

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th May 2023

Dear parents and carers

This final week of Summer 1 started with our whole school collective worship when we reflected on the solemn feast of **Pentecost** which we are celebrating this Sunday.

One of the highlights this week was the trip to the **London Zoo** for Reception children on Tuesday. Their adventure started when the children got to travel by bus and they were able to see the **London Eye, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament** on the way. When they arrived at the zoo they all had the opportunity to visit many different enclosures and observe animals living in their natural habitats. Some of their favourite animals included **giraffes, flamingos, lions and penguins**. The children got to experience first hand how animals are important to us and how we need to protect them so that we can enjoy them for generations to come.

Year 3 then visited the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday to watch a concert of excerpts from **'The Firebird' by Igor Stravinsky** played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. They also sung a song with all the other visiting schools.

Today Class 1K led our Friday class assembly which included sharing information about what they have been learning about recently including their Maths topic, Writing, Archeology and much more.

We are now ready for our Summer term break. We'll meet again on Monday 5th June. Thank you and have a good half term week!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember



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

Thursday 8th June
Year 2J Trip to
Southwark Cathedral

Friday 9th June
Year 2E Trip to
Southwark Cathedral

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY
Love our Lady and she will obtain abundant grace to
help you conquer in your daily struggle.

- Saint Josemaria Escriva'



WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



SCHOOL
MEMBER



ENGLISH MARTYRS' NURSERY

Applications are now being accepted for enrolling children to start at our **Nursery** in September.

If your child was born **between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020** you can apply for a place. Both half day and full day places are available. Come and visit us or call the school office on 0207 703 4726 to find out more.



CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Every Thursday, class teachers and Teaching assistants award certificates to children in their class who excelled or tried hard during the week. The following are the names of children who received **Good News Certificates** this week.



Reception:

Amari, Musha, Winner and Arlett

Year 1:

Akira, Jordan, Zeman and Alicia

Year 2:

2E Reading Group, Whole of year 2, Khadijatu and Amy

Year 3:

Whole Class, Heman, Yoel and Pierre

Year 4:

4J Whole Class, Praise, Atinuke, Santiago and Kareem

Year 5:

Kai, Kayden, Blessing and Akeliyah

Year 6:

Joel, Jessiah, Lucas and Thara



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Every Wednesday we ask our children to have a look and read through THE WEDNESDAY WORD. This is a Catholic flyer about the Sunday Mass readings and includes a range of activities for children. Use the link below to share this Sunday's gospel as a family.



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=17.8>

SAFEGUARDING

Are you concerned about the Safeguarding or wellbeing of a child?

Make a record of your concern and include facts such as date, time, what you know and any witnesses.

Add your signature and submit to a member of our Safeguarding team.

Ms Akpojotor - Mr Camilleri - Ms Castaldi

Ms Bentaleb - Ms Essel

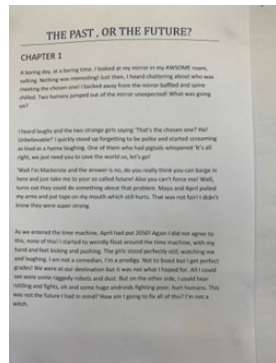


FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

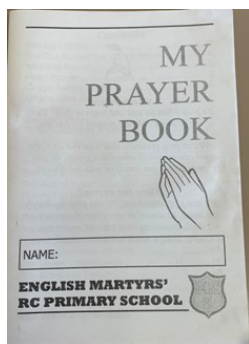
CLASS 5T

The pupils in 5T enjoyed writing and publishing their SCI-FI stories based on the 'Robot Girl' by **Malorie Blackman**. They explored the world of science fiction and



what the future may look like with Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the rise.

In maths, working in groups, they explored **cube numbers** and related it to **volume**.

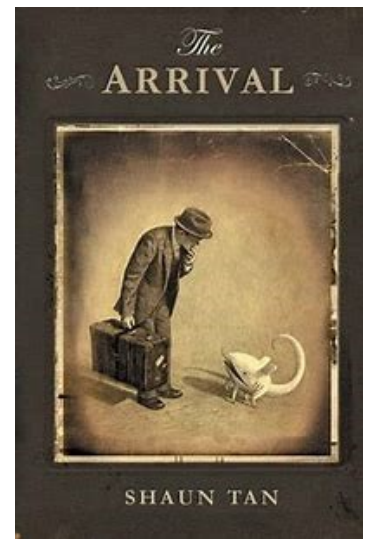


During RE lessons this week, children explored **different ways of praying**. They used the Prayer Book to discuss and identify types of prayer for Thanksgiving, Petition, Sorrow and Praise. Then they wrote their own prayers.

CLASS 6M

This week, 6M have been writing powerful narratives inspired by 'The Arrival' by **Shaun Tan**. They have also been exploring some **Maths investigations**, where they have been tackling problems by using trial and error.

In preparation for year 7, 6M have been writing letters to their heads of year 7 to introduce themselves, reflect on their achievements at English Martyrs and look forward to their new opportunities at secondary school.



Meanwhile in Science, 6M have been learning about **evolution** and have studied how different birds have **adapted** over time. In Geography, 6M are be-

coming experts in **compass** directions and map-reading skills



In Playtime and Lunch Times the kids are very active and have a variety of equipment they can use to play team sports games, or individual games. Lunchtime is used to learn new skills like skipping, learning new rules of different sports like Basketball and Football, which will prepare them during their PE lesson.

Year 4s have been learning difficult activities that will help build their resilience but also make them try harder and other rounds. This teaches them to never give up but continue trying.



PE

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

**Saturday 27 May -
Sunday 13 August**

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

Ages
3-7



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.



The Alpaca Post

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

