

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear parents and carers

Our week started with our **Prayer and Worship** gatherings when we reflected on the **Sunday Mass readings**. We also started a series of reflections on the **Catholic Social Teaching**, focusing on the first theme of **Human Dignity**.

The highlight of the week was on Wednesday when children from different year groups took part in an **Enterprise Club** activity making and selling **Fairtrade Cookies**. As it was such a big success we'll be repeating this activity at least every half term but we'll continue to find other ways how to promote **FAIRTRADE** goods as well as our newly formed Enterprise Club. A big thank you goes to the staff who organised this and together with our children produces a range of different flavoured cookies that were sold out in a short space of time. Another big thank you goes to all the parents and others who came in to support this initiative by buying cookies for their families. (See page 4 of this newsletter for some images of this Enterprise activity)

On Thursday we had our **Good News assembly** during which children from different classes received their **certificates** for their achievements over these last days. Today **Class 2E** led our **class assembly** in which they told us about their wonderful topics they are currently learning about including making car models in DT, learning about different animals and their offsprings in Science, the story of the Resurrection of Jesus in RE and much more.

CORE VALUE - SUMMER TERM 1

Our Core Value for this Half Term is **COMPASSION**. This is about trying to do something when we see others who are in need of our help. We can show compassion in so many different ways. **Do you always show COMPASSION towards others at home, in school and everywhere else?**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Week beginning
Monday 29th April**

GROWTH MINDSET ACTIVITIES
Trips to different places in the local area

Wednesday 1st May
SRE Relationships Workshops for Parents
9.00 am and 2.00 pm

Thursday 2nd May
Trip to Surrey Docks Farm - 2J

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Local Elections
Nursery children in the main building today

Friday 3rd May - 9.05 am
Class Assembly - 5T
Parents of children in 3M invited to attend in Building 2

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

YEAR GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Reception	95.2%
Year 1	92.8%
Year 2	99.5%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	98.2%

Well done to
Year 2 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:

Louis, Dylan

Reception:

Kane, David

Year 1:

Trinidad, Ashley

Year 2:

Edwin, Jeremiah, Daaron

Year 3:

Jairy, Michael, Isabella

Year 4:

Augusta, Akeem

Year 5:

Bernice, Kareem

Year 6:

Veronika, Jasmine, Alisha

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

Parents of children attending any of our After School Activity clubs need to make sure that the **£10 contribution** is paid using **PARENT PAY**. When this is not settled places will be withdrawn and offered to other children on the waiting list.

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>

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.



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

RECEPTION

In **Reception class** we took a trip to the **church** to learn about our **place of worship**. The children learned about the different features **of the church** and how they are used to worship. Reception class were able to display the amazing knowledge they have learnt over the previous terms when at the church answering questions to Mr Camilleri.



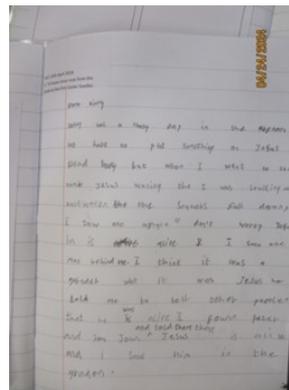
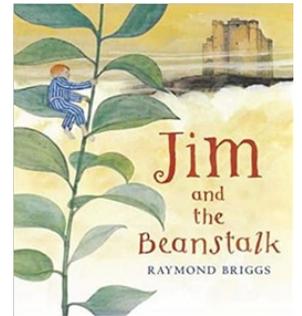
We have had a lot of fun reading our new book in literacy called **'The magic paint brush'** by **Julia Donaldson**. We had a discussion about what we would paint if we had a **magic paint brush** and the children

came up with amazing ideas. We then sat down in our creative area and the children painted their ideas with their magic paint brushes.



CLASS 2E

In 2E this week we have been talking about **relationships in PSHE** and what makes a healthy relationship. Our new book in English is **'Jim and the Beanstalk'** by **Raymond Briggs**. In maths we have been finding different ways to **partition num-**



bers into tens and ones. We started our new history topic, **'The Fire of London'** and have been learning about life in the 17th century. In science we have been thinking about **animals and humans and their lifecycles**. In Re we have dis-

cussed how **Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples**. We have also had a lot of fun improving our **ball skills in PE**.



CLASS 4J



We have been enjoying our **outdoor learning**. Here, we are in our school garden **hunting invertebrates**.

In geography, our topic is **The Rainforests**. We have created a cross-curriculum link with reading and science to help the children develop their knowledge, skills and understanding in



the topic. These interconnected subjects also make learning more interesting and enhance the children's knowledge. We use **globes and atlases** to find different countries in which **rainforests** can be found and we **identify countries that share boundaries**.

The children have also planted their own **Rainforest Eco-Biosphere** and are now eagerly awaiting the results.





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FAIRTRADE COOKIE SALE

Some of our Year 6 children working on preparing the mix for the cookies and for baking.

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The CPD Standards Office
CPD PROVIDER 12140
21.04.2023

CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

National Standards CPD accredited sessions

All sessions booked & delivered online via facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Thursday
2 May

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Monday
13 May

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes can lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Monday
20 May

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

Improve your understanding and communication with your teen. Why they think, feel and behave very differently from adults.

Tuesday
21 May

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Raising Self-Esteem

How to support healthy self-esteem in your children and yourself. Easy to apply interventions shared.



**MAY 2024
HALF TERM**

**MULTI-SPORTS
CAMP WEEK**

**LEWISHAM LIONS
CENTRE**

10AM - 3PM

**£12 PER DAY OR
£40 FOR
TUESDAY -
THURSDAY**

BOOK NOW





**MAY 2024
HALF TERM**

**FOOTBALL
DEVELOPMENT
CAMP**

**ST PAUL'S
SPORTS
GROUND**

10AM - 3PM

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