

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear parents and carers

We started this third week of term with our **Prayer and Liturgy** Assembly on Monday when we focused on the parable of the **Unforgiving** servant and also reflected on the core value of **Faith** and the virtues that are related to it. As this was **National CODING WEEK**, throughout the week children had extra sessions to work on this aspect of computing and learn how to input instructions to form a simple computer programme.



On Wednesday a group of **worship leaders** joined me and attended the beginning of year mass at **Southwark Cathedral**. They represented the school in a very mature way and will be sharing their experience with the whole school next week.

On Thursday we marked the **International day of peace**. As part of our assemblies we shared ideas about how we can actively bring peace around us in school, at home and everywhere. Today, **Class 3C** led our Friday assembly in which they shared a number of things they have been working on recently.

On a final note this week, a big well done goes to our **Kitchen staff**. This is because we had our **Kitchen inspection** on Wednesday and once more we were awarded the **5 star certificate**.



Thank you and have a good weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children in **Year 4 or above** can apply for the **First Holy Communion programme** at English Martyrs Parish. Those who apply will need to attend **Catechism sessions on Saturdays** and also attend **Sunday Mass** regularly in Church with the Parish Community. Registration Forms are available from the church or the school office.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Monday 25th September
Class 6M - Trip to Southbank Gallery

Friday 29th September
Feast of St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael

Friday 28th September - 9.05 am
Class Assembly - 6T
Parents of children in 6T invited to attend in Building 1

Monday 9th October
Year 2 Classes
Visit to the Horniman Museum

Monday 23rd October
Beginning of Half term week



WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our Breakfast Club and After school clubs have now started.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Every day from 7.40 am to 8.40 am.

Cost each day - £2 (£10 weekly)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: Every day from 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm.

Cost each day - £8 (£40 weekly)

Fees must be paid weekly or termly in advance by **PARENTPAY** (*Link on School Website*). If you need ParentPay log in details, please contact the school office.



Other after school activity clubs (until 4.15 pm) take place on different days of the week. See letter and registration forms.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CLUBS

After school activity clubs started this week. These are led by school staff after school for 1 hour **from 3.15pm to 4.15 pm.**

Please remember that there is a **£10 contribution** for the whole term. Payment is to be made through **PARENTPAY**.

Parents please make sure you always pick up your child on time at 4.15 pm.

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 Bentaleb - Ms Essel - Ms Castaldi

Remember:

We all have a duty to share concerns



CORE VALUE - AUTUMN 1

Our Autumn Term 1 core value is **FAITH**. This is about believing in God and showing this in what we do in our everyday life.

Are you a person who shows strong Faith through your actions?

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.



Year 1:

Ezekiel; Pablo

Flourish; Amen

Year 2:

Alice; Sarah; Ethan; Victoria

Year 3:

Elijah; Modesire; Litzy; Amaris

Year 4:

Keriane; Hawa; Trinity;

Year 5:

Iyesogie; Kareem; Atiniire;

Raphael; Juma; Trinity

Year 6:

Victoria





NURSERY CLASS

It has been a very busy start to the year for Nursery children. The children have settled into Nursery well. They are now more familiar with the **school routine** and the rules that we have to keep everyone safe and create a positive learning environment. We have been particularly focusing on **playing** with each other

nicely, **sharing and taking turns**. We have been focusing on our topic '**Our Wonderful World.**' The children have been talking about their family members and drawing them as well as talking about **how God has created us and everything else in this world**. In Maths, we have been saying number names in order and **counting** with one-to-one correspondence.

The children have been developing their confidence and have been **singing** some of their favourite nursery rhymes in front of the class. We have also loved **building and painting** with our new friends. Well done Nursery!

Please remember that Nursery children need to come in wearing correct PE kit on Wednesdays.



CLASS 4J

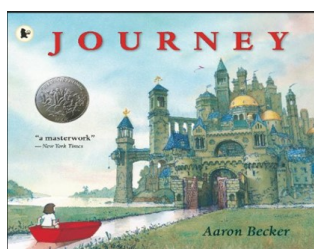
In our **MindUp lessons**, in PSHE, we have been learning about the three main **parts of the brain** (prefrontal cortex, amygdala and hippocampus) and their roles. Throughout the school, we do **mindful breathing** in the mornings and after each break to calm our minds and bodies to get ready for learning.

Each class is named after a saint and the saint for our class is **John Bosco**. The children have carried out



research about him and have written his **biography**.

For Writing, we started the term with a whole school book called **Journey** by Aaron Becker. The children enjoyed learning a lot of writing skills through this wordless picture book in which a heroic child goes on an adventure.



CLASS 6T

6T have had a fantastic start to their new school year and their last at English Martyrs'.



Our writing for this term is centred around the book '**Hugo Cabret**' and follows the young

man on adventures in Paris, France. We will be writing diary entries and newspaper articles.

For humanities we are studying the '**Battle of Britain**' and how the effect this turning point in history had on this country.

This is linked to our art where we look at the artist **Henry Moore** and his drawing from the London Underground during the Blitz. The children will be sketching and using charcoal to create their own images in his style. Our focus is on perspective and using these skills to mirror his style. We re-enacted some of the poses from the underground images to use for our own work.



EPEC Being a Parent Together:

This 10 week online course helps co-parents learn practical skills for everyday life.

For co-parents with children aged 2-11 years.

Starting Thursday 5th October 2023

Dads and Mums want the best for their children, and sometimes it can be hard to agree about how to parent our children. This course, delivered by parents who have already benefited from this learning with their own children and families, will help you be the best for your children, whether you are living together or apart. Both parents need to attend and the group will help you to work together for your children. This course includes:

- Looking after yourselves as parents
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience
- Work together as a team to support your children

For more information, please contact Claire Gager at Southwark Family Early Help Parenting Team;

07547 659 646

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"It's been such a beneficial course for both of us, not just as parents but as individuals"