

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear parents and carers

We started the week with our **Prayer and Worship** assembly. This is always a very important gathering when everyone comes together to reflect on the Sunday Gospel message or other special days in the church calendar and as a time to pray and reflect.

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children took part in workshops about the **re-development of Nursery Park Row** which is a green space very close to the school. Children had the opportunity to talk to the architect of this development and give their views about how the space could be improved.

Today was a very special day. We started the day with our Friday **Class assembly** in Building 1 in which **Class 6M** gave an overview of the different topics they have been learning about since the beginning of term. Today we also marked the **feast of St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael**, the three special angels who are mentioned in the Bible and described as servants and messengers of God.

Today we marked **Teaching Assistants day** which serves as a reminder of the crucial role teaching assistants play in our schools. We recognise the tireless efforts, patience, and expertise that go into helping students thrive academically and emotionally.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Wednesday 4th October
Governing body committee meetings

Thursday 5th October
National **POETRY DAY**
World Teachers' Day

Friday 6th October - 9.05 am
Class Assembly - 4J
Parents of children in 4J invited to attend in Building 2

Monday 9th October
Class 6M - Trip to Southbank Gallery

Monday 23rd October
Beginning of Half term week

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.



WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



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.



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>

SCHOOL UNIFORM



All children have recently been reminded about coming into school in the correct school uniform. Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity, which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. Please make sure children come to school wear-



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

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:

Oscar

Reception:

David; Dion

Year 1:

Ashley ; Aylen

Year 2:

Akira

Year 3:

Kyla; Nadan and Amy

Year 4:

Deborah; Zena and Leah

Year 5:

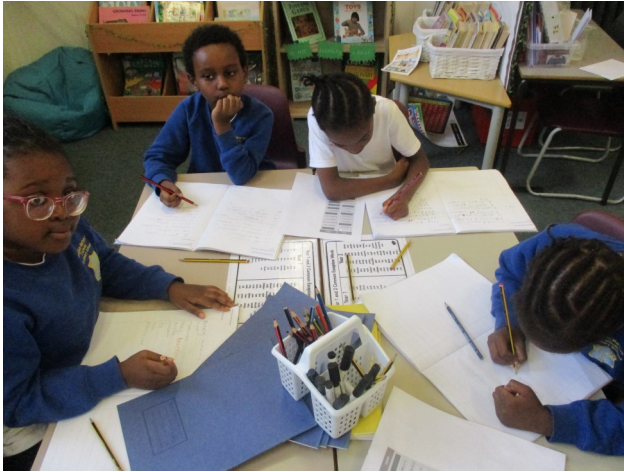
Fatima; Atinuke and Lorraine

Year 6:

Ahmed, Bersabel and Emmanuel



CLASS 2J



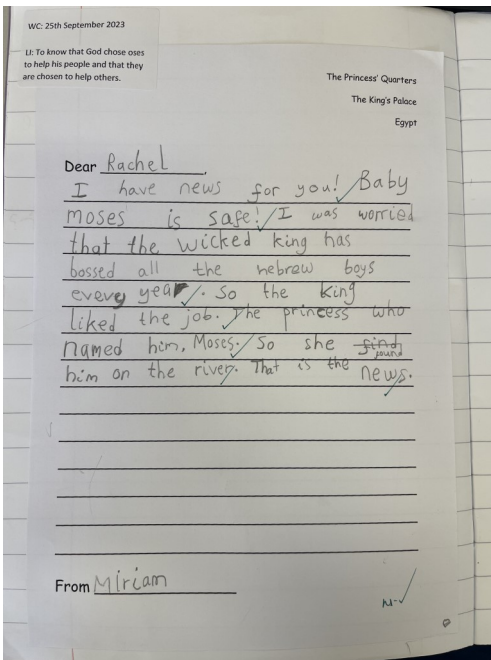
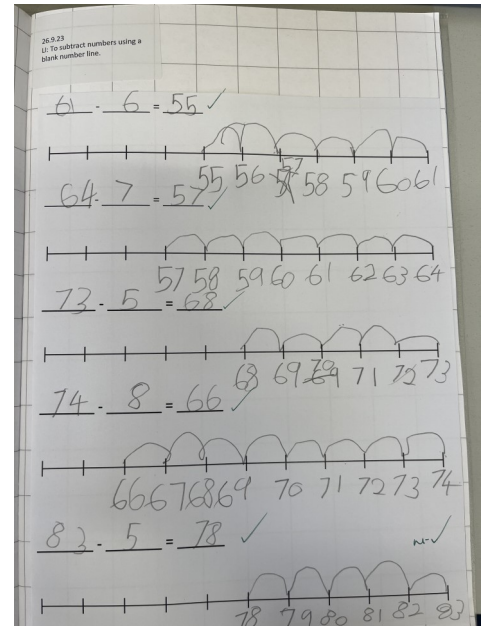
In 2J this week we have been writing poems, inspired by the book '**If all the world were**' by Joseph Coelho and Alison Colpoys. In maths, we have been focussing on **addition and subtraction**, using empty number lines to help us. In PSHE, we have been talking about how to have a **healthy**

