

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear parents and carers

This week was our Spring Term assessment week. Children in Years 1 to 6 completed their Reading, Maths and other tests set for them by their teachers. There will soon be an opportunity for parents to discuss the progress children have made as well as to set new targets for next term. We will soon be contacting parents to arrange appointments for our Termly Learning Conferences planned for the week starting Monday 21st March 2022.

On Tuesday afternoon we had a full room of families for the parents' workshop. Everyone showed a great interest in understanding why and how social skills are taught in school. It was really great to see the parents and children working together on the activities set for them by Ms Akpojotor and Ms Platt. Next week's workshop for parents will be on understanding the special needs of our children and will be led by our school SENCO, Dr O'Brien. We invite all parents, especially those whose children have any educational or other needs to attend. We'll start at 9 am straight after you drop your child at school.

Today our Friday Assembly had a different focus. The school choir led by Miss Arrowsmith performed a wonderful song on the theme of caring for the environment. They have been learning new songs and practising every Friday after school. At our Friday assembly we also prayed for the needs of people suffering as a result of the war in Ukraine and we also talked about today's activity on the Lent calendar - reflecting on the 4th and 5th stations of the cross.

We now look forward to next week when we have yet another special week when children will be focusing on Science and explore a range of science concepts in class and at assembly time.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Camilleri - Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember



**Week beginning
Monday 14th March**
SCIENCE WEEK

Tuesday 15th March
PARENTS' WORKSHOP
SPECIAL NEEDS
9.00 AM

Friday 18th March
CLASS 5T ASSEMBLY
PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN 5T IN-
VITED

**Week beginning
Monday 21st March**
TERMLY LEARNING
CONFERENCES.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



PARENTS' WORKSHOP
UNDERSTANDING THE SPECIAL NEEDS
OF OUR CHILDREN

TUESDAY 15th MARCH
9.00 a.m

LENT 2022

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

We are now in the Season of Lent - a very special time in the Church calendar.

Every Wednesday we ask our children to have a look and read through **THE WEDNESDAY WORD**. This is a Catholic flyer about the Sunday Mass readings and includes a range of activities for children.



Use the link below to share
this Sunday's gospel as a family.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=17.8>

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

| YEAR GROUP | ATTENDANCE |
|------------|------------|
| Reception | 92.93% |
| Year 1 | 98.09% |
| Year 2 | 99.26% |
| Year 3 | 98.03% |
| Year 4 | 99.22% |
| Year 5 | 99.48% |
| Year 6 | 99.21% |

Well done to **Year 5** pupils who registered the highest attendance percentage this week - very close to 100%

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, Davina

Reception:

Akosua, Akira

Year 1:

Tsion, Jameela

Year 2:

Saron, Zena, Joshua, Joseph

Year 3:

Samuel, Sabrina, Leonardo, Atiniire, Lulia

Year 4:

Isabella, Aiden

Year 5:

Tianna, Shahid

Year 6:

Jeffrey, Annabelle

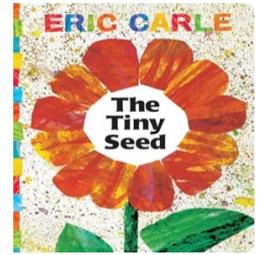


FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

Nursery

The nursery children have been focusing on the story 'The Tiny Seed' this term. The children have enjoyed discussing how plants grow. Raheem said: "The seed grows up in the soil"; Davina: "Plants need water and sun to grow". Many children have participated in digging in the flower beds in the playground and have been interested in the flowers and vegetables that we have been growing in our school. In maths, we have been learning to link numerals to amounts. They have been counting the amounts of different objects and then finding the numeral that matches to that amount, as well as showing it with their fingers. Nursery children have also 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!



We are so lucky that an Olympic athlete is coming to our school very soon! **Montell Douglas** will take all our children through a fitness circuit and then deliver an assembly about her journey and how to make healthy lifestyle choices. Please raise as much money as you can safely. Some of the money raised will go towards paying for this event, helping the athletes train and some will go towards our school so we can buy new equipment. The deadline for the sponsorship money is 18th March 2022.



Year 4J



In our Year 4 Science lessons, we have been learning about States of Matter. We made predictions about whether or not gas has weight. After that, we carried out an investigation and found that gas actually has weight.

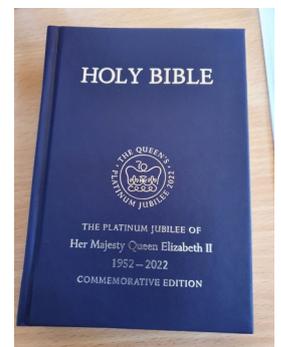
Our history topic is Vikings and here is one interesting fact that you might want to know about the Vikings. Did you know that the song **London Bridge is Falling Down** was created because the Vikings pulled down London Bridge? When they decided to take over, they pulled down the bridge.

In Literacy, we have been reading the book **Shackleton's Journey** by William Grill. We have been enjoying learning about the hardous journey Ernest Shackleton and his crew made to the South Pole. Also, we have done lots of creative writing from it and here we are reading and performing some poems we have written about their journey.



Class 6T

This week year 6's week started with a visit from Mr Cadapen, a representative from the Bible Society, who came to talk to all the year 6 children about the **Bible**. He very kindly presented them all with their own very special commemorative edition, to mark the platinum jubilee of the Queen.



As we are in the season of Lent we start our mornings with an activity from the Lenten calendar. Every day we reflect on what this time of year means to us and to our faith. We are writing prayers, reading God's word and thinking about how we can help others.

Next week we begin Science week where the children will be doing different activities around science. The children are very excited to design their own poster for the competition. This year the theme is **growth**.