

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear parents and carers

Our main focus this week was to learn about the dangers and pitfalls of **BULLYING**. To mark **Anti-Bullying week** children took part in a range of activities including coming in **Odd Socks** on Monday and learning about this year's theme '**Make a noise**' at assemblies as well as in class.



On Monday we gathered for our **worship** which focused on the Sunday Mass readings theme of **WISDOM**. Children reflected about the gift of wisdom which helps us make the right choices and then do our best to work towards them.

On Tuesday we had another interesting **workshop for parents** on '**Reading together**'. On Wednesday we welcomed the **school photographer** for individual and class photos. On the same day all Key Stage 2 children took part in an interesting assembly to learn about the **dangers of choking**. This was presented by Ms Lell Hawney from the Mini First Aid.

On Thursday we had our **Good News assembly** during which children from different classes received their **certificates** for their achievements over these last days and we also said farewell to Ms Elizabeth who is leaving us this week after working at our school for a number of years.

Today Class 2J led our class assembly in which they told us about their wonderful work and activities they enjoyed over recent days.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Tuesday 21st November
Parents' Workshop - 9.00 am
Focus: **WELLBEING**

Tuesday 21st November
DRAMA WORKSHOPS
Reception to Year 3 classes

Tuesday 21st November
Citizenship Workshops
Year 6 pupils

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

Tuesday 21st November at 9.00 a.m.

Topic: WELLBEING



This is a 30 minute session for parents to find out more about ways how they can support children with activities to ensure their wellbeing at all times at home and other places.

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.



NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

We are now in the month of **November** - a time when we remember the Feasts of **All Souls** and **All Saints**. We think about loved ones who are no longer with us and pray for them. We pray especially for people who have passed away and are related to members of our school community.

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.

CORE VALUE - AUTUMN 2



Our Autumn Term 2 core value is **RESPECT**. This is about helping, supporting and working with others no matter who they are.

Do you always show respect to everyone?

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:

Uchenna, Nneka

Reception:

Chloe, Dion

Year 1:

Adriel, Amen

Year 2:

Lisa, Nzola

Year 3:

Kiyana, Joshfrie

Year 4:

Isaac, Richard, Gideon

Year 5:

Raphael, Gloria

Year 6:

Feyikemi, Davina



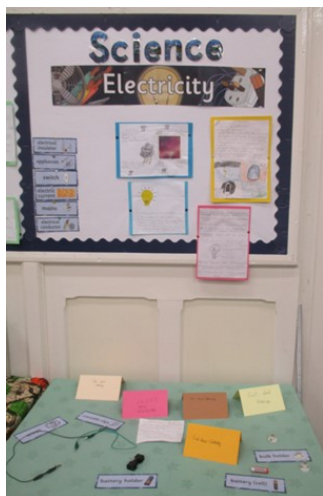
FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 4J

We are now learning about **electricity** in science. We have also made cross curricular links with science and writing as the book we are using in writing is '*Until I Met Dudley*' by Roger McGough. This book explains (in a fun way) how electricity appliances work.

In history, we are learning about **Italy**. Before teach-



ing the topic, the children were asked to use BBC Bitesize to carry out their own research to find out interesting facts about life in Italy, such as their food, schools and sports. Did you know that the Italians love cats so much that there are laws to protect the feral cat colonies?



CLASS 6T



6T are very lucky to be taking part in a **climate workshop** every Tuesday as part of our science learning.

This involves a volunteer from 'Climate Education' coming into class and taking to us about the climate. We are learning about how the climate is affected and what we can do to reduce our contribution.

In maths we have been practising our **arithmetic skills** as well as **fractions and percentages**. Our current book in writing – **The Promise** by Nicola Davies-

is a text about how one person can change their environment. We are currently writing letters to the local authority to ask for some changes within our local community.



NURSERY



It continues to be a very busy start to the year for Nursery children and your children have settled well and making some really lovely **friendships**. They are now familiar with the school routines and the rules that we have to keep everyone safe and create a positive learning environment.

This term our theme is **Traditional Tales** and we will be looking at some wonderful books including **The Gruffalo**, **The Gingerbread Man** and **Goldilocks** and the **Three Bears** to name just a few. We will continue to use lots of mark making and drama to share our ide-

as and experiences and looking at the **repeated refrains** and to be able to describe a character. In Maths we will be using **number names and language** in play and focussed activities, **sorting** different objects into groups, children will explore things of decreasing size that are placed in each other, patterns, children will be encouraged to play freely with blocks and shapes and explore longer and shorter. The children will continue to develop their confidence and sing some of their favourite **nursery rhymes** in front of the class, explore their new outside environment and participate in lots of messy Arts and Crafts. In RE we will be looking at **God's Family** and **Judaism**.

Please remember that Nursery children need to come in wearing the correct **PE kit on Wednesday**.

I look forward for your continued support and to the build up to Christmas and the exciting Nativity Play your children will be involved in.

