St. Thomas’ School News

Events of the Week

Week beginning

9.5.22

**Monday**

Bikeability starts for year 5 children

Tuesday

After school multi skills club

Wednesday

Swimming lessons

After school cricket club

Thursday

After school gardening club

06.05.22

**Message from Mrs Williams**

Next week our year 6 children sit their SATs tests. They have worked hard all year for this. Many are nervous about the week ahead, but they don’t need to be. All we can ask is that our children try their best at any given time, and I know that our year 6 children will be amazing. Our year 2 children are also sitting SATs test at the moment and are showing that they have courage and resilience in bucket loads, yet again proving to be the fantastic children that we know they are. It is important to put into perspective what all of this actually means. Tests are just a snapshot in time and we don’t usually remember individual test results – what we do remember is the values that the children hold and the people that they become.

 **Stars of the Week**  

Emelia Roberts, Riley Farrington, Zak Power, Rose Taylor, Rowan Davies, Frankie Bishop, Charlotte Matthews, John Slack, Lilie Smethurst and Lyla Thomas

Well done, everyone!

**Hot Chocolate Fridays**



Ethan Gaynor, Heidi Greaves, Renaiya, Hugo Hilton, Stuart Smith, John Slack, Eira Duggan, Hannah Williams, Monica Anton-Izvoranu and Jasper Taylor

Well done, everyone!

**From the Office…**

* Reminder to Year 6 parents to pay the balance for Winmarleigh Hall. This is on Wisepay.
* We have a lot of good quality second hand uniform in school. If you would like some, please contact the school office with what items you would like and what size you need.

**Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots**

**Effort**

**Sapphire Class**

This is not being published. Only two children accessed this for 9 seconds over the past week.

**Emerald Class**

1. **Emelia 2. Tilley 3. Abigail**

**Opal Class**

1. **Christian 2. Cody 3. Neave**

**Speed (studio)**

**Sapphire Class**

This is not being published. The leader board hasn’t changes in the last 12 months.

**Emerald Class**

1. **Junior (1.64) 2. Jared (2.06) 3. Abigail (3.09)**

**Opal Class**

1. **Erin (4.17) 2. Xiaoton (4.48) 3. Joseph (6.12)**

This online programme is paid for by the Parent’s Association. It is a shame that most children are not playing it regularly.

All children form year 2 upwards should be accessing the programme regularly at home to help them develop their recall and their speed.

**Attendance Trophy**



Amethyst Class 94.2%

Ruby Class 94.17%

Opal Class 96.67%

Emerald Class 96.77%

Sapphire Class 95.42%

**This week the winners are Emerald class 96.77% – well done!**

Attendance for the whole school was 95.44% from 29.4.22 – 5.5.22

**Cricket**



The children have been given leaflets today about the ‘Chance to Shine’ cricket programme at Milnrow Cricket Club. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn more about the game of cricket.

**Sports Round-up**



There were three sporting events this week

On Tuesday, year 5 boys played a **football tournament** organised by Manchester United Academy. They got to play at the Cliff Training ground against schools from across Greater Manchester. Unfortunately, the boys lost all of their games, but they had a great time and got to experience playing against much bigger schools with children that play for out of school clubs and are in the academy system.

Thank you to Mr Brandebura and Mr Hogg for taking time out of their day to help with transport.

On Tuesday afternoon, representatives from our school took part in a competitive **swimming gala** against other Rochdale schools. The children did really well in their events, with poppy doing exceptionally well. Unfortunately, we were unable to compete in all the events as we didn’t have enough children for the relay races. This was due to not enough children being able to swim at the required level and lack of children wanting to take part.

On Thursday afternoon, 8 children took part in a **swimming gala for beginners**. These children did an amazing job and finished in the top three in every race. I was very proud of the effort that they put into this, considering in February they couldn’t swim at all.

The children who took part were:

Filip Brandebura, Bradley Metcalfe, Harrison Gannon, Zachary Power, Junior Brignano, Charlie Woodhouse, Riley Farrington, Jared Cocker-Finnell, Poppy Richards, Lyla Thomas, Ruby Thewlis, Eira Duggan, Anastasia Taylor, Abigail Clegg, Dougi Waddington, Faith Hoyle and Branden Fraine.

Well Done