

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th May 2021

*Dear parents and carers*

We started this week with our collective worship assembly in which we reflected on Sunday's main Gospel message - Love one another. During the week the children also had an opportunity to learn about the importance of **Mental Health Awareness**. This included whole school assemblies, work in class as well as outdoor activities.

Today **Class 4G** led our virtual class assembly, sharing what they have been learning about recently, including exploring Rainforests, learning about the digestive system in Science and how to introduce yourself in French.

This week we have also emailed parents about a **survey** to collect your views about starting a breakfast club and an after school club until 5.30 pm for those who need it. This will help us plan our provision later on this term and after the Summer break. Please use the link in the email to complete the survey.

Next week is '**Walk to school week**'. We encourage anyone who normally drives to school to make an effort and have a go walking to school instead of driving.

### MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May has traditionally been associated with Mary. Christians believe that as our Spiritual Mother, Mary is always ready to help us with all our needs.

In this second week of May the children thought about two prayers to Mary, namely, the Hail Mary and the Hail Holy Queen.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Monday 17th May:**

**Start of  
WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK**



**Tuesday 18th May:**

**School Photographs**

**Sunday 23rd May:**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Monday 31st May:**

**Bank Holiday and beginning of  
Half Term week**

**Monday 7th June:**

**Children return to school**

**WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER**



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

This coming Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May our school photographer will be in to take **individual photos** as well as **class photos**. On this occasion we are not having siblings or family photos to be taken.

There have been a few changes made to the way the photos will be carried out due to Covid safety measures in place. Please use the two links below to watch a brief **video** on how this will be done.

Each pupil will receive a proof card to take home to allow you to go **online** to view the photos and place your order. We have been assured this is user friendly and straightforward for parents to access. All orders will be placed online, the school will not be able to place orders on your behalf and NO money will be accepted from parents and pupils to the school regarding orders. Once you have viewed your photos and wish to place an order the school will then receive the photos to distribute.

Individual Photos video link:  
<https://bit.ly/3eJMj68>

Class Photos video link:  
<https://bit.ly/3fjvpu9>

On Tuesday please ensure your child is in school in full uniform with their brightest smiles. It has been a long time since a school photo has been taken.



## Stars of the Week

Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award **stars** to pupils who show respect and friendship and our other school values. The following are the names of our Star children for this week.

### Nursery:

Harli and Anthony

### Reception:

Jade and Isabella

### Year 1:

Debra Y and Benjamin

### Year 2:

Silk and George

### Year 3:

Anisha and Chrisanthium

### Year 4:

Kelly and Michael S

### Year 5:

Daniel and Faithful

### Year 6:

Juan-Carlos and Kaisha.



## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

10th to 16th May

The main theme for this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is **CONNECT WITH NATURE**. During the week all children at English Martyrs' shared ideas on how to do this and engaged in a range of activities which will help Mental health.

These included ideas such as:

Use your senses to admire

Get out into nature

Bring nature to you

Exercise in nature

Protect nature



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

# THIS WEEK

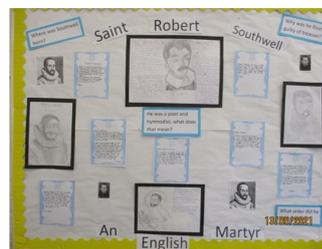
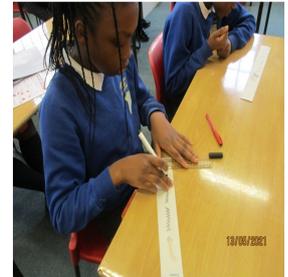
## NURSERY CLASS

The children have listened to one of their favourite stories, **The Bear Hunt**. The class joined in with the repeated phrases and sound effects as they explored a wide range of props linked to the story. Some of the children acted out parts of the story. They enjoyed writing with the different materials such as envelopes, note books and sticky labels. Some children had not seen an envelope before and learnt about its purpose. They have also been writing and mark making in notebooks, identifying numbers on raffle tickets on which some children have written their names. In our phonics sessions, we have learnt a new rhyme and game called **Letter Sound Soup** to help us become familiar with our letter sounds. The Children have enjoyed reciting the rhyme, saying, "Stir, stir, stir the pot, what sound have you got?" They have taken it in turns to have a go at stirring the pot, fishing out a letter with the spoon and showing it to the class. Many of the children have been busily involved in role play cooking with pasta and different utensils outside. The children have interacted very well and encouraged lots of language. They have asked each other questions and given instructions.



## Year 5

5T have been studying Ancient Egypt in topic, they learned to write their names in hieroglyphics. Our topic is linked to our writing with a book about Tutankhamun. We have found out that he came to the throne when he was 9, but was weak and only ruled for a few years, dying when he was around 18. Howard Carter was the archaeologist who discovered the tomb, which took him nearly 16 years to find! We have been writing diary entries about how Carter would feel about discovering something so amazing. Our RE work last week was on Saint Robert Southwell, who was one of the English Martyrs', for whom the school is named. Some children happily produced work from home which is displayed on the board. It's also Mental Health: Connecting With Nature week. Our artistic children also produced some stunning work completed at home.



## SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION



I am very proud of all of the children throughout the school for their perseverance during the 'Daily Mile', where the children run for 15 minutes without stopping at the beginning of each PE lesson. After the latest lockdown, many children came back to school and found it very challenging to run for 15 minutes as their fitness had decreased. However, each class has worked hard to improve their stamina and they are now doing much better and showing good fitness because of the good effort they have put in. Year 6 participated in a **Challenge Day** event on the 6th May. They completed a range of activities where they had to use their problem solving skills and work as a team. These activities also focused on their agility, balance and coordination. The LPESSN delivered a **Multiskills session** for both year 4 classes on the 30th May. These activities focused on their agility, balance and coordination and getting them active after a long lockdown period. They also had to collaborate in small groups to work on their social skills and team work. Well done to all year 4 children for giving it their best effort and persisting with activities that they found challenging. A big shout out goes to the LPESSN for providing the children with this opportunity, as they really enjoyed the session! Many girls from our school have been participating in weekly **girls only football sessions** after school at the Marlborough Centre, run by the LPESSN. The feedback from these sessions has been very positive. - Mr Longley.





# LUNCH BOX

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROJECT

Providing **free** nutritious tasty meals



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