

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

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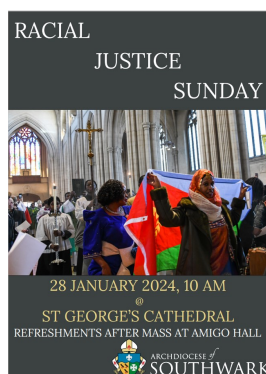
Dear parents and carers

We started this week with our prayer and worship assembly when we reflected on Sunday's Gospel about when **Jesus called the first Disciples** to follow him.

Among the other interesting events this week we had the **Fix-a-Bike workshops** for Year 5 children in which they learned about how to fix different things when something breaks down in a bicycle. The **Girls football** workshops also carried on as did the other **after school activity clubs** throughout the week.



Today, **Class 2E** led our **Class assembly** in Building 1 in which they shared a lot of examples of what they have been learning about recently. Thanks to all parents who attended.



This weekend we are marking two special days. On Saturday we remember those who suffered or lost their lives in the **Holocaust**. On Sunday we mark **Racial Justice Sunday** and a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils will be representing English Martyrs' at a special mass for the occasion at Southwark Cathedral.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

Mr Camilleri - Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Saturday 27th January
Holocaust Memorial Day

Sunday 28th January
Racial Justice Sunday

Year 5/6 group of children attending Mass at St George's Cathedral

Friday 2nd February
Class Assembly - 3C
Parents of children in 3C are invited to join us in Building 2

Week beginning 5th February
Children's Mental Health week

Wednesday 7th February
to Friday 9th February
Residential Trip - Year 6

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



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.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH CHURCH

Our school is part of the ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH community. The parish church is right next door to the school.

There are Masses regularly every weekend at the following times:

Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm

Sundays at 9:00 am

Sundays at 11:30 am

Sunday evening at 6:00 pm



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Every Wednesday we ask our children to have a look and read through THE WEDNESDAY WORD. This is a Catholic flyer about the Sunday Mass readings and includes a range of activities for children. Use the link below to share this Sunday's gospel as a family.



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=17.8>

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, Acacia

Reception:

Stella, David

Year 1:

Devante, Flourish, Nzola

Year 2:

Grace, Tosin, Nathaniel,
Ethan

Year 3:

Lillie-Mae, Simone

Year 4:

Zena, John

Year 5:

Efemena, Silk, George

Year 6:

Precious, Ryan, Joel, Davina



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 2J



In 2J this week we have been looking at **'The Journey Home'** by Frann Preston Gannon. Our topic this term is **'Going green'** – we have been reading about how we can save the planet and we have been using **atlases** to identify the continents and the oceans of the world. Our RE topic is **'The Good News'** – we have read the story of how Jesus helped Simon Peter and Andrew and we have read the story of Jesus visiting the temple with Mary and Joseph. In science, we have been learning about **plants** and **identifying different seeds**. In maths, we are learning to **subtract** a two-digit number from a two-digit number, using partitioning and empty number lines. In PSHE, we have discussed safe and unsafe situations and strangers. For our **Lifesavers** focus, we have been discussing **where we get our money from**. We have also considered how we can get money and how we can volunteer without needing to be paid.



CLASS 1L

In 1L this week, we have been reading a book called **'Tadpole's Promise'** by Jeanne Willis. From the book, we have been learning



about the **life**

cycle of a frog. To help us understand the book, we acted in role as the caterpillar and the tadpole. We acted out the promises both characters said to each other.



In maths, we have been **solving addition word problems** using number lines.

In science, we have been learning about **animals including humans**. We sorted animals into the groups they belong to and spoke about their diets. We had Trotter, the rabbit visit us. We spoke about the group



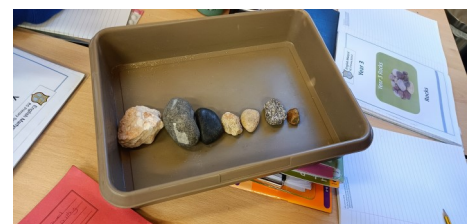
Trotter belongs to and the type of food he eats.



Class 3C

In 3C we have been reading Michael Morpurgo's version of the **Pied Piper of Hamelin** during our English lessons. In the past couple of weeks we have written non-chronological reports about rats, letters of advice and have this week started writing our own stories inspired by the original.

In our History lessons we have started learning about the **Stone Age**. In our lessons we have looked at the different types of dwelling from the period and considered their individual advantages and disadvantages. We also made comparisons between our diet and the diet which of someone from the Stone Age period.



Our science topic has been **rocks** and in our lessons we devised our own criteria and classified different rock samples. We also tested rocks to see which were permeable and which were impermeable. In the coming weeks we are going to be investigating the hardness of different rocks using the Mohs Hardness Scale.



Finally next Friday (**2nd February**) is our **class assembly** – you are all very welcome to come and support your child. Please be seated for 9:05am.

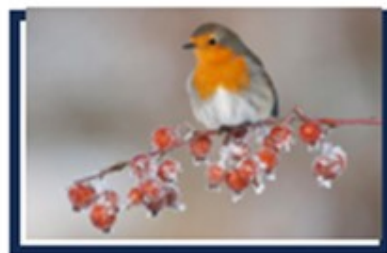


English Martyrs' science theme of the term in Spring 1 is **ALL ABOUT WINTER!**



What happens to
plants and animals in
winter?

Why can we see our
breath when it is cold?



Why is it so cold in winter
even though **climate change** is
making the world hotter?



Can you creatively answer any of these questions? Perhaps you would like to answer one of your very own questions about our science theme this term? Or perhaps you want to create your very own artwork. Please bring in your wonderful scientific creations throughout the term (and no later than the last Monday of the term) so that we can show the rest of the school how much you love science!

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



28 JANUARY 2024, 10 AM

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REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS AT AMIGO HALL



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SOUTHWARK



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL
A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

OPEN MORNING INVITATION SATURDAY 2 MARCH

Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form Entry

We warmly invite the families of your current Year 5 pupils, who are considering secondary education in **September 2025** to our **Open Morning** on **Saturday 2 March 2024**.

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With very best wishes
Clare, Lucy, Fabia and Becca

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