

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th November 2021

*Dear parents and carers*

This week our pupils had the opportunity to learn about and reflect on a number of themes. On Wednesday we marked **Remembrance** Day by observing the two minutes silence. The children also reflected on the meaning of this important day during assemblies and other lessons.

We also reflected and learned about what is being discussed at the **COP26** conference in Glasgow and also prayed that everyone will work hard towards achieving the necessary targets for the good of our planet.

Today, **Class 4G** presented their class assembly. They told us about what they have been learning about recently including their fabulous inventions, learning about electricity and they also sang for us in French. Thank you to the large number of parents who attended.

Have a good weekend.

### RECEPTION CLASS 2022

If your child was born between **1 September 2017** and **31 August 2018**, they are due to start primary school in **September 2022**.

The Local Authority Admissions process opened in September and the **closing date** for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. To apply for admission to English Martyrs you need to complete a supplementary form which you can download from the school website as well as the Local Authority admissions form.

See the Southwark admissions portal at:  
[School admissions - Southwark Council](#)

Please contact the school office if you who would like to make an appointment to visit our Reception class.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember:



Week starting

**Monday 15th November**  
**ANTI BULLYING WEEK**

**Tuesday 16th November**  
**3.15 pm**

**Parents' Workshop:**  
**Supporting children with Maths**

**Wednesday 17th November**  
**9.00 am**

**Parents' Workshop:**  
**Supporting Reading**

**School Photographer—individual**  
**and class photos**

**Friday 19th November**  
**6M's Class Assembly**  
**Parents of children in 6M invited**  
**to join us in person in Building 1**

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



## The year of ST JOSEPH

The Year of St Joseph will soon be coming to an end. We know that Joseph was a humble carpenter who worked hard to earn a living to support his family including Jesus and his mother Mary. We continue to pray to him and ask him to help all of us especially all workers and fathers.

**St Joseph - Pray for us.**



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 and Hannah

### **Reception:**

Solyanna and Amy

### **Year 1:**

Anthony, Jade and Fikayo

### **Year 2:**

Joshua and Keriane

### **Year 3:**

George, Santiago, Martha

### **Year 4:**

Kelly, Nevaeh, David and Hayden

### **Year 5:**

Michael-Ray, Joel A, Sophia and Carola

### **Year 6:**

Enoch and Karita

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographer will be in school this coming **Wednesday 17th November**. Parents who would like children to take **siblings' photos** need to complete a form available from the school office. Each pupil will be given a card to take home to allow you to go **online** to view the photos and place your order. Once you have placed your order the school will then receive the photos to distribute.

## LAPTOPS LENDING SCHEME

As children are now carrying out more work online, we have **laptops** available to offer on loan to families who need them to use for home learning and to work on the homework tasks set for them by teachers. Laptops are loaned on a **termly basis** and an agreement has to be signed by parents. A £10 contribution per term ap-



## PARENTS' WORKSHOPS

We have now started weekly workshops for parents on different aspects of school life and to share ideas on how to support children at home.

The following are our workshops for this week:

**Tuesday 16th November - 3.15 pm**

**Supporting Children with Maths**

**Wednesday 17th November - 9.00 am**

**Parents' Workshop: Reading with children**



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

# THIS WEEK

## NURSERY

The nursery children have been focusing on the story **'The Gruffalo'** this week. They have been joining in with the repeated refrains of the story and also talking about their favourite characters and favourite part of the story. Yusuf: "I like the Gruffalo because he is scary". Davina: "I like when the Gruffalo runs away from the mouse because he is scared". We have also read **'The Gruffalo's Child'**. The children enjoyed reading this book and spotting the similarities and differences between the two books. Raheel: "The mouse tricked the Gruffalo and the Gruffalo's child".



In maths we have been learning about positional language: on top, next to, behind, inside, under, over, between. The children are starting to understand and use these words to describe the position of something. Also, in nursery we have been focusing on playing cooperatively with each other as well as sharing and taking turns.



They have been making good progress in these areas. Well done Nursery!

## CLASS 6T



This week our focus in writing has been to write a non chronological report about life in the trenches during World War 1. This included taking notes and then making a leaflet to share the information. The children have learnt about the different types of trenches and the daily

life of a soldier while they served. This links with our text **'War Game'** by Michael Foreman.

As Remembrance Day falls this week, we have investigated the significance of the different poppies that people wear at this time of year. The children drew and wrote about each one and made a circle book. Do you know the four colours and what and who they represent?



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

