

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th March 2024

Dear parents and carers

So much has happened this week at English Martyrs! We started the week with our **Liturgy and Worship** assemblies and we then followed up with our **Lent Reflection** on Thursday when all children were given a purple **money box** and encouraged to start collecting money to help other children through fundraising for the **Catholic Children Society**.

All our Year 5 children visited the **British Museum** this week to find out more about the **Anglo-Saxons**, their main topic for this half term. Today **Class 4G** led our **Friday assembly** and told us about different topics they have recently been working on in class.

Next week we're having our **SCIENCE WEEK**. There are a whole series of activities prepared for our pupils, some of them led by visitors to our school. I'm sure this will be an exciting event for all our children but there is also a **science exhibition** which parents and others can visit throughout the week.

Next week we are also having our **Termly Learning Conferences**. These meetings between Parents and Teachers are an good opportunity to discuss the progress children have made this term and what targets are being set for them.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Monday 18th March

Beginning of Science week

**Tuesday 19th March
to**

Thursday 21st March

**TERMLY LEARNING
CONFERENCES**

**3.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Meetings between Teachers and
Parents**

Friday 22nd March

Class Assembly - 1K and 4J

**Parents of children in 1K or 4J
are invited to attend**

Thursday 28th March

**Last Day of the Spring Term
Stations of the Cross service in
church**



This Sunday is the FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We continue to think about ways how to change and become better people. See the **Lent calendar** for ideas of things you can do everyday at school or at home.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our Termly Learning Conferences will take place from



**Tuesday 19th
to
Thursday 21st March.**

**Appointment slips will be sent home on
Monday.**

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

LENT FUNDRAISING

This Lent we are supporting THE **CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**. All children have been given a **purple money box** to collect coins for this charity that helps children and their families in this country and abroad.

Children have been asked to keep their money boxes at home throughout lent and the Easter holidays and return them on the first day back,

Tuesday 16th April.



USED SCHOOL UNIFORMS

One of the ways we try to support families and parents of children who join our school is to enable them to use second hand uniform items.

Has your child grown out of their school jumper, trousers, dress etc? Are they still in good condition.

If so we invite you to consider donating them to be washed and recycled for use by other pupils in the future. Thank you.



CORE VALUE - SPRING 2

Our Spring 2 core value is **FAIRNESS**. This is about making sure we are treating everyone else equally and in a fair manner and without any prejudice. **Do you always show FAIRNESS towards others at home, in school and everywhere else?**

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:

Louis, Oscar

Reception:

Fatimah, Dion

Year 1:

Maria, Neveah, Yasmin

Year 2:

Akira, Chanelle

Year 3:

Simone, Modesireoluwa

Year 4:

Tunmise, Trinity

Year 5:

Sabrina, Davida

Year 6:

Alicia, Oluwatise



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 1K



In 1K this week, we have been preparing our **Science week** display boards on **TIME**. We have decided to focus on the **life cycle**

of a **butterfly** and the scientist **Maria Sibylla Merian**. In **maths**, we have been looking at **mass and volume**. In **English** we have been reading the book **Stanley's stick** and thinking of the different things our stick can turn into. In **Topic** we are learning about **Heroes** and so far we have looked at **Mary Seacole** and **Jesse Owens**.



In **DT** we made **pop up cards** using different techniques, we had a lot of fun making them!



CLASS 5E

This week in 5E, we have been immersing ourselves into the fascinating topic of **TIME** in preparation for science week next week. We tested and measured our **reaction times** by dropping a ruler from a height and seeing how



quickly our partner caught the ruler. Meanwhile, in writing, we created and performed our own **heroic speeches** inspired by **Beowulf**. We've had



so much fun in our learning this week and look forward to showing off all our amazing efforts at the **Science Week Exhibition** next week!



CLASS 3M

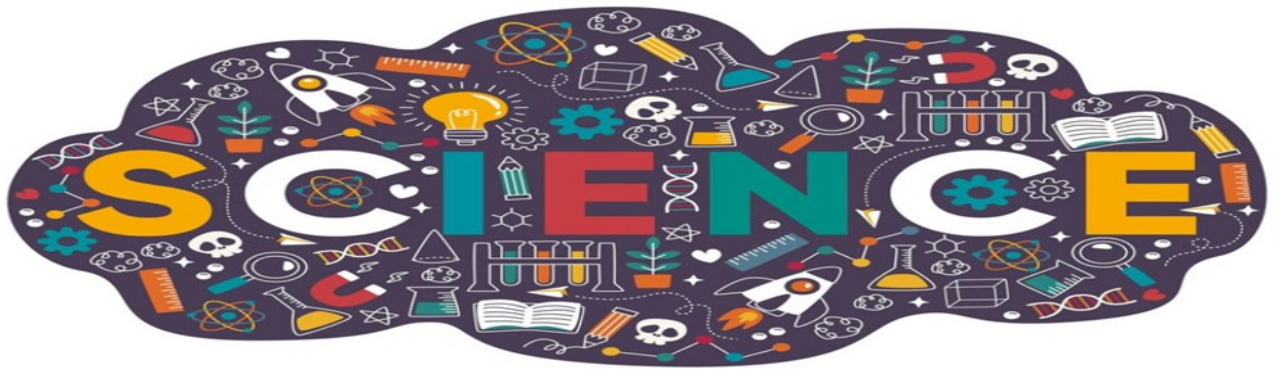
We've had an exciting week in 3M where we have been fully engaged in a range of activities across different subjects.

