

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st December 2023

*Dear parents and carers*

This has been such a busy week for all pupils and teachers as we had the **Autumn Term assessments** for Reading, Maths and English. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss outcomes and progress with class teachers the week after next. Please make sure you have booked an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher.

At the beginning of the week we gathered for our Collective Worship where we focused on the feast of **CHRIST THE KING** which was celebrated last Sunday. Children reflected on how Jesus is a different type of king who leads like a true shepherd.

Other important activities this week included another meeting for **Worship Leaders** to plan for Advent Liturgies and two **school council** meetings with different teachers.

Today **Class 1K** presented their **Class Assembly** for this term. They told us about their work this term including books they are using for reading and writing, their science work on Materials and they also sang a beautiful song for the audience. Many thanks to the large number of parents who attended this morning.

This coming Sunday is the **First Sunday of Advent** and the beginning of the new Liturgical year in Church and we will reflect more on this special season next week.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Sunday 3rd December**

First Sunday of ADVENT

**Tuesday 5th December**

Parents' Workshop - 9.00 am

Focus: **SUPPORTING SPANISH SPEAKING CHILDREN**

**Wednesday 6th December**

School Governors visit

**Friday 8th December**

Feast of Mary the

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**Friday 8th December - 9.05 am**

**Class Assembly - 5E**

Parents of children in 5E are invited to attend in Building 2

**Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and**

**Thursday 14th December**

**TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES**

Meetings between Parents and class teachers.

**This Sunday is the**

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



As we light the first candle on our Advent wreath we think of how best to prepare for the coming of Jesus into our hearts.

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





## 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-admissions) 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.



## 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.**

## 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:

Jaden; Ashley

Nayel; Maria

### Year 2:

Zaman; Nuhrit

Esosa; Nzola

### Year 3:

Simone; Adedolapo;  
Emmanuella; Nathaniel

### Year 4:

Akeem; Whole Class;  
Ugochukwu; Whole Class

### Year 5:

Keylor; Favour  
Edward; Divine

### Year 6:

Krisanta; Michael  
Daniella



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

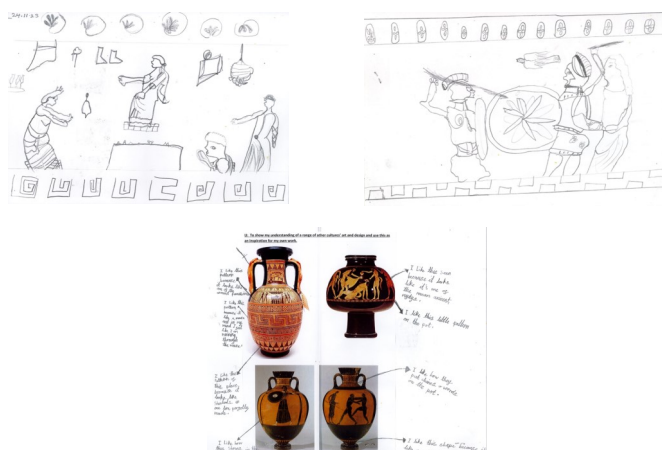
## THIS WEEK

### CLASS 5E

This week in 5E, we have explored the meaning of **Advent** as a time for being **alert to Jesus' arrival**. We wrote promises to ourselves for Advent.



Meanwhile, in **Art**, we have been exploring Ancient Greek art and creating our own designs in response.



### CLASS 1K

In 1K this week we have begun reading a book called '**Astro Girl**' by Ken Wilson-Max. From the book we have been thinking out how to become **astronauts**. In maths we have been learning how to count in 2s. During science we have been looking at



different **materials** and their properties. We have also been practising for our **class assembly** on Friday and are very excited to show everyone.



### CLASS 3M

3M have been incredibly busy recently and it has been wonderful to see how they have developed and grown this year already.

We have been undertaking our **end of term assessment tests** this week and it is commendable in how they have demonstrated that they are **dedicated and perseverant** individuals who have shown great focus.



They have been mastering **multiplication and division** in maths this week with a particular focus on their 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 multiplication and division facts.

In literacy we are finalising and editing newspaper reports based on our current core text '**The Tear Thief**' by Carol **Ann Duffy**. They have thoroughly enjoyed being detectives and sharing descriptive analysis of who has stolen 3M's tears.

In history we have delved into the lives of many **British heroes** and this week we have been focusing on **Emmeline Pankhurst** who helped women win the right to vote.

In art 3M have been crafting their own unique **portraits** and enjoyed sketching their own portrait without using a mirror.

Finally, in science they continue to be captivated by the world of **magnetism**. They have been currently exploring properties of magnets with a particular focus on how different poles attract and repel each other.

Class 3M were also buzzing last week when they were able to share their **assembly** with you and showcase all their achievements throughout the term. Thank you for coming along and sharing in their joy.