mindset. In science we have been looking at materials and their properties, and which materials may be the most suitable for different objects. Our RE topic this

term is '**Chosen people**' – we have learned about how God chose Moses and

Abraham to look after people, and thought about times when we have been chosen to do something. We have also tried some **coding activities** for our coding week using coding programmes on purple mash.

For our topic this term we are learning about **toys and games**. We have been practising our research skills, using the internet to find out how toys in the past were different to the toys we play with today. We are very excited for our upcoming **trip to the Horniman Museum**, where we will be looking at different toys from all over the world!

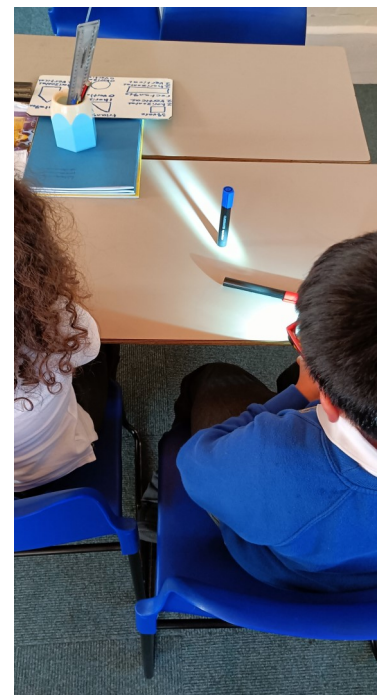


CLASS 3C

In 3C we have had a busy start to the year. Last week, the children worked very hard to prepare their class assembly. The children talked about the School Mission Statement and how they would live out its message. The class also taught everyone about the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

In Writing, we have been enjoying reading the story **Leon and the Place Between** by Angela McAllister. Based on the story we have described settings, written dialogue and written diary entries in role as the characters in the story.

In our Science lessons we have been learning about **light**. We enjoyed creating shadows and investigating how we could make them dark and lighter and longer and shorter. We are looking forward to making our own **shadow puppets** in the coming weeks.





The Alpaca Post

VCF Education News

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News from The Farm

Back to School!

We hope your first few weeks of this new school year have gone well. We were sad to see the end of all our summer programmes but are now getting stuck into our new term.

- **Conservation Club** ended on a high with over 30 people from our local community joining us to make **Bug Hotels**, thinking about ways we can create spaces for all in our otherwise urban environment.
- **Young Farmers** is back after the summer break, and they are already getting stuck into activities on The Farm.
- Looking for a fun way to bring your topics to life? Take a look at our range of workshops, that are designed specifically to complement your syllabus. **New school trip options coming soon!**



Beautiful Minibeast
Hotel creations in
Conservation Club



Biscuit enjoying a Meet
the Animals session

Upcoming Events

Afterschool club sign-up is live. Designed to support learning and instil enthusiasm and curiosity. For students aged 8 - 12 on Tuesday afternoons, get in touch with the Education Team to find out more!

Stepping into the work place? - New Shoots is our **employability programme** starting this October aimed to develop skills and confidence and set individuals up for success in their job search. For ages 16 - 25.

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



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;

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