

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th November 2023

*Dear parents and carers*

Our week started with our prayer and worship assembly in which we focused on the **Parable of the talents**. Children reflected on the gifts God gives us and how we are meant to make best use of them.

Tuesday was a special day packed with so many things. The day started with a workshop for parents on **Wellbeing**. Our Year 2 classes took part in the celebration of the **Mass** in church with the parish community. On the same day most classes took part in **drama workshops** on the theme of discovering countries around the world. In the afternoon then, all our Year 6 children took part in '**Citizenship workshops**' in which they worked in groups to learn about so many important life skills including how to stay safe at all times as they grow up and move to secondary schools next year.

Today, **Class 3M** led our **Friday assembly** in which they told us about their learning in different areas of the curriculum and also sang a beautiful song for the audience in **French**.

We now look forward to next week which is our formal **Assessment** week for the Autumn term. Children will be carrying out different tasks and tests to show how much progress they made since the beginning of the term. Parents will then have the opportunity to meet with class teachers to discuss progress between the 12th and 14th December after school.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Monday 27th November**  
Beginning of **ASSESSMENT WEEK**

**Tuesday 28th November**  
**Parents' Workshop - 9.00 am**  
**Focus: PHONICS**

**Friday 1st December - 9.05 am**  
**Class Assembly - 1K**  
Parents of children in 1K invited to attend in Building 1

**Friday 8th December - 9.05 am**  
**Class Assembly - 5E**  
Parents of children in 5E are invited to attend in Building 2

**Tuesday 28th November at 9.00 a.m.**

**Topic: PHONICS**



This is a 30 minute session for parents to find out more about ways how they can support children with activities related to phonics and sounds of letters and words as well as reading in general.

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





**This Sunday is the Feast of**

## **CHRIST THE KING**

We think of Jesus as our true King that leads us in the ways of truth and love.

## **TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES**

Our Termly Learning Conferences will take place from

**Tuesday 12th  
to  
Thursday 14th December.**

Please see class teachers when you collect your child this coming week to book an appointment.

Each parent will have 10 minutes to speak to the class teacher so punctuality is of utmost importance.

## **RECEPTION CLASS 2024**

If your child was born between **1 September 2019 - 31 August 2020** they are due to start primary school in **September 2024**.

To apply for admission to English Martyrs you need to complete a supplementary form which you can download from the school website as well as the Local Authority admissions form.

**You must submit your CAF (common application form) online to Southwark [www.southwark.gov.uk/school admissions](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/school%20admissions) before the closing date**

**Closing date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

## **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.



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:**

Makbel, Lucinda

### **Reception:**

Dream'rae, Elian

### **Year 1:**

Abies, Ezekiel

### **Year 2:**

Darleen, Grace, Anderson

### **Year 3:**

Lillie-Mae, Richard

### **Year 4:**

Zena, Jheison,  
Augusta, Leah

### **Year 5:**

Fatima, Samuel, Atinuke

### **Year 6:**

Feyikemi, Alicia,  
Alisha, Krisanta



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

## THIS WEEK

### CLASS 3C

3C have been working very hard. In Writing, we have been enjoying doing work based on Carol Ann Duffy's book **The Tear Thief**. Last Friday, we discovered some mystery footprints in the classroom and saw that our jar of tears had disappeared. This week, inspired by the discovery, we have been busy writing **newspaper reports**.



In Science, we have been learning all about **magnets and forces**. In class we investigated what materials a magnetic force could go through and were excited to discover that the magnetic force attracted objects through the wooden tables and plastic rulers in our classroom.

In History this half term, we have been learning about the impact of **significant figures in British history**. One of these people was **Elizabeth Fry** and in class we learnt about how her faith influenced her desire to improve the lives of women prisoners in the 1800s.

### CLASS 1L



In 1L this week, we have been reading a book called **'Yeti and the Bird'** by Nadia Shireen. From the book, we have been using adjectives to describe the Yeti and the Bird as well as other opposite characters such as Beauty and the Beast. In

maths, we have been learning about **days of the week** and our daily routines. During science, we have been exploring different objects and the **materials** they are made from. In RE, we have been learning about **Mary's visit to Elizabeth**. We spoke about good news and how they make us feel. We have also been reading daily as it helps us with our writing.



### CLASS 2J



In 2J this week we have been preparing to write a **guide of our local area**. We took a walk around our local area in Walworth last week and collected a list of all the interesting places that can be seen. In maths, we have been **collecting and analysing data**

**using tally charts and pictograms**. In science, we have been exploring the **microhabitats** around the school. In PSHE for Anti-Bullying week, we have been talking about how we can be a good friend and put a stop to bullying. Our RE topic this term is



**'The Mystery of God'** – we have used our imaginations to think about the wonderful mysteries that God has presented us with, such as the **Holy Trinity and the Annunciation**. In art, we have been exploring fireworks using different drawing mediums. In history, we have been learning about the events surrounding the **Gunpowder Plot**. This week we also took part in a fun-filled drama workshop where we pretended to be **world travellers** exploring different countries.

Thank you to all of those who attended our class assembly last week. We are really looking forward to performing in our nativity next month.

