

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th October 2023

*Dear parents and carers*

This week we continued to focus on the two big themes for the month of October - the **month of the Rosary** and **Black History Month**.

On Monday all Year 2 children were on a trip to the **Horniman museum** to find out more about toys used by children in the past. On Tuesday it was good to see such a large number of parents taking part in our **Phonics workshop**. On the same day we marked **WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY**. All children gathered for assemblies to learn about how we can make sure that we are healthy and strong in both mind and body. On Thursday, Year 1 children had their **local area walk** and in the afternoon, Year 5 classes took part in **science workshops** led by past pupils from our school who are now attending Notre Dame Secondary school. Friday's special gathering was **6M's class assembly** in which children shared told us about learning taking place in their class in different subject areas.

On a different note, last weekend we heard the sad news of **Fr Francis Kemsey**, former parish priest and big friend and supporter of our school passed away on Sunday 8th October after a long illness. May he rest in peace in the glory of heaven with the Lord Jesus.

Have a good weekend.



**Wednesday 18th October at 9.05 a.m.**

**Topic: MATHS**

This is a 30 minute session for parents to find out more about ways how they can support children with Maths work and activities at home and other places.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Monday 16th October**

**Class 6M**

**Trip to Southbank Gallery**

**Friday 20th October**

**Black History Month Exhibition**

**All Parents' invited**

**Friday 20th October**

**Year 5 - Trip to the Science Museum**

**Friday 20th October - 9.05 am**

**Class Assembly - 2E**

**Parents of children in 2E invited to attend in Building 1**

**Monday 23rd October**

**Beginning of Half term week**

**Monday 30th October**

**Children return to school**

**Autumn Term 2**

**WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER**



## FOOD BANK

From time to time we come across families who we know are in need of some support. We are now going to try to help by setting up our own **EMS Food Bank** to help those in need.

Any parents who would like to contribute any food items can do that by bringing them to school and place them in the box in the Undercroft. Ideally we would like to do this on **Mondays, either in the morning or at hometime.**

Any food items you would like to donate will have to be **non perishable** items such as tins of food, packets of Rice or Pasta etc. Thank you.



## BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Parents who are interested in applying for a place in either of these clubs can collect a registration form from the school office or download one from our school website. (see link - [Breakfast & After School Club \(englishmartyrsrprimary.co.uk\)](http://Breakfast & After School Club (englishmartyrsrprimary.co.uk)))

Breakfast club is from 7.40 am. while our After school club runs from home time until 5.30 pm each day.



## FAIRTRADE

Last July our school was awarded the Bronze **Fairtrade Mark**. This year we are working towards the Silver Mark.

Children will be learning more about Fairtrade and its benefits for farmers and others.

We are also encouraging families to become more aware of Fairtrade goods and buy more of these items such as Fairtrade coffee or tea, bananas and more.



## 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**

## 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:

Arlette; Baraka  
Adriel; Lavie

### Year 2:

Isabella; Whole Class;  
Chizam; Whole Class

### Year 3:

Canaan; Abdu;  
Dylan; Janet

### Year 4:

Deborah; Whole Class;  
Deborah; Whole Class

### Year 5:

Marta; Jomata  
Katniss

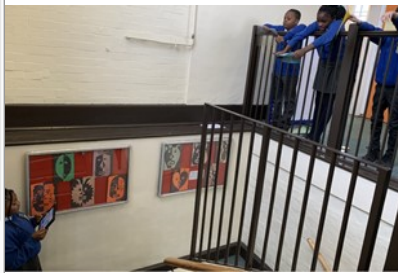
### Year 6:

David; Favour  
Wholeclass



## CLASS 5T

In **Writing** the class is reading the book '**Hidden Figures**' and exploring the true story of four brave women. This links with the 'Black History Month'.



In **History** the class is learning about Freedom and Justice. We've looked at the religious views and social views of what Freedom and Justice is. Again, we've had interesting discussion and made links with why we celebrate 'Black History Month'.

In **science**, we're exploring and investigating '**Forces**'. We've used Newton unit of measurement to measure the forces of **gravity** and have carried out fair test on **air resistance** and **buoyancy**.



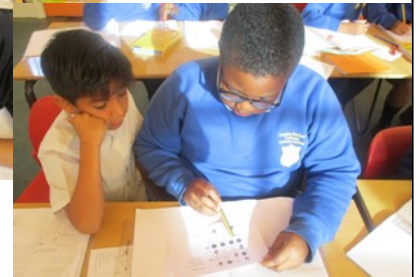
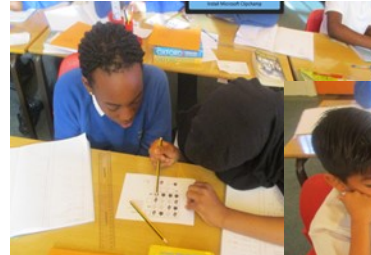
## CLASS 6M

In 6M this week, we have been learning **Algebra**. Through partner work and lots of practice we are really beginning to enjoy it.

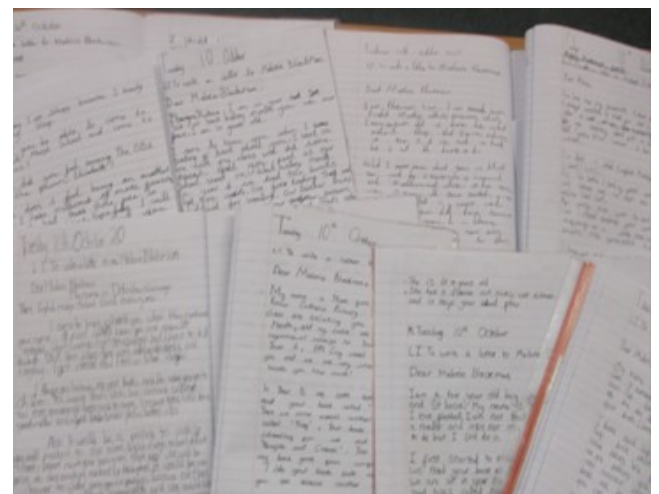
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Also in 6M this week, we have been writing **letters to Malorie Blackman**.



She is our Black History Month hero for this year. Did you know she has written nearly 80 children's books, she has an OBE and she has been the children's laureate. We read a few of her books in Year 5, so it's great to learn



## CLASS PE



In PE year 2s have been learning how to work as a team, this is important since students often engage in group exercises. There are many benefits to team building in physical education classes. It can improve communication, increase trust among members, enhance individual skills, and ultimately help them to reach their goals efficiently.

