



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School Newsletter

12th February 2016



Dear Families,

We have reached the end of our first half term of 2016. All pupils have been working very hard and we hope it continues to grow from strength to strength.

Pupils return to school on Monday 22nd February 2016

Inset Day 29th February 2016

The R.E Catholic Ethos Monitoring visit last week was a great success, thank you to all the staff and pupils for their hard work.

"The children enjoyed their learning, they were engaged and attentive and there was a real buzz for learning"

This week Nursery children have been learning about Chinese New Year and its traditions. They had the opportunity to explore a range of Chinese resources, listen to Chinese music and go to visit a Chinese restaurant on the Old Kent Road to find out more about the Chinese culture.

Reception classes visited the London Aquarium this week as part of their topic in class. All the children had a wonderful time, thank you to the parents who supported the children.

Year 1 went on a really exciting trip to the South London Botanical Institute.

"We learnt lots about plants and used microscopes to see buds up close."

Year 1 pupil voice



A reminder to pupils in key stage two that we are now half way through the Spring term and you have made a good start to your reading passport. There are just less than five weeks in the next half term and we are hoping to be able to award as many gold awards as we can. Please continue to support your child to read at home and complete the challenges on the passport.

READ A BOOK



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Tuesday 9th Feb was Internet Safety Day. The children were spoken to about the importance of being safe on the internet. Please make sure you are aware of your child's internet use, Privacy and parental settings while at home.



Year 5 & 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful performance of The Jungle Book performed by Sacred Heart secondary school. It was great to see some past pupils and their fantastic acting skills on stage

Thank you to all those who have donated money to Cafod's 'Make a Splash' campaign, which Mrs Pennacchia wrote about in the newsletter in January. The bottles are filling up nicely so please continue to send in silver coins so that we can help the children in Uganda.

School Uniform – Please make sure your child is in full uniform when returning after the holidays, can parents ensure pupils are wearing school shoes, not trainers or boots

There will be some new enrichment opportunities in the new half term – Street Dance, Storytelling/Drama and computer coding.



Please continue to support your child's learning at home by logging on to MyMaths regularly and listening to your child read each evening, learn their times tables and spellings

Wishing you all a relaxing, healthy and safe half term holiday

God Bless
Mrs Appah

Road Safety - Our surrounding roads are very busy. It is so important that children cross the roads safely. Please make sure you speak to your child about road safety