

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear parents and carers

This week started with our prayer and liturgy assemblies when we focused on the liturgy readings of the **second Sunday of lent**, reflecting on the event of the **Transfiguration of Christ** and the key words, 'This is my Son, listen to him'. On the same day, all our Year 3 pupils visited **Kew Gardens** and took parts in workshops to find out more about plants.

On Tuesday the whole school gathered for our **Lent Mass** at English Martyrs Parish Church and on Wednesday all Key Stage 2 children took part in a special Assembly on **FAIRTRADE**. This is something our school is strongly supporting to make sure we are doing our bit to help farmers get their fair share of income for their hard work.

Today **Class 1L** led our Friday **Class assembly** and they told us about so many aspects of their learning in recent weeks. Next week will be a very busy week as we have a whole range of activities planned for **Book Week** but all children will also be working on their Spring Term assessment tests. On Thursday we're inviting all children to come to school wearing clothes or costume that reminds them of a book character they have read.

Thank you.

Have a good weekend.

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?**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Monday 4th March

Beginning of Book Week

Storyteller Assemblies

Thursday 7th March

WORLD BOOK DAY

Children to come to school wearing clothes or costume that reminds them of a character from a book they read.

Friday 8th March

Class Assembly - 3M

Parents of children in 3M invited to attend in Building 2

Friday 8th March

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

YEAR GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Reception	93.2%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	97.2%

Well done to **Year 4** pupils who registered the highest attendance percentage this week - very close to 100%

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:

Oscar, Mardiyah

Reception:

Kane, Kian, Indira

Year 1:

Flourish, Ethan, Jaden

Year 2:

Darleen, Enoch,

Year 3:

Isabella, Alan, Anthony, Nathaniel

Year 4:

Keriane, Daniella

Year 5:

Marta, David, George, Leonardo

Year 6:

Isabel, Jasmine,



WORLD BOOK DAY

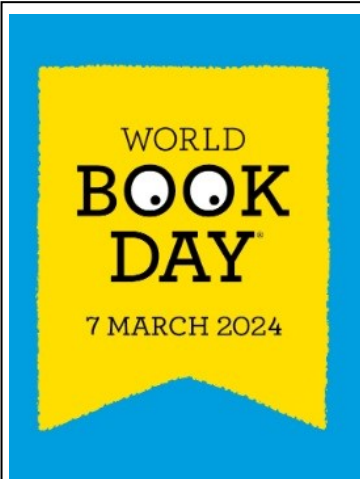
We will be celebrating
World Book Day 2024 on

Thursday 7th March

One of the activities we are planning is a

Character Competition.

Children are to dress up as their favourite book character and to be in the chance of winning a prize.



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.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Parents are reminded that **no holidays or travel should be booked during term time** and that all children arrive by no later than **8.55 am** each morning.

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 6T



6T and 6M – have been working with the Southwark Parks sharing ideas on what they think will benefit the whole community for the **Nursery Row Park**. They have looked at plans and architecture drawings and discussed the proposed changes to the area. They have enjoyed working with a designer and having their ideas heard.

In RE we are we have started looking at **Holy Week**. We reflected on the thoughts and feeling of Jesus on Palm Sunday and what the people would have seen and heard. We have also been asking **'What if?'** questions to develop our understanding of our faith.

CLASS 4J

In **Science**, we have been learning about **States of Matter**.

The children made predictions about whether or not gas has weight. After that, they carried out an investigation using balloons to find out if their predictions were correct.



We have been studying the poem **Jabberwocky** by **Lewis Carroll**. In this poem, there is one poetic convention that Carroll has used a lot. It is portmanteau in which he has joined together two words in order to

create an entirely new word. The children have been enjoying deciphering the nonsense words in order to find what the poem means.



