

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th July 2021

*Dear parents and carers*

This is the last school newsletter for this school year. Our Summer term comes to an end on Thursday 22nd July. This has been yet another challenging year for many reasons, not least the fact that we had to cope with the Covid 19 restrictions for the whole year but particularly the partial closure of schools from January to the 8th March when so many children were not able to attend school.

It was a particularly special year for me. I returned to English Martyrs' in February 2021 and I soon felt 'at home' working within this school community. I have to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly for the good of our school and all our pupils. I am so proud of our staff and all our children who showed so much resilience and continued to show how eager they are to learn and to continue to make progress.

This last week was another special week in many ways. Apart from our normal gatherings, assemblies and exciting lessons, we celebrated Mrs Appah's service to our school on Tuesday at a mass in church that was also streamed live for all classes to follow. This was also an opportunity for our Year 6 pupils to celebrate their time at English Martyrs. Their days with us are literally numbered and they will soon be moving to the next phase of their education in Secondary school. We wish them all the best.

Next week is our final week of the term. We will then have a few weeks of holidays. We hope things will continue to get better and everyone will be able to enjoy their holidays doing something different within their family and with friends.  
Have a good Summer break.

*Mr Camilleri* - Headteacher

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember:



**Tuesday 20th July**  
**9:00am and 11:00 am**  
**Year 6 Leavers' Assemblies**

**Tuesday 20th July**  
**2:00pm**  
**Meeting for parents of children**  
**starting in Reception class in**  
**September 2021**

**Thursday 22nd July**  
**End of Summer Term**  
**for children.**

**LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

**Friday 23rd July**  
**Training Day for Teachers**

**Friday 3rd September:**  
**Beginning of the new School**  
**Year**

**FIRST SCHOOL DAY FOR CHILDREN**

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



## BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

As many of you will know, from September we will be offering the service of a **BREAKFAST CLUB** and **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** for those who need it.

Parents who are interested in applying for a place in either of these clubs can collect an registration form from the school office or download one from our school website.

(open link below)

[Breakfast & After School Club \(englishmartyrsrprimary.co.uk\)](http://englishmartyrsrprimary.co.uk)

Breakfast club will be starting at 7.40 a.m each day, while our After school club will run from home time until 5.30 pm each

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL OWN CLOTHES DAY

The last day of term, Thursday, 22nd July is own clothes day. Children will be allowed to come to school in their

own clothes. We are asking everyone to make a small contribution of £1 that will go to the school's fund to be used for projects and more activities for our children next year.



Own  
Clothes  
Day

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We will soon be starting our Summer Holidays. We hope that everyone will be able to find time to relax and refresh. Although the current Covid restrictions are being relaxed, we still need to be careful when mixing with others especially indoors.

Children should also find time to read regularly and practise their multiplication and division facts as we get ready for the next school year.

[We will see you all again on Friday 3rd September 2021](#)

## ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH CHURCH

Our school is part of the ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH community. The parish church is right next door to the school. There are Masses regularly every weekend at the following times:

Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm

Sundays at 9.00 am

Sundays at 11:30 am

Sunday evening at 6:00 pm

For more information call the parish office on 020 7703 4967



## 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.



**Nursery:**

Edwin, Harli

**Reception:**

Nathaniel, Jameela

**Year 1:**

Hemen, Ugochukwu

**Year 2:**

Steve, Ifamena, Atinuke, Sabrina

**Year 3:**

Leonardo, Julie

**Year 4:**

Kelly, Ogechi, Arisha

**Year 5:**

Joseph and Dara

**Year 6:**

Milton, Shakiah, Gloria, Julia,  
Lulia

# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

# THIS WEEK

## CLASS 1K

In History we have been learning about the famous American Astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon and his famous quote 'one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' We also discussed why it is important that we still remember the moon landings today.

In RE we have been learning about the church and how it is a building and a holy place where we can all pray and are welcome. The church is God's house and we should show respect



when we meet there.

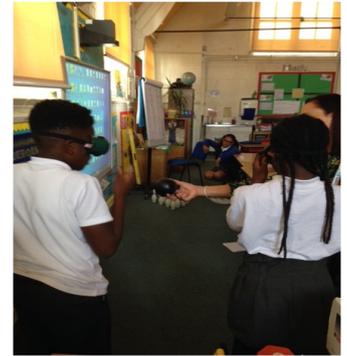
In Maths we have been learning to count in 2's, 5's and 10's

forwards and backwards through 100 and to solve related number problems and missing number problems.

