



NEWSLETTER

Start of term

We have had a lovely start to the Summer term with children settling back in to their classes and lots of new learning going on. Special mentions this week to:

- our 8 children in Years 5 and Year 6 who performed as part of the Manor MAT choir on Monday
- Year 5 who enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Black Country Living Museum on Tuesday to begin learning about the Black Country as part of their history and geography topics this term
- Year 4 who are busy learning how to play the ukulele with their weekly lessons provided by Wolverhampton Music School
- All of our staff who are running clubs this term—we now have 10 clubs for children to choose from



Finally, a special mention to Archie in Year 4 who last term completed a sponsored swim to raise money for the Good Shepherd in Wolverhampton who are raising money to purchase single beds for disadvantaged families. So far, Archie has raised £559 which will provide beds for children. We are so proud of him! Archie will be telling us more about this in an assembly soon.



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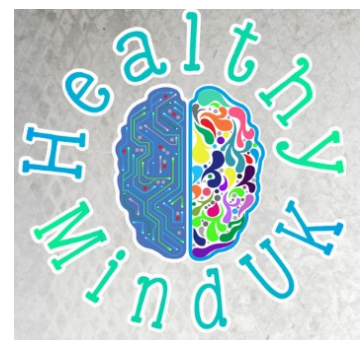
Music and Well being

Later on this term, we have arranged workshops in school that will enrich our music curriculum and our PSHE approach.

On Thursday 19th and Friday 20th May, Wolverhampton Music Service will be joining us to deliver singing workshops and percussion workshops with children in Reception—Y6.

On Wednesday 24th—Friday 26th May, Healthy Mind UK will be bringing their 'Brain dome' to St. Thomas' so that children in Years 1—5 can experience a workshop linked to well-being (Year 6 will be at their residential).

We will be asking parents for a small contribution to support us to fund both experiences for our children. Look out for a ParentMail during the next couple of weeks with additional information.



Thinking of Ukraine

As you are no doubt aware, the war in Ukraine is having a significant impact on the people of the country including many thousands of children. A company that Manor MAT work with on a regular basis, is planning to travel to Poland to donate items to the Red Cross who will then distribute them to displaced families and their children. The company has approached us to see if we would like to be involved in supporting them in this venture and all of our nine MAT schools have said "yes!".

This venture is called 'Bearing Gifts' and at St. Thomas' we have decided to do the following:

On **Friday 13th May**, we will be hosting a 'blue and yellow' day to raise money for this cause. Donations will be made via a JustGiving page that will be set up closer to the date.

We are also asking our St. Thomas' families and children to **donate a teddy bear** that will be given to a child in Ukraine. The teddy bear does not have to be new, it can be a loved teddy bear from one child to another. Donated teddy bears can be brought in to school from Tuesday up until the Friday 13th May when they will be collected by the Bearing Gifts charity ready to be transported.

Look out for a ParentMail during the next couple of weeks sharing the link to the Just Giving page that we will set up for Bearing Gifts.



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Next week

A reminder that school is only open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday next week due to the Spring Bank Holiday and voting day. School clubs will run on these days and any Thursday clubs will begin again the week after.



Summer term dates

Look out in our newsletter over the next couple of weeks for dates for the rest of this term—dates will include our plans for celebrating the Platinum Jubilee, Sports Day, our Year 6 Leavers plans and an opportunity to join your child for a lunchtime 'Come Dine with Me' experience. An exciting term ahead!