

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th May 2022

Dear parents and carers

This was our final week of the Summer 1 half term. We started our week with our Collective Worship gathering, thinking about the Easter Season and the month of May during which we remember Mary, our mother and the mother of Jesus.

On Thursday all children in Years 1 to 6 took part in singing assemblies led by members of the choir of St George's cathedral. It was fabulous to see all children engaging themselves and joining in singing popular and less popular songs in English, Latin and even German! We hope to have more occasions like this in the near future.

Today Class 4G led our class assembly which included a lot of interesting facts about Rainforests and why we seriously need to make sure these are not destroyed. Their assembly also included singing and dancing as well as a final part in French.

Today we also celebrated the Platinum Jubilee. All children and staff were invited to come in wearing the colours of the British Flag. The school was like a sea of Red, White and Blue, the colours of the British Flag. See more about this and our main event in the afternoon on page 2 of this newsletter.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



Let us learn from the Virgin Mary
how to be bolder and obey
the Word of God.

Pope Francis

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember



Friday 27th May
Last Day of Summer Term 1

Monday 30th May to
Friday 3rd June
Half term week
Children not in school

Sunday 5th June
Pentecost Sunday

Monday 6th June
Children return to school.
Phonics check for Year 1 pupils
and Year 4 Multiplication tests
begin.

Friday 10th June
Class Assembly - 3M
Parents of children in 3M invited
to attend (Building 2)

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER





THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Today we invited children to come to school dressed in the colours of the British Flag—RED, WHITE and BLUE to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

During the day they took part in different activities in class and outdoors. In the afternoon we all gathered in the main Playground for our Jubilee celebration. Members of the school council read information about the queen as well as prayers for the Queen and Country. We also planted our own Apple Tree to mark this very special event.



Everyone then stood for the national anthem which was then followed by enjoying the traditional scones with jam and cream. and strawberries.

For half term week, all children have been set a task of a Poster Competition about the Queen and the Jubilee. A flyer with more information was sent home on Thursday. Prizes for the best posters will be awarded after half term week.



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:

Davina; Your Highness; Jayden

Reception:

Akira and Jeremiah

Year 1:

Kyla; Scarlett; Chiamaka; Dillon Kellis and Kaliyah

Year 2:

Debra and Joshua

Year 3:

Silk and Paul

Year 4:

Elsa Sophia Sabrina and Muna

Year 5:

Kelly and Tiana

Year 6:

Victoria and Ethan B



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

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CLASS 6M

It's been a busy term in 6M! In literacy, Year 6 have been studying **The Arrival**, a book with no text, about a man who wants to start a life in a new country. We have written letters, postcards, diary entries and are now writing a report.



Year 5 are now studying *Romeo and Juliet*, looking at the way language was spoken back then, interpreting the text into modern day language.

In RE year 5 children have been studying *The Resurrection* and the importance of prayer. Year 6 are learning about the Transforming Spirit and Pentecost.

For Topic for Year 6, they are looking at geographic skills, studying physical geography of the world. This includes mountains, rivers and oceans.

In Science we are looking at Earth and Space for year 5 and light for year 6, exploring how light can be reflected as it only travels in straight lines.

We all went to the Horniman Museum for our new science topics – Year 5 went pond dipping and Year 6 looked at Evolution. They both had workshops which they thoroughly enjoyed.



CLASS 4G

Last week, the year 4 planted their rainforest using the Terrarium. The class is monitoring and recording the Rainforest Eco-Biosphere flourish. This topic also links with writing and Science.



The book the class is reading, 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea' explores the rainforest animals that are extinct,

while in science the class is investigating the functions of teeth of animals, including humans



Year 4 visited the science museum on the 11th of May 2022 to

learn more about the digestive system. They took part in the show **It Takes Guts** –A gross, squirm-inducing lesson for KS2 about the workings of the human digestive system.

In RE, the class is reading the work of the early Christians. They are exploring their faith and trust in God as

P.E.

This term the children across all year groups have been focusing on their leadership and communication skills during a range of different topics and games. These skills are crucial as they can be used in their everyday lives. Children have also focused on their analytical skills; evaluating their own performances as well as others. This helps them to improve their own performance and help others to improve. This is another important skill that can be used in their everyday lives. I have been particularly impressed with the year 2s because they have shown good tactical awareness during different games, where they have learned to attack and defend individually and as a team.

We have been focusing on stamina all year but there is more work to be done. Children also need to be active outside of school so please ensure that you encourage your children to participate in sports and exercise outside of school! There are many different sports and forms of exercise so don't be scared to try something new! Also, sports day will be coming up soon, we are trying to organise a date with Burgess Park and details will be communicated soon.