

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th October 2021

*Dear parents and carers*

We started our week with our collective worship focusing on the Rosary prayer and the different sets of mysteries we use when using this special prayer.

Among the other events that took place this week, there was today's **class assembly** led by children in 1K who told us about their learning in different areas of the curriculum and also sang a beautiful song on God's creation. We also had two more parents' workshops and there are two more planned for next week.

Next week is our final week of the Autumn Term 1. Children will be finishing their work on their chosen black person and we hope to be able to celebrate their work on Friday with an exhibition in the undercroft which we hope you will be able to visit.

### ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

Well done to Years 2 and 5 pupils who registered over 100% attendance this week.

YEAR GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Reception	95%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	99%

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Tuesday 19th October - 3.15 pm**  
**Parents' Workshop:**  
**Using Purple Mash and MyMaths**

**Wednesday 20th October**  
**9.00 am**  
**Parents' Workshop:**  
**Planning for Half Term week**

**Friday 22nd October**  
**3C's Class Assembly**  
**Parents of children in 3C invited**  
**to join us in person in Building 2**

**Friday 22nd October**  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
**Exhibition**

**Week beginning 25th October**  
**HALF TERM WEEK**

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



## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We have a few extra places in our **Wednesday after school club**.... Any parents who would like to register to take part in this please contact the school office for a registration form.

There is a small fee to take part and children need to be collected on time at **4.15 pm** .



## 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** has now started 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

**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

## OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



Children in both Building 1 and Building 2 have been learning about and praying the Rosary during this month of October. Why not encourage them to pray this special prayer at home too?



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:**

**Davina, Yourhighness**

**Reception:**

**Lisa, Zaman, Edwin**

**Year 1:**

**Isabella , Jana**

**Year 2:**

**Zena, Deborah, Eldana**

**Year 3:**

**Sabrina. Atinuke,**

**Fatima,Edwards**

**Year 4:**

**Bersabel, Veronica, Nerveah**

**Year 5:**

**Arisha, Kelly**

**Year 6:**

**Jaanai, Ethan**



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

# THIS WEEK

## 6M

6M have been studying World War . In our topic work, we've looked at becoming an evacuee and have written diary entries. In literacy, we're currently reading *Otto, the Autobiography of a Teddy*, which tells the story of a lost bear finding his original owners, which were separated by war. We've written news reports of him being found and are creating our own version of the story. Our RE work is on creation. We have read that humans are meant to be stewards or caretakers of the world and we discussed recycling and how we can look after our planet. It was National Poetry Day last week, we read 'The Story of Squiddley Diddle' by Theodora Shilliot, which is about animals becoming trapped in waste in the oceans. Written in rhyming couplets, it is very easy to read and fun too. We acted out the events. In science, we have been investigating how height affects distance of travelling objects. We used benches for the height and let cars roll down to see what the effect was. We then measured the distance travelled.



## P.E.

Children throughout the school have been thoroughly enjoying their PE lessons with their coaches.

They have been working on problem solving skills, agility, balance, coordination and transferrable skills (which can be used for different sports). As well as this, all of the children have been working on their stamina and there have been good improvements in this regards, especially from 5T. Children throughout the school have also been working in pairs and in small groups to focus on their team work skills, which have been improving as the lessons have gone on. They are making a great effort to improve their skills and fitness during PE lessons - please encourage your children to do the same out of school hours; so we can have happy and healthy children!

## MUSIC

Children in Year 1 have been learning about rhythm patterns in their music lessons, performing some and inventing their own, one class went on to learn a traditional Calypso style song called *Banyan Tree* and performed it as a ring game. Over recent weeks Year 2 have been exploring their spoken voices and singing voices. We have experimented chanting songs like robots, witches and giants and creating different sound effects for *Room on the Broom*. Today, as the story was narrated, the children joined in with sound effects while other children acted out the story with puppets in the theatre complete with stage lighting.

Over the past few weeks, Year 3 have been learning a Polish lullaby, *Oi Dana*. We looked at the structure and rhythm of the song and the children had to compose their own lullaby tunes using the same structure and rhythm. Both Year 4 and 5 have done a lot of singing in unison (everyone singing the same part) but were introduced today to singing in harmony. They sang a variety of song including those from Jamaica, The Congo, Liberia and Ghana. Year 6 have been learning about different note values and writing rhythms, they learnt about the African American composer, Scott Joplin and Ragtime. They listened to *The Entertainer* and then commenced learning an accompaniment to put with the piano.



# LSBU Active Sports Camp

Bringing lots of Sports and Activities this October Holiday

Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October 2021

Ages: 5-11 year olds\*

Location: The sports camp will be held outside at  
Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Sports Facility, SE1 6ER

Our Sports Camps are delivered by qualified, supportive and encouraging coaches with a passion for sport and physical activity.



*"I loved camp  
and making new  
friends"*

*"I got to learn new  
activities I have never  
done before"*

*"The Sports  
Ambassadors are  
the BEST!"*

For more information on our LSBU Active Sports Camps for 2021 and how to book on please contact [sportscentre@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:sportscentre@lsbu.ac.uk) | 020 7815 7812

**Make new friends | Learn new skills | Create new memories**

\*children must be 5 years or older and in at least Year 1 of school