

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th May 2021

Dear parents and carers

This has been a shorter week than usual but it was such a busy and exciting one at the same time. We started the week with the celebration of the **ENGLISH MARTYRS** - patron saints of our school and our role models for standing up for what is right. The children then continued to find out more and learn about these special people later on in the week through writing and art.

It was wonderful to see the total sum of our fundraising for the **Captain Tom 100 challenge** continuing to rise throughout the week. This now stands at **£135** which means that we've beaten our target of £100. Such a wonderful act of generosity show our families' care for those who are in greater need.

We finished our week enjoying what **Class 2J** had to share with us in their virtual class assembly. This included examples of writing on different topics, information about toys children played with in the past, singling and some wonderful drawings of London landmarks. Well done everyone in 2J.

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Our school's feast day was on **Tuesday 4th May** - Feast of the English Martyrs. Our school and the parish were named after these saints because some of them were martyred in the local area in Walworth. Ask your child about the saint they have been learning on in class this week. So many children have written wonderful biographies about these saints. Have a look at some of the drawings children produced on page 4 of this newsletter.



CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Every Thursday, class teachers and Teaching assistants award certificates to children in their class who excelled or tried hard during the week.

The following are the names of children who received **Good News Certificates** this week.

Reception: Kaliyah, Elijah,
Michael and Tsion

Year 1: Tunmise and Hemen

Year 2: Jason, Michael, Perez,
Stefy and Sabrina

Year 3: Sebastian, Nevaeh,
Anisha and Bersebel

Year 4: Alicia, Enoch, Marvin,
Teniayo, KellyJ Joel and Hadvina

Year 5: Esemena, Anabel and
Emmanuel

Year 6: Amy, Leonay, Lulia and
Nicolas



WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



CAPTAIN TOM 100 CHALLENGE

Last weekend was Captain Tom's birthday weekend. All our classes took part in the **Captain Tom 100 Challenge** and completed an activity doing something for 100 times. See images posted on our Twitter page or on our EMS newsroom on the website.



Through our fundraising page families were invited to contribute to this challenge. The charity we are supporting is called **FutureSense Foundation** which works with rural communities in countries like **Cambodia, India, Nepal, Peru, Tanzania, and Thailand** to improve the quality of education, ad-

dress gender inequality, increase access to clean water and sanitation, promote good health and wellbeing, and raise the awareness on environmental issues.



We managed to beat our target! The amount raised so far is £118.60, or £135.75 if we include Gift aid.

If you would still like to donate please use the link that was texted and emailed to parents last weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Monday 17th May:
Start of WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Sunday 23rd May:
Pentecost Sunday

Monday 31st May:
Bank Holiday and beginning of Half Term week

Monday 7th June:
Children return to school

SAFEGUARDING

Are you concerned about the Safeguarding or wellbeing of a child? Make a record of your concern and include facts such as date, time, what you know and any witnesses.

Add your signature and submit to a member of our Safeguarding team.



Ms Akpojotor - Mr Camilleri - Ms Sudell
Ms Bentaleb - Ms Essel - Ms Platt

Remember:
We all have a duty to share concerns

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NURSERY

Applications are now being accepted for enrolling children to start at our **Nursery** in September. If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, you can apply for a place. Both half day and full day places are available.



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 1K

In year 1 we have been learning about Dinosaurs and Cavemen in our history topic. We talked about how we can find out about the past. We found out that people learnt about dinosaurs by digging up **fossils** and **bones**. These people are called **archaeologists**. Then we became archaeologists and excavated the chocolate chips from a chocolate chip cookie. This was fun!



We linked this to our Literacy lesson and read the **Cave Baby story** by Julia Donaldson. We re-told the story by sequencing the key events, using capital letters and full stop, adjectives and conjunctions in our writing. In Art we have been drawing pictures of dinosaurs and animals from the Cave Baby story. In maths this week our topic is **Number and Place Value** we have been learning to recognise place value in teen numbers and in two-digit numbers beyond 20. We have also been learning to solve missing number problems and to reason about numbers.



CLASS 3M

Class 3M have been having fun this week! We have been using **papier-mâché** to create our own **volcanoes**. We used a plastic cup covered with news paper and PVC glue to create form and texture. We are then going to paint our volcanoes to make them more realistic. We can't wait for the finished result. This links into our reading book for DR which is



'Earth Shattering Events.' This book is a non-fiction book all about nature at its most destructive aspects.



For the feast of the English Martyrs- Feast Day, we have been finding out about our saint - Cuthbert Mayne. We have researched him for homework and have found out why he is important to our school and a model of being brave for all of us.

CLASS 4J

In 4J, in Geography, we have been learning about **Rainforests**. Before starting this topic, the children were asked to carry out research on rainforests and use the information they found to make posters. They have been learning to identify, name and locate the continents and countries on a map. They have been labelling maps using keys



and using atlas to find information. They learned about the four layers of the rainforest and the difference between climate and weather. Also, they have been learning to identify the position of the Equator, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.



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DRAWING PORTRAITS

As part of our celebrations of the English Martyrs this week, children have been drawing portraits of their chosen saints. Here are some examples of drawings by some of our fabulous young artists:



LUNCHTIME AT ENGLISH MARTYRS

Every day at lunchtime our children take part in fun activities of all sorts. Our Lunchtime supervisors plan and organise games and other activities for different classes. Some of the activities children were engaged in this week were Egg and spoon races, Bouncy hoppers and football matches. Some of our children have also been promoted to act as playground monitors.

