

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



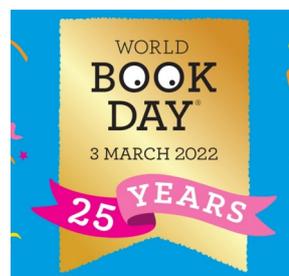
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NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th March 2022

Dear parents and carers

This week was such a fantastic week that showed our enthusiasm and our love of **reading**. The week was packed with activities which included a visit by Nigel Blackman, reading activities with other teachers and visits to the school library. On Thursday



we marked

World Book Day. It was fantastic to see children in the different costumes and being able to talk about their characters, the books they are taken from and the author. Mr Camilleri, dressed as Mr Wonka from 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory' announced that five **golden tickets** were hid-

den in the school grounds. The children who found them will need to report to his office for the prize on Monday morning. We hope that all our children continue to show such enthusiasm for their reading in the coming years.

On Wednesday we celebrated the beginning of **Lent**. Four classes attended the mass in church together with the parish community. Fr Tom visited the school later to distribute ashes to children and staff in other classes in both buildings.



Next week is our Spring Term **Assessment week**. This will be an opportunity for our children to show and celebrate the progress they have made so far this year especially in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember



Week beginning
Monday 7th March
Assessment Week

Tuesday 8th March
Parents' workshop
Supporting children with
developing Social Skills

Friday 11th March
Choir children assembly in Bldg 2
Parents of choir children invited

Week beginning
Monday 14th March
Science Week

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER





PARENTS' WORKSHOP

Theme:
**SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH
DEVELOPING SOCIAL SKILLS**

TUESDAY 8th MARCH
3.15 pm in Building 1.

ALL PARENTS INVITED.



LENT 2022

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

We have now started 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>

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 applies. If you would like to benefit from this scheme please contact the school office.



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:
Hannah, Mbuta

Reception:
Zaman, Grace

Year 1:
Cannan, Jameela

Year 2:
Fikayo, Zena, Isaac

Year 3:
Atinuke, Efemena

Year 4:
Bersabel, Ahmed, Rachel

Year 5:
Micahael, Kelly

Year 6:
Mohammad, Hannah, Annabelle



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

Year 3M

Children in year 3M have been learning about plants in their science lessons. They even started researching about plants and made fantastic models of plants during their last half term break. As a class we have looked at the different sections of a plant and produced a lovely display, for our classroom. Swimming lessons are going well and some children are progressing by using a float, to support them with their swimming.



This week we took part in the celebrations for 'World Book Day', children have been reading for pleasure. We sorted all our books into different genres and then read a book of our choice.



Year 5T

This week 5T have celebrated book week: reading marathons, creating book marks, interviewing an author, writing the next chapter to a story and giving book reviews.



Year 1K

In year 1K this week we have been reading a new story entitled "Stickman" written by John Hegley. We particularly enjoyed collecting our own sticks and pretending that it was whatever we wanted it to be based on the theme of the story. We pretended that our stick was a drone, space ship, trampoline etc. We then wrote alternative endings to our stories.



In Maths we have been learning to estimate, measure and record the weight of different objects. We have been using a balance to determine which items are heavier, lighter or about the same and have recorded our findings.

In R.E. we have been learning about how Jesus chose his first disciples by going fishing with them. We also reflected on how we choose our friends.