## CLASS 6M

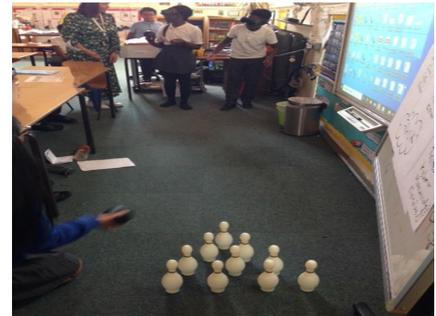
Our week started with a PSHE workshop on keeping safe and healthy. We explored how to keep ourselves clean, going through puberty and understanding the effects of harmful drugs.

The children wore goggles to experience the effects of drugs and found that their sights were distorted with a pair off goggles whilst trying to hit the pins.



"I felt quite wobbly and I couldn't see what angle I was meant to hit", said Khori.

This is one of the effect of harmful drugs.



## MUSIC

**Year 1** have been doing a lot of singing over recent weeks. They have been given opportunities to choose their favourite songs from the churches they go to and sing these in class. **Year 2's** recent music lessons have been linked to their topic work based on the Fire of London and the sea. Both Year 2 classes have learnt about how market traders during the Stuart Era would have sung about their wares as a form of advertisement by calling out repeated phrases, which over time acquired a musical quality as these phrases evolved into songs. **Year 4** listened to the little rain of the Caipira by the Brazilian composer Villa-Lobos and discussed how the composer created the impression of a train journey through the use of instruments. **Year 5** have learnt about how songs often tell stories and are sometimes referred to as ballads. **Year 6** have been learning to perform and combine different rhythms. They also practised their leaving song 'I will always remember you'.





Activity programme for  
children & young people

**26 July – 27 August 2021**

[www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun)

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# Resources for family help over the summer holidays

The **Community Hub** is a first point of call if your family is in any kind of crisis. The Hub can help with emergency foodbank referrals. Call 020 7525 5000 and choose option 3 (lines are open 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri, with out of hours support). [covidsupport@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:covidsupport@southwark.gov.uk) Although set up initially to deal with help during lockdown, the Hub is for all sorts of support and your problem does not need to be connected to the Pandemic.

## Southwark Emergency Support Scheme (SESS) and Hardship Fund

SESS can help you if you're a Southwark resident who is facing a crisis, emergency or disaster and needs help. [The scheme will provide food vouchers, or help with your bills](#), rather than cash support.

If you're struggling to afford your household bills and food, Southwark Hardship Fund provides [help for people in debt with household bills, such as gas, electricity and water, rent and Council Tax arrears](#). This help could mean you have more money left to buy food.

The **Summer of Food and Fun** is running summer holiday programmes at over 30 centres in the borough for children up to age 16, including those with special educational needs. The programmes including free food, activities and “take and make” boxes for family cooking at home. [www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun)

The **Southwark Food Action Alliance (SFAA)** [website](#). SFAA is a collection of over 90 local organisations who all help with food – whether it's foodbanks, tips on getting cheaper food, cookery skills and recipes and where to go for wider support. The site also includes:

[A map to find your nearest growing projects](#)

[A map to find local food help](#) As venues and projects can change frequently, do call or email before visiting.

**Use vouchers to help put more healthy food on the table for your family for free.** Families and pregnant women in Southwark can benefit from two different kinds of vouchers. Used together they are worth over £8 per week per child. The [Healthy Start](#) vouchers are for low-income pregnant women and families with children age 0-4. Co-op, Iceland and Sainsburys are all topping up the voucher until the end of August by giving at least £1 of extra help for each voucher used. Full details of how these three chains will stretch the value of your voucher are [here](#). Healthy Start vouchers can also be used at the Peckham Pantry – a low-cost supermarket where families will receive more for their vouchers than they would at a regular store, as well as at certain stalls in East Street market.

[Rose Vouchers](#) are for low-income pregnant women and families in the SE1, SE5, SE15 and SE17 areas. Children qualify from birth until they start at reception. Older siblings at primary school also qualify for the vouchers, as long as they have a younger sibling receiving the vouchers.

## More affordable shopping at The Pantry

[The Pantry](#) is an affordable supermarket for those on low incomes. Members pay £4.50 each time they shop and in return receive around £15 of groceries.

## Help the environment by using surplus food (Community Fridges and Olio)

Community Fridges are centres where food businesses and neighbours leave good food that they would otherwise throw out. Anyone can bring food to a fridge, anyone can take food away. No questions asked. Making use out of food that would otherwise end up in landfill is also a great way to help the planet! There are nearby fridges in Camberwell, Walworth, Borough, Brixton and Waterloo. Use this [map](#) for more information.

Sharing app [Olio](#) is a place where neighbours and food businesses can list good food within date that they do not want. You make a private arrangement to collect the food.