ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear parents and carers

This week we celebrated special days and school life in different ways but especially through our **assembly** gatherings.

Today, Class 2E presented an wonderful assembly in which they told us about what they are currently learning in class. This included a role play of the story of **the ten lepers**; the text they are using for their English lessons - **The Journey Home** and their work on adding bigger numbers using the **partitioning** method. They also shared a song on the theme of saying '**Thank you'** for all the things we are blessed with. This Assembly has been recorded and posted on the **2E MS Teams** page so all parents can view it from home.

In our other Liturgy and worship assemblies we also focused on the feast of the Conversion of **St Paul** and the **Mass Responses**. This should help take a more active part in church, now that we have once again started attending mass at **English Martyrs' Parish** Church in Year groups every week.

On Thursday it was great to see so many children presented with certificates by their teachers for so many different things they achieved, including high quality writing, improvement in reading and understanding of Maths concepts and being good role models for others. Thank you and have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember

Friday 4th February
Class Assembly - 4J

Week beginning 7th February
Children's Mental Health week

Week beginning 14th February
Beginning of Half term week

Monday 21st February
Spring Term 2 begins
Children return to school.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

At English Martyrs' we have our Breakfast and After School Club every day as follows

BREAKFAST CLUB: Every day from 7.40 am to 8.40 am. - £2 (£10 weekly)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: Every day from 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm. - £8 (£40 weekly)

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

An Invitation from Archbishop John Wilson and The Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion

Archbishop John Wilson, invites all school children, young people and parents to join him at St George's Cathedral on **Sunday 13th February 2022** for **Racial Justice Sunday**.This is a time to celebrate the rich and diverse culture of our schools and Diocese.

Please contact Mr Camilleri or Mr Field if you are interested in taking part.

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

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

YEAR GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Reception	90.61%
Year 1	97.28%
Year 2	97.05%
Year 3	94.41%
Year 4	97.89%
Year 5	92.21%
Year 6	96.22%

Well done to Year 4 pupils
who registered the highest attendance percentage this week.

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

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

Nursery:
Phillip and Davina

Reception:
Josephine and Nurit

Year 1:
Cannan, Jameela and Litzy

Year 2:
Debra Y and Tatiana

Year 3:
Fatima and Atinuke

Year 4:
Aiden and Muna

Year 5:
Ire and Kelly

Year 6:
Kirta, Kayla and Owen

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

RECEPTION 2

The Reception children have been focusing on the story 'The Magic Paintbrush' written by Julia Donaldson. They have enjoyed doing role-play to help them understand what is happening in the story. They were able to retell key events in the story and were able to talk about the characters (Shen and the Emperor). They were able recognise a dragon in the story and name different features of it.

In maths we have been learning about pattern. They were able to use familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models. The children noticed that the objects in the pattern were repeating in an order.

CLASS 1L

In 1L this week, as part of our Geography topic, we have been comparing China with the UK.

In English we have been writing a retelling of 'The Chinese new Year Story'. We used drama to act out the story. We have had a lot of fun learning about the senses of the body in science, using smell pots and conducting a taste test.

We have been making animated stories using purple mash in computing.

Our Year 5 and 6 artists at work

FREE SUPPORT FOR SOUTHWARK PARENTS AND CARERS

ONLINE SAFETY AND DIGITAL RESILIENCE

We are pleased to offer a fantastic programme of free webinars covering key areas of online-safety and digital-resilience. These sessions are open to any parent or carer that lives or works in Southwark.

Online Gaming: What you need to know

Thursday 27th January, 5pm-5:30pm

Exploring the benefits and risks of the world of online gaming.

Digital Wellbeing and Screen Time

Thursday 3rd February, 5pm-5:30pm

Managing screen time and helping your child's wellbeing.

Online risks, extremism and misinformation

Thursday 10th February, 5pm-5:30pm

How to adopt a "digital resilience" approach to keep your child safe online

Helping your child stay safer online (primary-age children)

Thursday 24th February, 5pm-5:30pm

How you can help your child explore their online world safely.

Being Internet Brave (primary-age children)

Thursday 3rd March, 5pm-5:30pm

Communicating with your child about online safety.

To sign up, visit:

https://www.pzlocal.org.uk/events