

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Flint Street, Walworth, London SE17 1RB

Tel: 0207 703 4726 Email: office@emps.school

Website: www.englishmartyrsprimary.co.uk

Headteacher: Mr J Camilleri

NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear parents and carers

This week all parents had the opportunity to meet their child's teacher virtually. We hope to be able to have more of these meetings in the future and to work together for the good of our children.

Among the other events that took place this week, there was today's **class assembly** that was led by 6T and Year 3 and Year 4's first **swimming lessons** for this year.

Next week we'll be starting more **after school clubs** (see sep section of this newsletter for more details).

On Sunday we are having our **Welcome mass** in the Parish church next to the school . I hope to be able to see many children and their families there . We start at 11.30 am.

Thank you a have a good weekend.

Mr Camilleri- Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Sunday 19th September:
Welcome Mass in church
11:30 am.

All families and children invited.

Week beginning 20th September
After school clubs begin on different days of the week

Friday 24th September
3M's Class Assembly
Parents of children in 3M Invited to join us in person in Building 2

Sunday 10th October
World Mental Health Day

Week beginning 25th October
HALF TERM WEEK



WELCOME MASS
SUNDAY 19th September
at 11:30 am

at ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH
CHURCH
Next to the school

All children and their families are invited.
There will also be Mr Camilleri's induction service as Headteacher of our school.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our after school extra curricular activities and clubs will be starting on Monday 20th September. Letters are being sent home today with information for those who have been offered a place.

Parents need to make sure children are collected on time at **4.15 pm** and that they pay the contribution for these clubs on **PARENT PAY**.



LAPTOPS LENDING SCHEME

Children need to have access to and be able to use a device to work on the weekly homework tasks set for them by class teachers and for other online research work. Our **LAPTOP LENDING SCHEME** is now starting again. An agreement has to be signed by parents. If you would like to benefit from this scheme please contact the school office for more details.



BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our Breakfast Club and After school club have also now started.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Every day from 7.40 am to 8.40 am.

Cost each day - £2 (£10 weekly)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: Every day from 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm.

Cost each day - £8 (£40 weekly)

Fees must be paid weekly or termly in advance by **PARENTPAY** ([Link on School Website](#)). If you need ParentPay log in details, please contact the school office.



Other after school clubs will be starting soon



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

This year has been chosen as **the Year of St Joseph**. As we start this new school year we ask this special saint to help us and guide us with his father's heart in our learning journey this year.



Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who show our school values during lunchtime breaks.

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

Nursery:

Hanna and Isabella

Reception:

Harli and Lizsy

Year 1:

Jameela, Kyla and Micael

Year 2:

Trinity and Karmanne

Year 3:

Steve, Fatima, Michelle, Francis and Natanim

Year 4:

Julie and Aiden

Year 5:

Kelly

Year 6:

Dara and Margot



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

1K

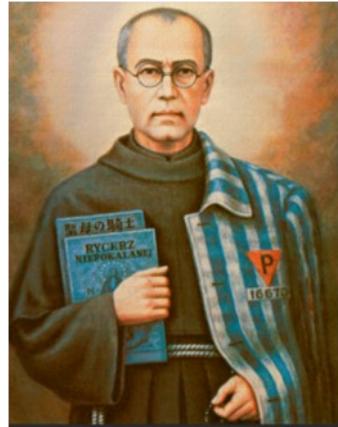
All the children in 1K have settled in nicely in their new class and are working hard in all areas of the curriculum. In Literacy we have been reading **Beegu by Alexis Deacon**. We love to read.

In RE we have been learning about our class patron saint St Kizito - a young boy from Uganda. His feast day is celebrated on the 3rd June. In Maths we have been learning to count confidently forwards and backwards to 20 and beyond. We have also learnt about ordinal numbers by racing against each other.



3M

For RE, class 3M have been finding out about their class saint Maximilian Kolbe. We are proud that he is our class saint because he sacrificed himself to save another man's life. Also for RE we have been learning about 'The Christian Family' and how close Jesus was to his family. We have reflected on our own families and why they are important to us. We know that our own family is a gift from God.



For Science, we have been learning about light. We know

that there are different sources of light. We know that there are natural and man-made sources of light, such as, the sun and a torch or fire. We are also going to investigate why we need light to see. Please look at the above poster as an example of the different sources of light.



5T

Saint Thomas More (1478-1535) is 5T's class Saint. Our saint inspires us to be ambitious, full of responsibilities and fair which depicts some of our school's core values.

Thomas More was martyred for his refusal to bend his beliefs to King Henry VIII's political needs and was recognised as a saint. We researched and wrote our own biographies about his early and later life.



NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th September 2021

FREE 12-week online Learning Unlimited course for parents and carers

Family Maths (Functional Skills)

Mondays 10am-12pm

From 27th September to 13th December 2021

This course will take place online via Zoom.



What will I get from attending the course?

- Knowledge and skills to support your child's maths development
- The chance to brush up on your own maths and take a City & Guilds qualification
- The opportunity to share experiences with other parents

How much does it cost?

The course is free.

Where can I get more information or book a place?

To book a place, please complete the enrolment form at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-maths-functional-skills-tickets-170275148553>

If you have any questions about the course, email info@learningunlimited.co or call 020 3700 1162 and leave a message giving your name, phone number and email address. We will get back to you as soon as we can.



DRUGS RELATIONSHIPS

Concerned about your teenager?

ALCOHOL MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer?
Do you want to know what's
going on with young people
today? Do you feel isolated and
need some support?

Join our FREE workshops and support groups.

The pandemic has been particularly hard for our youth, and we know that parents and carers are trying their best to support their young people through these challenging times, but it can be difficult to know where to start.

The Nest and HYP Southwark are working together to support parent and carers by offering free monthly online workshops held over Zoom on topics such as drugs, healthy relationships, mental health and more.

Alongside the workshops we will be offering separate monthly support groups just for parents and carers. This will be a safe space supported by professionals and lead by parents. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and learn from others.

This is open to all parents and carers living in Southwark. For full details of all the workshops and support groups please have a look on the HYP Southwark Eventbrite page
[hypsouthwark.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/hypsouthwark)

Understanding Self-harm

Tuesday 14th September 6-7pm

This workshop will be look at understanding self-harm. We aim to give you better understanding of:

- The functions of self-injury
- Causes and triggers
- Cycles of harm
- Helpful and unhelpful responses to people who self-injure
- Alternative coping strategies

Parental Support Group

28th September 6-7pm

This will be a safe space to supported by professionals and lead by parents.

Drug Awareness

Tuesday 12th Oct 6-7pm

This workshop is to support parents and carers in developing their own drug and alcohol awareness. We aim to give you better understanding of:

- Risk and dangers of drugs and alcohol
- Identifying signs and symptoms of use.
- Harm reduction advice and support
- Talking to young people about drug and alcohol

Parental Support Group

Tuesday 26th Oct 6-7pm

This will be a safe space to supported by professionals and lead by parents.

Allison Bishop

allison.bishop@groundwork.org.uk
020 8138 1805
www.thenestsouthwark.org.uk



HARVEST APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Toothpaste
- Shower Gel
- Fruit juice (orange/apple)
- UHT Milk (full cream)
- Tinned Meat/Soup
- Scotch broth
- Tinned Ratatouille
- Tinned fruit
- Vegetarian curry/chilli
- Chocolate bars/treats

Don't forget...

You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.



Southwark Foodbank
southwark.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (801819)