

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th June 2023

Dear parents and carers

As we approach the end of this school year, our weeks seem to be getting busier every time. This has been yet another week full of exciting learning opportunities and other enrichment activities.

On Tuesday, our Year 4 children went on a trip to the **London Zoo**. This was an opportunity for them to consolidate their learning about **animals**, their different features and their habitats.

On Thursday we celebrated the solemnity of **St Peter and St Paul** by taking part at Mass in the parish church with the parish community. This was also the first time that the children from **Reception classes** joined us for a whole service in church. On the same day, Year 6 pupils who will soon be leaving us for their Secondary schools enjoyed their treat which consisted of a Trip to the **BMX track in Burgess Park** where they were introduced to, or improved their cycling and balancing skills. Today they also took part in sports activities organised by one of the local secondary schools. Today children and parents were treated to **two class assemblies**, one led by **2J** in Building 1 and another led by **4G** in Building 2 in which they shared so many fantastic facts about what they have been learning about in class.

Please remember there are a number of things to note for next week. On Tuesday we're having a **celebration day of French culture**. Children are invited to come to school wearing French colours.

Please also note that another two days of **Industrial action** have been announced by the NEU for **Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July**. This means that some classes will be closed on that two days. See letter sent home yesterday for more details.

Thank you and have a good weekend!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember



Tuesday 4th June
French celebration day

Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July
Industrial Action by the NEU.
Some classes will be closed due to teachers' strike.

Friday 7th July at 9.05 am
Class Assembly - Building 1
Reception classes
Parents of children in Reception 1 and 2 are invited to attend.

Tuesday 11th July
Sports Day - Years 1 to 6

Wednesday 12th July
Sports Day - Early Years

Thursday 20th July
Last day of School for children

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER





FAIRTRADE

This week we received confirmation that we have now formally become an **FAIRWARE school**. This is the first of three awards we are aiming for.

Becoming a Fairtrade School means joining a worldwide movement where young people learn that, whatever their age, they have the power to **make a**

difference in the world. Children will be learning about global issues such as where our food comes from and how we are connected to people around the world. Students can also learn a range of skills, from teamwork and co-operation to persuasive writing to running a stall or tuck shop.

Teaching about Fairtrade fits different curriculum areas, especially Geography, Citizenship and PSHE.

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:

Kane and Stella

Reception:

Sami and Nathan H

Year 1:

Kelly and Kamal

Year 2:

Deborah and Kyla

Year 3:

Saron and Deborah

Year 4:

Edward and Aslin

Year 5:

Isabelle and Bersabel

Year 6:

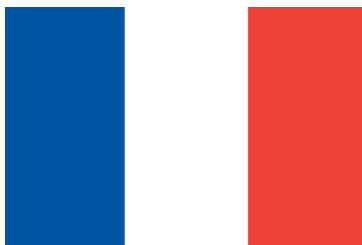
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FRENCH CELEBRATION DAY

On Tuesday of next week, 4th July we're having our **Journée française** (French day).

Children are invited to come to school dressed in French colours - **Blue, Red and white** and we are asking them to contribute one pound for the occasion as part of our fundraising.



Children will be learning about French life and culture, French food, language and much more.



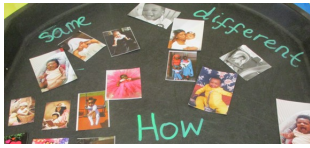
FAREWELL

Today we said farewell to one of our office staff. Ms Campbell, one of the members of our Admin team is leaving us for pastures new. Ms Campbell worked at the school for a long time and she has supported children, parents and school staff in so many ways. We are very grateful for her service to the school community and wish her all the best for her next venture.

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS REC 2



This term we have been learning about our **family and friends**.

In Understanding the World we have enjoyed sharing photos of ourselves and our families with our friends. We have been looking at how we have changed and all the different things we do with our families.

In Art we have been creating our own **self-portraits**. First we sketched our portraits on our whiteboards, next we sketched our portraits on paper and now we are



painting our portraits which has been very enjoyable.

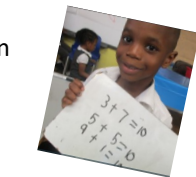


In maths, we have been exploring **number bonds within 10**.



During our RE lesson we had the opportunity to go to church, attend mass and learn

about all the different things in church that are of significance. We even enjoyed constructing our own churches in the outside area.



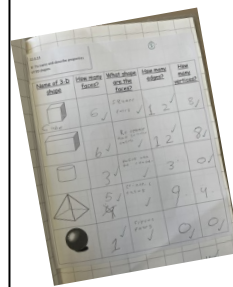
CLASS 2J



In 2J this week we have been reading and analysing different versions of the **traditional tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears**. We are going to

use these versions to write our own **sequels**. In

maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of **shapes** and **addition and subtraction facts**. In reading, we have been



reading a chapter book called **Beaver Towers** and working to develop our inference skills. In science, we have been learning about the importance of keeping

our bodies healthy by eating a **balanced diet**. In RE, we have been reading **bible stories about Jesus** helping the apostles through the power of the Holy Spirit. In geography, we

have been discussing what life is like down at the seaside and what you can do during a seaside holiday. In



PSHE, we have been discussing **being safe** when

taking medicines. We also talked about safe and unsafe substances around the house. We have also been working extra hard this week to prepare for our **class assembly**, which took place this morning! Thank you

CLASS 3C

We have been working very hard in year 3 this half term.

In English, we have reading the book **Escape From Pompeii** by Christina Balit. Everyone worked hard to write a letter of advice to the main characters in the story and this week we have been writing our own **newspaper reports** about the disaster.

In Geography, we have also been doing work about volcanoes. We learnt about the structure of **volcanoes** and made comparisons between Mount Vesuvius in Italy and Mount Cameroon in Cameroon. We also considered why people might want to live near an active volcano.

In Computing, we have been learning how to use **PowerPoint**. We found out how to add news slides and type information. In addition, we learnt how to find an image on the internet and paste it into our PowerPoint presentation. We are looking forward about learning how to animate images and altering the transitions between slides.



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