In **English**, we've just completed our creative writing unit inspired by **Levi Pinfold's** book '**The Black Dog**'. Students have crafted their own imaginative stories, showcasing their creativity and continuing to develop their writing skills. In **Maths**, we've been focusing on strengthening our **addition skills** using the column method. Students have been practising and mastering this technique to solve mathematical problems confidently.



In preparation for **British Science Week** next week, we've been researching the achievements of **Jan Ingenhousz**, the scientist who discovered **photosynthesis**. We even recreated the very same experiment he did to understand the **importance of light** for plants to release oxygen. Additionally, students have been exploring the evolution of boats through **TIME**. They've not only learned about the advancements in **boat design** and technology but also had hands-on experience by constructing their own boats. 3M are looking forward to having you in next week to show you all their learning throughout the year and celebrate British Science Week with you all.





English Martyrs' Spring 2 Science Poster Project connects with British Science Week's 2024 theme of TIME!



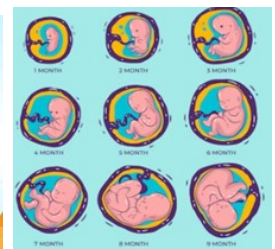
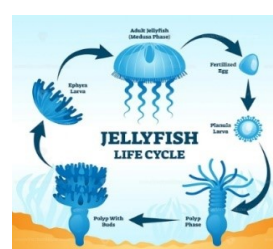
How has a certain technology changed over time?

How has time telling technology advanced over time?



How might the world look in future years to come, or what was life like 5,000 years ago?

Nature is full of timely topics you could explore too – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and gestation.



Can you creatively and scientifically answer any one 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 poster creations (A4 size) throughout the term so that we can show the rest of the school how much you love science! Please do try and bring your poster in as soon as possible, so that we can also display these during British Science Week, which we will be celebrating during the week of **18th March**. This time there are prizes for our winners in celebration of British Science Week. Winning submissions entered before the **28th March** will also be put into an external competition being run by The British Science Association.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled to announce our Spring 2 Term Science Poster Project, which will also be coinciding with British Science Week. This is an engaging and educational opportunity for your family and is part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a love for science and learning at English Martyrs' Primary School.

This term's topic is centred around the theme of "TIME". The aim is to encourage your child's curiosity and creativity of the world around them in exploring scientific questions related to this topic. Children and families can research any one idea or question around the theme of 'time'. Some ideas to help you could be:

1. How has technology changed over time?
2. How has time telling technology changed over time?
3. How might the world look in future years to come, or what was life like in the past and how has it changed?
4. Nature is full of timely topics too – lifecycles, lifespans, seasons, evolution, and gestation.
5. How has electricity changed over time?
6. How about researching space and all the different discoveries and changes in technology?
7. Or how about researching a scientist who has made an impact in any of these fields?

We invite your child to research and express their understanding in any way they wish through an A4 page wall displayable poster. This could take the form of an art piece, poster, drawing, collage, creative written piece (eg. written science experiment, influential letter, diary entry), photos of a model they have created, or any other creative means they feel inspired to undertake.

Please ensure that the completed projects are submitted to the front office throughout the term. We would love to receive posters as soon as possible, as we would like to display these during British Science Week, which we will be celebrating during the week of 18th March 2024. Don't forget to make sure to include an explanation of your work, your name and classroom. We will be giving out certificates and lots of wonderful prizes for our winning posters at the end of this term too. We will also be submitting some of our favourites in a further competition being run by the British Science Association.

This is an excellent opportunity for your child and family to not only investigate science around them, showcase their scientific knowledge but also to be acknowledged for their hard work and creativity. We encourage you to support your child in this exciting endeavour, providing them with the resources and encouragement they may need. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing our students' passion for learning.

Kind regards,

Ms Marlene Zammit

Science and DT Lead



TYPING'S COOL

TOUCH TYPING SCHOOL

Easter holiday touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s



Typing's Cool teaches children and young people how to touch type 40+ words per minute using correct fingers and posture.

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome.

We mix rigorous tuition with the latest app games to make learning effective and fun. The course is suitable for all ages and abilities.

Dates

Tuesday 2 – Friday 5 April 2024 - Course sessions run 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily

Monday 8 – Thursday 11 April 2024 - Course sessions run 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily

Locations

St Joseph's Primary School, Kingston KT1 2UP

Dulwich College, London SE21 7LD



Duke of Edinburgh Award - Registered skills assessor

Course Costs

Courses are open to 7 – 16s.

£176.00 per place. Sibling/ bring a friend 10% discount available. Childcare vouchers accepted.

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