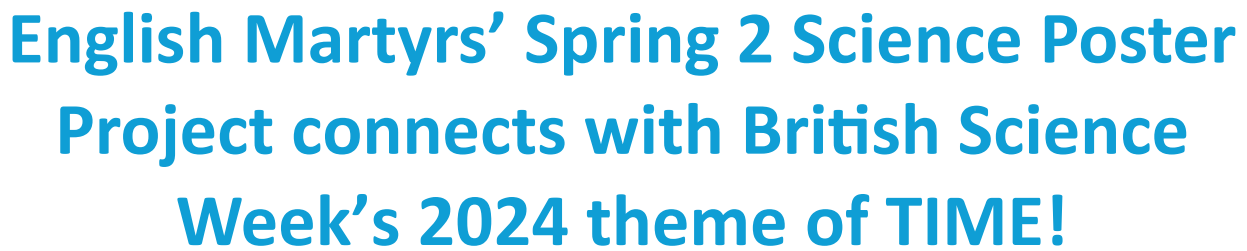
NURSERY

This term our theme is **'Growing'** and we will be doing lots of planting of flowers, fruit and vegetables and looking at how we grow ourselves! We will be reading high quality texts around this which include; The Tiny Seed, Titch, I will Never Eat a Tomato, Baby Brains and a Tadpole's Promise. We will be using lots of mark making and drama to share our ideas and likes/dislikes about these books. We will continue to follow Ruth Miskins's Read, Write, Inc phonics. In Maths we will be looking at **Comparisons** which include; sorting different objects into groups, Composition, Patterns and Space, Shape and Measures. The children will continue to gain more confidence and sing some of their favourite nursery rhymes and songs and participate in lots of messy Arts and Crafts including collage, paper making, Easter bonnets and baskets. In RE we will be focussing on **Lent** and the build up to Easter learning about stories from the Bible and songs about Jesus. In PE we will continue to find out about the importance of **exercise** and play fun running games about fruit and vegetables.

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

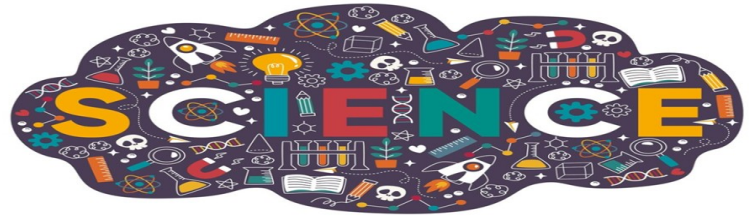
I look forward for your continued support throughout this term. A big thank you once again!





A 4x4 grid of 16 icons illustrating the evolution of mobile phones. The icons are arranged in four rows and four columns. The first row shows a yellow mobile phone with a coiled cord, a black rotary phone, a yellow cordless phone with a base and handset, and a yellow flip phone. The second row features a green rotary phone, a red push-button phone, a blue flip phone, and a black feature phone with a small screen. The third row includes a red push-button phone with a 'Push-Talk' label, a blue feature phone, a black cordless phone system with a base and handset, and a red push-button phone. The fourth row displays a purple feature phone, an orange flip phone, a red feature phone, and a blue smartphone.

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



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Get Rid of and Donate CIC collects unwanted items - preloved good quality clothes, shoes, household/textiles, books, toys, tech/electricals, *furniture, musical equipment/music/cd/dvds and more recycling giving back to those in need.

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**Items offered from the community subject to availability.*

All donated items are cleaned, checked, and sanitised to ensure items are in good usable, working condition

We promote 'waste not, want not' giving back to the community. You can also swap and recycle ♻️ unwanted children toys and books

LOCATION ADDRESS & SESSION TIMES:

St. Faith's Community Centre,
Red Post Hill,
London SE24 9JQ
(By appointment only)

Times: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Last entry at 1:30pm

Transportation:
Nearest rail station: North Dulwich Centre.
Bus routes: 42, P4 (brings you to Red Post Hill mini roundabout)

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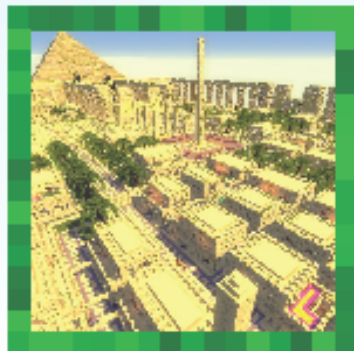
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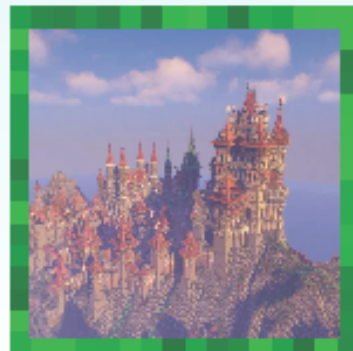
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