

Team Points				*Stars of the Week*	
Mandela	Pankhurst	Turing	Malala	Mayson, Ethan, Matilda, Victor, Idris, Zeeshan, Keira, Y6	
782	806	678	1247		

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Attendance	Target:96%			School: 96.2%		
Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
90.7	97.7	97.5	96.6	97.5	98.4	90.3
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Friday 16th November 2018

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers & Friends

Anti-bullying Week 19th – 23rd November

Anti-bullying Week begins next week. We are beginning the week by inviting the children to wear odd socks on **Monday 19th November**. This a great tradition that encourages the children to think about difference and inclusion. **Wednesday 21st November** is dressing-up to show respect. This could mean wearing your Brownie or Boys Brigade uniform. It could be dressing as someone you respect: a family member; a hero; even a fictional character who shows respect. I am sure we will have a school full of fire-fighters, vets, athletes and lots of other creative ideas too!

Opera Project with the RNCM

Congratulations to our amazing Year Six children who performed in the Children's Opera Project at the Royal Northern College of Music this week. They were simply incredible and we are all so proud of them. It will an experience they will remember forever. Here they are rehearsing before their performance.



Rock Stars

This week we held a special assembly to launch Times Tables Rock Stars, a new way to practise times tables at school and home, in Years 2-6. Logins were sent out and can be used on PCs or phones/tablets. Here's a link to the apps available: <https://bit.ly/2RXI9t5>

Christmas Gift Sale

Friday 23rd is our Christmas gift sale. For those who are new to our school family, I will explain a little about it. St. Matthew's Friends and Family (FAF) buy a variety of gifts that the children can purchase in school to then give to their loved ones. These gifts include Christmas decorations, toiletries, games, picture frames and even cuddly toys priced from 50p to £5. Each gift is wrapped and given back to the child to take home. This is a lovely tradition that our children and families love. If you would like your child to buy gifts, then please send them into school on Friday 23rd with no more than £10 in a named envelope.

FAF would love some helpers on the day so please let us know if you are free to help out. They will also be holding their AGM on 22.11.2018 7-9 at school.

Christmas Dates

Christmas is fast approaching here at school so here are the upcoming festive dates for your diary:

- 23rd November:** Christmas Gift Sale (details above)
- 1st December:** Victoria Park Community Concert 1-3 at Victoria Park (Saturday)
- 7th December:** non-uniform day for donations for the Christmas Fair
- 12th December:** Nursery and Reception Nativity 9:30 at school.
- 14th December:** Christmas Fair 3pm at school
- 16th December:** Community Carol Service at St Matthew's Church 3pm (Sunday)
- 18th December:** Christmas dinner. All children are invited to have a school Christmas dinner (£2.30)
- 21st December:** Last day of term and Christmas jumper day!

We also have a special Christmas event planned that we will announce soon so please watch this space...

Best wishes,

Mr Johnson
Headteacher

Please help us to keep
all our children safe
Key safeguarding guide
for parents on the back
of this newsletter.

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