

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th March 2022

*Dear parents and carers*

As part of **British Science week**, this week our pupils took part in a number of activities that helped them realise what a fascinating subject Science is. All children enjoyed the Dr Jasmine's **Science show** on Tuesday as well as the other activities in class. Well done to all those who produced wonderful posters on different aspects of science.



During the week we also had more opportunities to reflect on the special season of **Lent**. We started our week with our collective worship assembly focusing on the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. On Tuesday then, both Year 3 classes attend the mass with the parish community.

Today, Class 5T led our Friday Class assembly in Building 2 in which they shared so many interesting facts related to their '**Egyptians**' Topic, Science investigations and their research on '**Fairtrade**'.

We now have our **termly learning conferences** planned for next week. Today we are sending appointment slips home. It is important that all parents have these conversations with class teachers to review progress and talk about future targets.

Next week we have yet another special visitor. Montel Williams, an **Olympic athlete** will be visiting on Tuesday and she will be giving presentations on fitness and sports as well as leading fitness circuits for all children.

On a final note I would like to thank all parents who have taken part in our **parent governor** election. We are pleased to announce the Mr Semba has been elected and will soon start taking part in Governing Body meetings and helping to make the school even better.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember



**Tuesday 22nd March**  
**PARENTS' WORKSHOP**  
**SOUTHWARK FAMILY SERVICES**  
**9.00 AM**

**Tuesday 22nd March**  
**Wednesday 23rd March**  
**Thursday 24th March**  
**TERMLY LEARNING**  
**CONFERENCES**

**Friday 18th March**  
**CLASS 1L ASSEMBLY**  
Parents of children in 1L invited

**Friday 1st April**  
**LAST DAY OF TERM**  
Children finish at the normal  
time.

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



## TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our Termly Learning conferences for this Spring term will take place next week, on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**.

Today we sent letters home with your children to let you know about the time of your appointment.



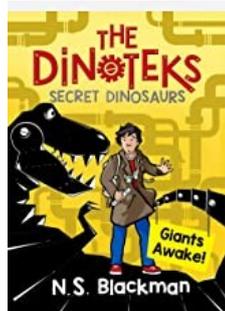
If you are attending the meeting in person, please arrive **a few minutes before the start time**.

If you are having your meeting on **MS Teams** please log on a few minutes before and wait in the lobby until the teachers lets you in.

Each meeting will last for no more than **10 minutes**.

## FAREWELL

Next week we will be saying Farewell to one of our members of staff. Mrs Johnstone, Office Manager will be leaving us for pastures new at the end of next week. Ms Johnstone worked at the school in different roles for a long time and she has supported children, parents and school staff in so many ways. We are very grateful for her service to the school community and wish her all the best for her next venture.



## AUTHOR

**Nigel Blackman**, the author who visited our school during book week will be returning on Monday 21st March for Book signing and to judge our bookmark completion. Children who ordered any of his books will be meeting him in the afternoon.

## The Season of LENT

This Sunday is the **Third Sunday of Lent**.

Read the **Wednesday Word** online to find out more about what this Sunday's readings are about.



## CERTIFICATES

### THIS WEEK

Every Thursday, class teachers and Teaching assistants award certificates to children in their class who excelled or tried hard during the week.

The following are the names of children who received **Good News Certificates** this week.



#### Reception:

Heleia, Esosa, Fiifi, Edwin

#### Year 1:

Roman, Nana

#### Year 2:

Leah, Benjamin

#### Year 3:

Jomata, Eliezer, Whole class

#### Year 5:

Joel A

#### Year 6:

Faithful, Ugochi



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

# THIS WEEK

## Reception 2

In order to develop our vocabulary in the classroom we have introduced a **“Word of the Week.”** This week our new word is **“Different.”** In class we have talked about the meaning of the word and practised using it in our daily conversations. Please ask your child each week about their new word.

This week in Reception class we have started a new book called **“I Will Not ever Never eat a tomato”** by Lauren Child. As part of their learning, the children will



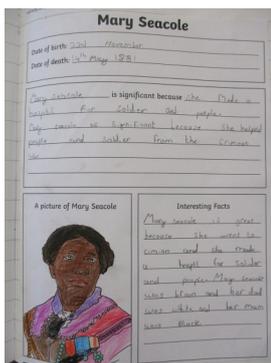
be tasting fruits and vegetables. They will be introduced to a range of fruit and vegetables that may be familiar to them and others they are not as familiar with. The children will say which one they like or dislike and give reasons.



This week we have been celebrating **Science Week.** The children have been developing an understanding of processes and changes over time. The children had the opportunity to look at the caterpillars and observe the changes over time.

## Year 1L

In 1L this week, as part of our history topic, we have been talking about our favourite superheroes and learning about the heroine **Mary Seacole.**



In English we have been reading **‘The Magic Bed’** by John Burningham and talking about where we go in our dreams. We have been investigating the **capacity** of different containers by filling them with water.

In R.E we have enjoyed learning about the Good Samaritan and retelling the story. As part of science we have been investigating the function of **plant roots.**



## Class 3C

In science we are learning about **the functions of a plant.** We are now able to identify the key parts of a plant and tell you the function of those parts.



We have been given **caterpillars** to look after and we check them every day to see how they are developing. We are currently at day 12 of the caterpillar stage with them growing bigger day by day. We are eager to see the next stage of their life cycle, as they turn into a chrysalis before their final transformation into a butterfly.



Today, we went to a science assembly for Science Week. Dr Jasmine taught us about connectivity, pollution, water, bees and many more things. She also showed us a variety of experiments that we found interesting and fascinating.

