

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th May 2023

Dear parents and carers

This week has been a particularly busy one for our **Year 2** children who have been sitting their **KS1 SATs tests**. They took these tests very seriously and worked hard to complete and answer as many questions as they could in the different test papers. They will now continue to work towards achieving their Year 2 targets.

Throughout the week all children across the school have been learning about **Mental Health Awareness**, particularly on this year's theme '**Anxiety**'. We also took part in the '**Wear it Green**' day on Thursday to show our support and understanding of this important cause.

On Thursday we also celebrated **the feast of the Ascension of Jesus** by taking part in Mass in the Parish Church. It was wonderful to see how our pupils took part in the Liturgy and led our readings and prayers. Our week came to an end today with other important activities including our **Friday assembly led by Class 4J**.

Next week we look forward to our final week. It will be the last week of this Summer 1 half term. Children in our Reception Classes are looking forward to their trip to the **London Zoo** on Wednesday while Year 3 are looking forward to their trip to the **Royal Festival Hall** on Wednesday.

Thank you and have a good weekend!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember



Tuesday 23rd May
Trip to the London Zoo
Reception Classes

Wednesday 24th May
Trip to the Royal Festival Hall
Year 3C

Sunday 28th May
Pentecost Sunday

Monday 29th May
Beginning of Half term week

Monday 5th June
Beginning of Summer Term 2
Children return to school



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY
The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most keen in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them."
- Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



SCHOOL
MEMBER



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Throughout the week children and staff at English Martyrs have been thinking about the importance of keeping healthy in mind and body. We focused particularly on ways how to deal with **ANXIETY**, which is this year's theme for Mental Health Awareness week.

We continue to support our pupils in different ways. Please speak to one of our Mentors if you notice that your child is showing signs of anxiety in any way.



Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who show our school values during lunchtime breaks. The following are the names of our Star children for this week.



Nursery:

John and Victoria

Reception:

Ayleen and Nathan

Year 1:

Chanelle and David

Year 2:

Kiyana, fikayo and Kido

Year 3:

Richard and Deborah Y

Year 4:

Abigail and Edward

Year 5:

Veronika, Favour, Carola and Emmanuel

Year 6:

Kevin, Alicia, Joel A and Ogechi



LAPTOPS LENDING SCHEME

As children are now carrying out more work online, we have **laptops** available to offer on loan to families who need them to use for home learning and to work on the homework tasks set for them by teachers. Laptops are loaned on a **termly basis** and an agreement has to be signed by parents. A £10 contribution per term applies. If you would like to benefit from this scheme please contact the school office.



ONLINE SAFETY

Nowadays our children are exposed to a number of social media platforms that are not appropriate for their age. Please have a look at the table below which shows the age groups for some of the most popular apps. Children below the age shown in red should not be using any of the apps shown in the same column of the table below. Please check what your children are accessing on laptops or mobile phones in order to ensure they are always safe online and away from any potential danger.

AGE RESTRICTIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA		
13	16	18
FACEBOOK INSTAGRAM SNAPCHAT 	WHATSAPP	YOUTUBE TIK TOK (13 with Parental Consent)

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 1K

In 1K this week we have been reading **Woolly** by Sam Childs. The story links to our History topic Dinosaurs and Cave Men. Within the sequence, the children were able to explore and empathise with the character's feelings.



For Mental Health Awareness Week we have been looking at how anxiety can affect us in our daily activities. We talked about worries and discussed what we can do to help our mental well-beings.

In Science we have been learning about **seasonal changes**. We went to the playground to conduct a simple wind test. We scored the speed the wind was travelling and how difficult it was to run on that day.



CLASS 5E

In 5E this week we have been writing our own **sci-fi narratives**, based on **Robot Girl** by Malorie Blackman. We have now finished our stories and have started editing them to have them ready for publishing.



This week is mental health week, so we are thinking about ways to make sure that our mental health is good.



In 5E we take regular brain breaks, especially after morning play and lunchtime. This helps us to become calm by deep breathing and listening to the chime.

ART

In our Art lessons, Year 1 have been drawing images of Dinosaurs and used plasticine to make models. They will also be using air drying clay and paint to make fossils. Year 2 are learning about the artist Andre Derain and Paul Klee and they have been using Oil pastels, Chalk Pastels in the process of making Cityscapes collages. Year 3 children are currently learning about volcanoes so they have made 3D models made paper mache. Year 4 are learning about the Rainforests and they have produced some amazing drawings using different media. Year 5 have been using chalk pastels to illustrate space and the different planets using some techniques they learnt in previous lessons such as blending, thatching and tipping. Year 6 used chalk pastels to draw the illustrations by Catherine Hyde from the book 'The Firebird'.



This May Half Term at POLKA

**stuff and
nonsense**
theatre company

A Stuff and Nonsense Theatre Company production

Ages
3-10



The Adventures of THE LITTLE RED HEN

**Friday 26 May -
Sunday 4 June**

Tickets from £10*

Group offers and family discounts available!*

POLKA



ROYAL
DERNGATE &
NORTHAMPTON

A Polka Theatre, Little Angel Theatre and
Royal & Derngate, Northampton production

The Everywhere Bear

Ages
3-7

**Saturday 27 May -
Sunday 13 August**

Based on the much loved story by
Julia Donaldson and Rebecca Cobb



Tickets from £12*

Plus family workshops, with tickets from £10!*

Polka Theatre, Wimbledon

020 8543 4888 | polkatheatre.com

*T&Cs apply. A £2.50 transaction fee
applies to telephone and online bookings.



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VCF Education News

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News from The Farm

The Education Team are proud to present the first of our monthly Education Newsletters. We will be bringing you the latest updates and keeping you informed of what is happening here, at The Farm. We work closely with many schools and community groups striving to deliver exciting workshops and programmes that meet the needs of your group.

- We have recently launched our redeveloped workshops; **Land to Lunchbox** and **Sustainability** and have been enjoying delivering them to local schools.
- South West Londoner featured us in their Newspaper last week, showcasing the value and importance of outdoor education.

Check us out on this [link](#)!



Celebrating Earth Day
by making promises to
Our Planet!



Children planting their
own seeds.

Upcoming Events

Come and see us at **Lambeth Country Show** on the 10th and 11th June. A fantastic day for all and a chance to meet our animals!

Young Farmers is back!

From 17th June, running for 6 weeks

For 8 - 14 years old, £72 per child

Find out more about us on our website [Vauxhallcityfarm.org](https://vauxhallcityfarm.org)
To Sign-Up to our workshops or learn more about our programmes
email us at Education@vauxhallcityfarm.org

