

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th May 2021

Dear parents and carers

Today we come to the end of our Summer 1 term. Next week is Half Term week which means that when we come back it will be our final half term for this school year.

Among the things that have been taking place this week are our introductory virtual meeting for Parents called PARENT GYM. This is a six week parenting programme aimed at supporting parents in handling the challenges of being a parent. Our new Online Maths after school club also started this week. Today, Class 1K led our weekly class assembly and shared so many interesting facts related to what they have been learning about in Science, Reading, History and RE. At the end of their assembly they also sang a worship song as a final prayer.

We hope that next week everyone in the school community, children and all staff will be able to have a restful and refreshing week.

See you all again on Monday 7th June.

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

Well done to Year 5 pupils who registered the highest attendance percentage this week - very close to 100%

Reception	96.24%
Year 1	92.50%
Year 2	98.35%
Year 3	97.29%
Year 4	97.35%
Year 5	99.14%
Year 6	95.25%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Monday 31st May:

Bank Holiday and beginning of Half Term week

Monday 4th June:

Start of REFUGEE WEEK

Monday 7th June:

**Children return to school
Start of OTHER FAITHS Week**

Sunday 20th June:

Fathers' Day

Thursday 24th June:

SPORTS DAY

Thursday 22nd July:

**End of Summer Term
for children.
LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



parentgym

6 week online
parenting
programme



“It's incredibly valuable to hear from other parents how they're handling the challenges of parenting. So many fresh ideas, shared in a safe and helpful way.”

Parent Gym Virtual - Pilot participant

Sign up
now to
join us on
Zoom

PARENT GYM

ONLINE MEETINGS AND
DISCUSSIONS
FOR PARENTS

WEDNESDAYS AT 9.30 a.m.

Call the office or speak to a member of staff at the School gate for more information or to book your place.

ALL PARENTS
INVITED

Stars of the Week

Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who show

The following are the names of our Star children for this week.

Nursery:

Amy U and David O

Reception:

Roman and Korede

Year 1:

Nile, Emmanuelle, Tatiana and Kasim

Year 2:

Sabrina, Stefy, Lulia and George

Year 3:

Isabelle, Daniella, Apo and Justice

Year 4:

Jaz and Ire

Year 5:

Zipporah, Minh, Ethan and Daniel

Year 6:

Lulia and Gloria



SAFETY ON THE STREETS

There have recently been reports of children and adults being followed by a suspicious person in the local area. Naturally this is a concern, the safety of all our children is our main priority inside and as much as we can support outside of school. During the half term holidays please make sure your children are extra vigilant. Some shops in the Bermondsey and other areas are advertising a 'SAFE PLACE' logo to allow children and adults to come into their shops if they are feeling unsafe or being followed. Shop keepers will then help support the child / adult with keeping them safe, contacting parents or police where necessary. We encourage you to speak to your children about how to keep safe if out on their own or with friends. I have provided a link to the Southwark News article giving you more information on this <https://bit.ly/3fUuq3U>

THE UNITY PROJECT

The Unity Project is an organisation that works with people who are looking to have the No Recourse to Public Funds condition removed from their visa which can stop them from gaining access to any form of financial support unless they are in a state of destitution. The Unity Project are planning meetings for affected families. For more information and to find out more about the Unity Project please visit: <https://www.unity-project.org.uk/about-us>



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please continue to protect yourselves, your children and others by keeping your distance from anyone outside of your family bubble when dropping off or picking up children at the school gates. We also encourage everyone to wear facemasks whenever possible. Thank you.

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 4G

The children in 4G recently celebrated their learning through their class assembly and showcased the main topics they are learning about this term.



In science, they described the human digestive system and for Geography, they described the rainforest and its location on the equator. They also shared examples of their favourite part of learning in maths, writing, reading, RE, PSHE, music, art and French.



As part of their new Science topic, the children constructed and interpreted different types of food chains. They are now able to identify the producer, predator and prey. They also carried out field work in the school garden by investigating natural habitats of living things there.



MUSIC

In music this week, Year 3 have started to learn about Indonesian Gamelan. The class were introduced to the sound of a Gamelan, the repetitive nature of it and the types of instruments used. They then commenced learning a drone, which will be played as part of a larger ensemble with 2 other instrumental parts, all based upon the pentatonic scale. Year 5T have commenced learning about how to arrange music by looking at how composers use traditional folk tunes or the work of other composers to create new versions of the same piece or song. They started by comparing 2 versions of 'O When the Saints', listening out for specific features and thus extending their knowledge of musical devices.



Year 4 have been learning about Ground Bass, a common feature of Baroque Music. They have listened to Pachelbel's 'Canon' in which the composer uses a ground bass and then a modern piece using the same chord sequence and ground bass pattern. They then commenced learning the ground bass part. Children who play string instruments and piano were able to put their skills to good use by using these instruments in ensemble playing.

ART



Children at English Martyrs' always enjoy their Art lessons and take them very seriously. These are a selection of displays and projects children have recently been working on such as: Dinosaurs collages (Year 1); City Scapes (Year 2); Volcanoes (Year 3) Rainforests (Year 4); Egyptians (Year 5) and reproductions of illustrations from the book The Firebird (Year 6)



FREE MAY HALF TERM FUN!

Oasis Hub Waterloo has a variety of fun activities this half term, guaranteed to get you active, creative, and connected!

Tuesday 1st June

FAMILY FUN: FARM
OASIS FARM WATERLOO
10AM - 12.30

COME AND GET YOUR HANDS STUCK IN WITH ANIMAL FEEDING, FARM COLLAGES, AND MAKING BIRD FEEDERS!

PARENT CAFÉ 12.30 - 4PM
SPORTS SESSIONS 5-15YR OLDS
12.30PM & 2.30PM

Wednesday 2nd June

FAMILY CREATIVE WORKSHOP
10AM - 12NOON
OASIS PLAYSPACE

SPORTS SESSIONS
12.30PM & 2.30PM
OASIS PLAYSPACE

PARENT CAFE DROP IN
12.30 - 4PM
OASIS PLAYSPACE

Thursday 3rd June

FAMILY FUN: TANSWELL ESTATE FAMILIES - COME OUT TO PLAY!
TANSWELL ESTATE, 10AM - 12NOON

PARENT CAFÉ 12.30 - 4PM
SPORTS SESSIONS 12.30PM & 2.30PM

Friday 4th June

COMMUNITY CLEAR UP: ROLL YOUR SLEEVES UP & HELP OUT!
OASIS PLAYSPACE, 10AM

FAMILY FUN: 0-4S STAY & PLAY
OASIS PLAYSPACE 10AM - 12

COMMUNITY FRIDGE
OASIS PLAYSPACE 1 - 3PM

Saturday 5th June

PRE-LOVED CLOTHES & UNIFORM* SALE
ALL PROFITS TO SUPPORT THE SMALL PROJECT*NON-BRANDED UNIFORM ITEMS

OASIS PLAYSPACE, 10AM - 1PM
PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS FROM TUESDAY 1ST - FRIDAY 4TH JUNE AT THE PLAYSPACE

To book your spaces for morning Family sessions: <https://forms.office.com/r/KE9hp27W7J>
To book your kids spaces for afternoon Sports sessions: <https://forms.gle/sTCwBC3T92CYd9vY9>

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