

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th June 2021

Dear parents and carers

What an exciting week this has been! All our children across the school worked so hard on their assessments tests. This was an opportunity for them to show the progress they have made in their learning in this difficult year.

On Tuesday we had a special assembly on the charities supported by the Captain Tom Foundation. We supported them earlier this term through our 100 Challenge.

Another highlight of the week was our Sports Day on Thursday. All children in Years 1 to 6 competed in a range of group games, individual and relay races and even a Tug of War! Medals and certificates will be awarded next week.

Our week came to an end with a lovely, assembly led by children in 6M who shared with us so many interesting facts about Rivers, Ancient Egypt, a science investigation they have been working on and what they have been learning and practising in their French lessons. Well done 6M!



6M's
Virtual Assembly
on Friday

Captain Tom's Charity
Virtual Assembly
on Tuesday

Sports Day
Burgess Park
Thursday

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember:



Saturday 26th June:
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Tuesday 13th July
Year 6s Farewell Mass

Thursday 22nd July:
End of Summer Term
for children.
LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

END OF YEAR REPORTS

The end of Year Reports, outlining children's progress over the school year, will be sent home on **Friday 9th July**.

Parents will also have an opportunity to discuss their child's report with the class teacher, should they wish.

Please call the office to make an appointment with the teacher for a virtual meeting on MS Teams.

Stars of the Week

Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who are good rolemodels during lunch and playtimes. The following are the names of our Star children for this week.

Nursery: Praise , Ire

Reception: Michael , Solyana

Year 1: Joshua , Tatiana

Year 2: Victoria, Silk

Year 3: Kelly, Chuwemeka,

Veronika, Ginika

Year 4: Ire, Joel

Year 5: Minh, Hannah, Ethan

Year 6: Juan Carlos, Osamide,

Gloria



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

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

YEAR GROUP	ATTENDANCE	PUNCTUALITY
Reception	94.88%	98.7%
Year 1	99.29%	97.2%
Year 2	98.11%	98.9%
Year 3	96.79%	97.7%
Year 4	97.89%	98.2%
Year 5	100%	100%
Year 6	95.00%	99.2%

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Saturday a group of children from our school will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. This is such a special occasion for them when they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. We wish them all the best and keep them and their families in our prayers.



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 2E

We have been very busy in 2E. Last week, we had a special workshop about the Great Fire Of London with Simon from The Museum of London. We were able to answer



all of his questions and some of us got to act in role as historical figures from the period. In Science, we carried

out an investigation into the properties of materials. We rolled a toy car down a ramp covered with different materials and found out that bubble wrap had the most grip and plastic draw string bag had the least grip.



On Thursday this week, we went to Burgess Park for our sports day. We all tried our best and had lots of fun trying different events even if our team didn't win.

NURSERY CLASS

With the return of the warm weather on Wednesday, the children had a go at following a recipe to make home made lemonade. We talked about the required equipment and ingredients and the instructions we needed to follow. The children had a go at making the drink using motor skills to squeeze lemons and oranges, tear the mint leaves and stir the honey into the mixture. The children then had fun being vendors and customers as they played at the drinks stall, counting out 5 pennies to buy a drink and taking care with the ladles to serve. The children practised writing drink stall on their white boards.



On Thursday morning, Nursery children moving to Reception in September had a very exciting half hour in what will be their new classroom. Some of the children may have remembered playing here at the start of the academic year as Reception and Nursery spent some weeks together before Nursery moved into their own building across the playground. In order to support them with their transition and the next stage of their educational journey, they will have further opportunities to spend time in their new environment with their new teacher over the remaining weeks. Children really enjoyed their time exploring and interacting and used lots of language whilst they played.



CLASS 4G

Class 4G had a busy week working on assessments and enjoying lessons in other subjects besides taking part in Sports Day on Thursday. In science, we have been exploring and identifying the way sound is made through vibration in a range of different musical instruments from around the world. The children carried out a survey around the school to identify sources of sound and features of the objects that produced it.



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In writing, we are reading 'Varmint' and have made links with the effect of deforestation and climate change on our planet.

In Religious Education, the children are exploring 'The Church' as a family we belong to. They will be learning about the Sacraments, the church's Year and the mission of Church amongst others.



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GARDENING CLUB



Our Gardening club continues to 'Grow'. Our young gardeners this week received their new bibs which they will be using during their club. We look forward to a good harvest later on this term.



Family Food Experience Study

Help us understand children's eating habits

NatCen Social Research is inviting you to express an interest in taking part in the Family Food Experience study that we are conducting on behalf of City, University of London.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for families with primary school aged children (aged 4–11 years old) to take part in this study to help us understand family food environments and children's eating habits. We would like one adult in your household to complete an interview and we will also take the height and weight measurements of one primary school aged child in your household.

What happens if I am selected to take part?

If you register your interest and are selected to take part, you will receive a letter in the post in the next few months. An interviewer from NatCen Social Research will then contact you to arrange a convenient time for you to complete the interview. You can choose whether they visit you at home or call you to complete the interview over the phone.

This visit or call will last approximately 60–80 minutes during which the interviewer will ask you some questions about your family environment, your child's eating habits and their preferred foods. The interviewer will also measure, or ask you to measure, the height and weight of your primary school aged child.

We are working in line with the Government guidance to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission and ensure that we keep you and our interviewers safe.

Why should I take part?

By taking part, you will help Local Authorities, policy makers and charities understand how and what the younger generation are eating and provide vital information to help create a healthier nation. This information will be used by the Government and Local Authorities to improve our health.

Who is carrying out the survey?

City, University of London has asked NatCen Social Research to carry out the survey, with funding from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). NatCen is Britain's largest independent social research agency. To find out more you can visit natcen.ac.uk.

Do I get anything for taking part?

As a thank you for taking part, when you complete the interview (including your child's measurements being taken) you will receive a £30 shopping voucher that can be used in a wide range of high-street and online shops.



How can I register?

To register your interest in this study please visit survey.natcen.ac.uk/FFE21

If you prefer, you can also call on Freephone 0800 652 4568.

When you register, we ask that you please provide:

- the name of the school your child(ren) attends
- your name
- your address, telephone number, email address
- the sex, age and ethnicity of the primary school aged children in your household.

For more information please visit www.natcen.ac.uk/familyfood. We hope you are willing to take part in this vital research and thank you for your time.