

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th November 2023

*Dear parents and carers*

This week was full of so many activities for children in different Year groups. On Monday Class 2J visited the **National Gallery** to find out more about famous artists and observe paintings related to topics they are learning about. Class 2E then went to the same Gallery today.

This week we also marked **PARLIAMENT WEEK**. Children elected their representatives for the **school council** and learned about **democracy** and the process of making laws.

On Tuesday many parents attended our parent workshop which had 'MyMaths' website as a focus. This is the portal we use for our Maths homework so it is crucial that parents become familiar with it too.

Today **Class 4G** led our Friday assembly. The special focus was on **Remembrance Day** which is tomorrow but they also shared ideas and facts about other topics particularly Science and RE.

We now look forward to next week which is yet another special week as we will be marking **ANTI BULLYING WEEK**. Please note that we're asking children to come to school wearing **odd socks** on Monday to support this cause.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Monday 13th November**  
Beginning of **ANTI BULLYING WEEK**  
And **ODD SOCKS DAY**

**Tuesday 14th November**  
Parents' Workshop - 9.00 am  
Focus: **READING TOGETHER**

**Wednesday 15th November**  
**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**  
Individual children, Siblings, and Class Photos

**Friday 17th November - 9.05 am**  
**Class Assembly - 2J**  
Parents of children in 2J invited to attend in Building 1

**Friday 24th November - 9.05 am**  
**Class Assembly - 3M**  
Parents of children in 3M invited to attend in Building 2

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

As tomorrow is Remembrance Day, we observed a minute silence in Building 2 after the class assembly. All children were encouraged to think about the sacrifice so many soldiers and others have made for peace in our country and other parts of the world.



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



## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The following are the children elected to be part of our 2023-2024 school council. They will be representing the school on special occasions and having meetings to discuss how we can make our school even better.



### YEAR 3:

Dylan  
Fikayo  
Litzy  
Nathaniel

### YEAR 4:

Trinity  
Moringa  
Ugo  
Keriane

### YEAR 5:

Kareem  
Jomata  
Jayron  
Iyesogie

### YEAR 6:

Ahmed  
Adamsay—Head Girl  
Aidan—Head Boy  
Alisha

## FAREWELL

Today we said farewell to **Mrs Neal** who has been part of our catering team for many years and who will be retiring from work.

Next week we will be saying farewell to **Ms Elizabeth** who has been at English Martyrs working in different roles and supported so many children for a number of years.

We are very grateful for their service to the school and our children and wish them all the best for the future.

## Starting Reception School in September 2024

If your child was born between

**1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020**

Your child is due to start primary school in September 2024

You must submit your CAF (common application form) online to

Southwark [www.southwark.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/school-admissions)

before the closing date

**Friday 15th January 2024**

Applications made after this date will not be considered for the first round and will be 'a late application'

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:

Omari, Nneka

### Reception:

Chloe, Oliver

### Year 1:

Olivera, Jaden

### Year 2:

Alice, Esosa

### Year 3:

Alan, Fikayo

### Year 4:

Prince, Ugochukwu

### Year 5:

Radin, Abigail, George

### Year 6:

Ian, Samuel, Feyikemi



## ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

Well done to **Year 1** pupils who registered the highest attendance percentage this week - very close to 100%

YEAR GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Reception	90.7%
Year 1	99.6%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	97.2%

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Parents are reminded that **no holidays or travel should be booked during term time** and that all children arrive by no later than **8.55 am** each morning. The gates open from 8.40am.

## ODD SOCKS DAY

**Monday 13th November 2023** is Odd socks day, this is to help raise awareness of bullying.

Children can come to school wearing odd socks on this day!



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The School photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** to take individual pupil photos, and class photos.

If you have 2 or more children in the school and would like them to have a **sibling photo**, please complete the slip and return it to the school office by Monday 13th November.

**Sibling photos will be taken from 8.00am-8.30am.**

**Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their full school uniform.**



## 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.



## HOMEWORK

Please remember that our teachers continue to set Homework for children on **MS Teams**.

A schedule for the week is posted online by teachers every Monday for children to work through during the week.

Our normal homework pattern is as follows:

**Mondays - Spelling**

**Tuesdays - Online Maths**

**Wednesday - The Wednesday Word**

**Thursday - Writing task**

**Friday - Reading task.**



Please make sure your child is able to access MS Teams and complete all homework tasks regularly and let us know if you need any support with this. Thank you.

## CLASS RECEPTION

In reception this week we have talking about parliament week and how world leaders are chosen. In class we voted for our favourite book. We have been reading a book called 'Astro girl' by Ken Wilson-Max and 'I'm the best' by Lucy Cousins. From the book we have been thinking about what we enjoyed about book and why it is our favourite. The children sat at the polling station and voted for their favourite book.



In literacy we have been learning about ambition and space. The children have started reading the book 'Look up' by Nathan Bryon. We have been looking at a character called Rocket. She wants to be an astronaut when she grows up and uses a telescope to look at the stars. The children were learning about the functionality of a telescope and created their own to go star spotted. We went star spotting in the classroom using the telescopes we created.



## CLASS 2E



In 2E this week we have talking about parliament week and how world leaders are chosen. In class we voted for our

favourite book. We have been reading a book called 'A Walk in London' by Salvatore Rubbino. From the book we have been thinking about different London landmarks and how we

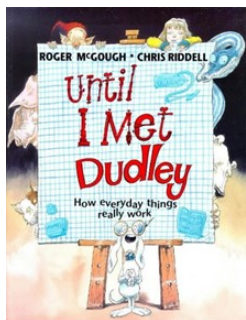


might describe them. In maths we have been learning about time and how to read an analogue clock. We have had a lot of fun experimenting



with colour mixing in art and created a colour wheel. In History we have begun learning about the Gunpowder plot and the origins of fireworks night.

## CLASS 4G



For writing and Science class 4G have been finding out about electricity. We have been investigating how things work. Dudley the techno wizzard has been helping us investigate how toasters work! We have written letters to Dudley asking him how a vaccum cleaner works. Before we met Dudley, we thought that a vaccum cleaner had an ant eater inside sucking up all the dust and grime. Dudley has also been helping us with our prepositions to improve our writing on how a toaster works. We know so much more about electrical appliances now we have met Dudley.

For our assembly, we have been learning about 'Remembrance Day' and why we remember this special time. We have learnt the importance of remembering the soldiers who have fallen and sacrificed their lives for us in all wars. This has deepened our understanding of sacrifice and responsibility. Reading the poem 'In Flanders Field' has also brought us closer to that specific epoch.

