

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th November 2021

Dear parents and carers

This has been our first full week of this half term. Our focus this week has been learning on World faiths, particularly **Judaism** as well as celebrating **Parliament week**.

Today everyone in Building 2 enjoyed 1L's class assembly. Children told us about what they have been learning about recently including their learning about the weather and the investigation they carried out, the book 'Lost and found' and the story of Noah's ark. We also had two very well attended workshops for parents on supporting children with writing. On Wednesday 4G took part in a football competition for primary schools in the area.

Next week we will be having more workshops for parents (see dates for your Diary section) and we look forward to 4G's assembly on Friday.

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 15th 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:

www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember:



Tuesday 9th November - 3.15 pm

Parents' Workshop:

Supporting Reading

Wednesday 10th November

9.00 am

Parents' Workshop:

Supporting Reading

Friday 12th November

4G's Class Assembly

Parents of children in 4G invited to join us in person in Building 2

Friday 19th November

6M's Class Assembly

Parents of children in 6M invited to join us in person in Building 1

Week starting

Monday 15th November

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER





This week we celebrated Parliament Week. Children learned about the Election process and what goes on in the houses of Parliament.

On Thursday children in years 3 to 6 voted to elect their representatives for **school council**. I look forward to meet with them and discuss ideas how to work together to improve the school and to plan new activities for the future.

SAFEGUARDING

Are you concerned about the Safeguarding or wellbeing of a child?

Make a record of your concern and include facts such as date, time, what you know and any witnesses.



Add your signature and submit to a member of our Safeguarding team.

Ms Akpojotor - Mr Camilleri

Ms Bentaleb - Ms Essel - Ms Platt

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 9th November - 3.15 pm
Supporting Children with Reading

Wednesday 10th November - 9.00 am
Parents' Workshop: Reading with children



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:

Raheem and Raheel

Reception:

Amy U and Nzola

Year 1:

Roman, Anthony and Fikayo

Year 2:

Moringa, Debrorah and Keriane

Year 3:

Atinuke and Atinaire

Year 4:

David, Bersabel, Rachel, Nevaeh and Anisha

Year 5:

Michael-Ray and George

Year 6:

Jaanai Hannah and Enoch

NEWSLETTER ONLINE

For an extended version of our school newsletter please visit our website or use the link emailed to parents.



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

RECEPTION 1

Reception 1P This week Reception class have started their new topic, 'Knowing Yourself'. We listened to a lovely story "The Reflection in Me" and spoke about what we like about ourselves as individuals. Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9OOXCu5XMg&t=2s>.

We have been singing nursery rhymes, songs about autumn and the weather and exploring rhythm and dance in time to the sound of music and instruments. In maths lessons the children have been learning to **subitise**. This means recognising how many items there are in a group by looking rather than touching items to count how many there are. Check the link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_QktFST7iA



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CLASS 2E

Year 2 have been doing lots of exciting learning.

Just before half term, we went on an exciting trip to the South London Botanical Institute. We got to do lots of exciting activities like studying plants under a microscope and exploring different habitats and micro-habitats.



This week, we had a drama workshop all about Guy Fawkes and the Gun Powder Plot. We



learnt lots of facts and took part in acting out the events which happened in 1605. We had great fun!

Finally, this week has been World Faiths Week and we have been learning about Judaism. We learnt about the Torah Scrolls and found out the five books in the Torah are also the first five books in the bible.



CLASS 4G

Before the October half term, our school celebrated the Black History Month 2021. Our class chose Alice Coachman as the first African American woman to win an Olympic gold medal for research. Children enjoyed learning about her resilience and achievement during the segregation era in America.



This term, in literacy, we are currently reading 'Until I met Dudley' which tells the story of how everyday home appliances work. The children have designed posters of every day gadgets they wish to invent, as we learned about household gadget and appliances that were invented for everyday use in our home and how they work.

On Wednesday, 3rd November, the class took part in Southwark Football Festival event. The aim of the festival was for the children to work as a team, have fun and keep active.

The children won some matches and had great fun playing team football with seven other local schools.

