. It involves spotting patterns, making connections, and finding new ways of looking at things. Creative mathematicians play with ideas, draw pictures, have the courage to experiment and ask good questions. Wild Maths is a collection of mathematical games, activities and stories, encouraging you to think creatively".

Visit the site by following this link - <http://wild.maths.org/>

eSafety Parents Workshop

We had excellent feedback from parents and children about the eSafety Workshops run recently for parents and carers and children in years 5 and 6. The workshops were run by Criag Thompson of the Cambridgeshire ICT Service. Below are Craig's top tips for keeping your child safe online.

Top tips for keeping your children safe online:

- Find out what your child is doing online
 - Be more familiar with their online world
 - Get them to show you – make it clear from the beginning that you're interested and would like to be involved
 - Agree rules as a family about personal information, time spent online, and contacting people via the internet....reinforce the [SMART rules](#)
- Assess the Risks and Opportunities:
 - Where are the devices?
 - What can they do?
 - Can your child get online in his / her bedroom?
 - Have you enabled any parental settings on devices / the internet as it comes into the house?

- Disable or cover webcams to avoid accidental sharing of images and talk to your child about the risks of sharing images
- Know where to go for help and advice
 - Parenting in the Digital Age - <http://www.pitda.co.uk/>
 - Switched on Families (Virgin Media) - <http://keepup.virginmedia.com/switchedonfamilies>
 - Internet Matters.org (for help with controls and filters) - <http://www.internetmatters.org/>
 - ThinkUKnow - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

You can find these tips on the eSafety Pages on our website - www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk/website/esafety/

Thank you to the PTA for part funding these workshops.

Thank You to the PTA

Speaking of the PTA – well done for another fantastic year of activities, finishing with the fabulous Summer Extravaganza last week. We all know how much hard work, time and effort goes into making these events so successful, so thank you to everyone involved in the extravaganza and all of the other events throughout the year.

We are looking forward to having our “Mud Island” in the playground astro-turfed in the Summer term – another thing that can only happen due to the fund-raising of the PTA.