

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear parents and carers

Our week started on Monday with our Collective Worship gatherings in both buildings. Now that we are in the **Easter Season** we started our reflections on the Risen Christ. Everyone enjoyed the role play some of our children led about Jesus appearing twice to the apostles, the second time with **Thomas** among them.

Today we had our first **class assembly** for the Summer Term. Class 1K led this assembly and shared a lot of interesting facts about the current text they are using for writing, their work on numbers and place value as well as their science work on healthy eating.

This week we have also sent offer letters for after school club **activities** for the Summer Term. We tried our best to offer places to as many children as possible but unfortunately some children have to go on the waiting list for when a place becomes available. These activities will then start from Tuesday 3rd May and will run until the end of the term. Parents of children attending these clubs will need to make sure they return the offer slips and pay the contribution on Parent Pay.

Next week is a four day week as Monday **2nd May** is a Bank Holiday. On Thursday, our Nursery is going to be used for the **local elections** but school will be open for everyone including Nursery children who will be using a different space for that day.

Today I had an interesting meeting with the members of our School council. It was an engaging meeting with sharing of great ideas and good discussions. We will be following up on this work in the coming weeks.

Have a good long weekend. We'll see you all on Tuesday.

Mr Camilleri - Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember



Monday 2nd May
Bank Holiday - No school today

Thursday 5th May
Election Day
Children in Nursery and Reception class to use main gate today.

Friday 6th May
Class 3C Assembly - Building 2
Parents of children in 3C invited

Week beginning Monday 9th May
SATS week - Year 6 children

Tuesday 17th May
Photographer in school
Class photos

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CLUBS

Our after school club activities will start from **Tuesday 3rd May**. These will be led by school staff after school for 1 hour **from 3.15pm to 4.15 pm**.



Offer letters for these activities went home on Thursday.

Please return offer acceptance slips to the school office. The £10 contribution will then have to be paid on **ParentPay** next week.

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

YEAR GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Reception	97.3%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	98.4%
Year 4	98.7%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	99.5%

Well done to **Year 6** 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:

Hannah and Sara-Camilla

Reception:

Grace and Tiago

Year 1:

Debra A and Jameela

Year 2:

Hemmen Trinity and Tatiana

Year 3:

Steve and Mya

Year 4:

Edward Aiden and Rachel

Year 5:

Michael s and Michael Ray

Year 6:

Joel A Millie Ethan B and Leticia



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

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>

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

RECEPTION 1 CLASS

This week in Literacy lessons Reception class have been very interested reading a new book called, '**Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy**' by Lynley Dodd. We had interesting discussions about the different types of dogs in the story and what their characters might be like. Children were supported to write sentences about their favourite dog using connectives and describing words. We have made the class role-play area into an animal shelter and the children are enjoying play experiences there.



In maths lessons we worked on number sentences and found one more and one less from amounts up to 10. Teachers demonstrated step by step instructions of how to use a number line to count forwards from a given number to find one more, and also to count backwards to find one less. Children were then shown how to record as a number sentence. Eg. $6+1=7$ and $9-1=8$



During topic work we had a circle time discussion about "**Diversity**" and the range of visible and invisible differences which exist between people in our school, the community we live in and different cultures. We read a lovely book "**Children of the World**" which helped the children to understand the concept. This is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ps7yPHphJ4w>



CLASS 2E

We have had a busy start to the summer term in Year 2. In writing, we have been working hard writing our own version of **Jim and the Beanstalk by Raymond Briggs**.

We have started learning about **the Great Fire of London** in History and learnt about what London was like in 1666 and how it was different from the London we live in today.

In Science, we have started our unit **Animals including humans**; in our first lesson we wrote about the life cycle of a frog.

Finally, we are looking forward to our trip to the National Gallery where we are going to learn about religion in art.

