

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th June 2022

Dear parents and carers

This week has been a very busy week for teachers as well as all pupils. This is because it was our **Summer Term assessment week** and all children have been working on their formal assessments through which they were able to show how much learning has been going on and how much progress they have made since the beginning of this school year. Information about outcomes and teacher assessment will be made available to parents through the end of Year reports.

We started the week with our collective worship focusing on the feast of **Corpus Christi** - when we celebrate the fact that Jesus gave himself to us in Holy Communion. On Monday, all our Year 5 pupils went on a school trip to the Greenwich Observatory where they learned about the planets and our solar system.

Today, Class 5T led the class assembly in Building 2 which included parts on different areas of the curriculum including their learning on the River Thames, the Solar system, songs and prayers in English and Spanish.

This week we also celebrated 'Windrush Day' and children now have a better understanding of the contribution of all those who moved to the UK from different countries since the arrival of the Windrush in 1948.

Thank you and have a good weekend!

Mr Camilleri - Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember



Thursday 30th June
Year 5 trip to St Michael's college

Friday 1st July
Class Assembly - 6M
Parents of children in 6M invited to attend (Building 1)

Friday 1st July
Music Concert

Sunday 8th July
End of Year Reports sent to parents

Friday 20th July
Last day of school for children



THE SACRED HEART

Today Friday 24th June is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As we celebrate this feast we think about how we can have a kind and loving heart like Jesus had.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



PLACE2BE: PARENTING SMART: ARTICLES

Parenting Smart offers practical advice for parents and carers of children aged 5-11. All of their content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.



Visit us online at

parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NURSERY

Applications are now being accepted for enrolling children to start at our **Nursery** in September. If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, you can apply for a place. Both half day and full day places are available. Come and visit us or call the school office on 0207 703 4726 to find out more.



SUNDAY MASS REMINDER

As you will know, the obligation for attending Sunday Mass had been lifted at the beginning of the Covid pandemic period in 2020. There was a time when churches were closed and no services were held. When eventually churches were allowed to open once more people started attending again although there was no obligation due to the various Covid related concerns.

Now that we are back to 'normality' the Bishops have re-instated the obligation. This means that from Sunday 5th June, Feast of Pentecost we are expected to attend Mass every Sunday.



Please see Page 4 of
this newsletter to read the letter
by Archbishop John Wilson.

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:

Esosa and Jayden

Reception:

Darlene, Josephine

Year 1:

Jameela, Fikayo, Nana

Year 2:

Tatiana, Zena, Benjamin

Year 3:

Mia, Abigail, Leonardo

Year 4:

Enora, Mihret, Ginka

Year 5:

Alicia, Kelly, Neper

Year 6:

Faithful, Joel A



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

TTFIS WEEK

CLASS 1L



In geography this week, 1L have been learning about **climate change**. The children learnt what it was and what they can do to help. They then designed posters to explain what people can do to prevent climate change. Mean-

while, in science, we have been looking at trees. The children looked at different kinds of leaves and decided if they were **deciduous** or **evergreen**. In PSHE, the children have been discussing how to think optimistically and **be more positive**.

In RE, we have been learning about **miracles** this half-term and the children recently acted out the story of Jesus and the paralysed man.



Finally in English, the children also used drama and costumes to recreate the story of **Billy and the Beast**, a book they have been enjoying immensely.

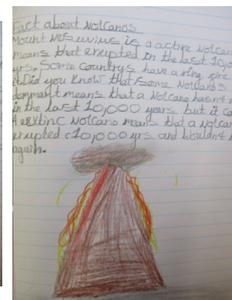
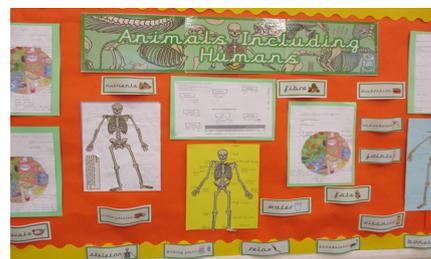


CLASS 3C

In 3C this week we have been completing end of year assessments, but also we have been completing our **volcanoes** in art / DT. This is part of our Tremors topic for humanities.

In science we now come to the end of our **Animals including Humans** topic.

We have enjoyed learning about nutrients, different skeletons and what function our muscles provide for us.



RECEPTION 2

In Literacy lessons this week, Reception children have been reading a new book called, **'Oi Frog'** by Kes Gray. The children had interesting discussions about similarities and differences in living things and they had the opportunity to ask the frog some questions. The children were supported to write a question they want to ask the frog. They had the opportunity to listen to the story on YouTube. Here is the link: [Oi Frog! - Books Alive! Read Aloud book for kids - YouTube](#)

In maths lessons we worked on partitioning numbers. The children were able to split numbers into smaller parts to make them easier to work with. Teachers demonstrated step-by-step instructions on how to partition a number in different ways. For example, $6=3+3$, $6=4+2$, $6=5+1$. The children were able to use hands-on resources to help them partition different numbers on the maths table.



In the garden area, the children were using the small wooden blocks to build houses for the dolls. They were working collaboratively and discussing how they are going to build the houses. The children were able to talk about the material they were using and were able to take turns and share the resources with each other.





Dear Friend

So much has happened over the past two years since the pandemic began. Our lives have changed in many ways, but I want to share with you my certain faith that the love of the Lord Jesus for you and your family remains the same. A living relationship with him is essential for each of us to flourish as disciples.

For various reasons, you may not be coming to church at the moment. New routines have been found, and alternative arrangements made, during the pandemic, to suit the needs of your family. I write to say that we miss you; that I miss you. The church community is much poorer without you and your children.

On 5 June, the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is a feast of joy and renewal, sometimes called the church's birthday. I invite you to return to church, to rekindle your relationship with those who gather, Sunday by Sunday, so that, together, we can worship through the celebration of Eucharist. We are most beautifully the Church when we live out our lives gathered together around the altar. I want you to know you are missed, you are loved, and you are appreciated; and we would love to see you back again. Please come and join us again.

With my prayers and blessing

Yours sincerely in Christ

The Most Reverend John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark



COME HOME

Starting Primary School



Information sessions

Wednesday 22nd June 2022
10:00am - 11:30am (virtual)

Wednesday 29th June 2022
10:00am - 11:30am (in person)

@ Southwark Council, 160 Tooley Street, SE1 2QH

**SIAS (Southwark Information, Advice and Support)
information sessions**

**For parents/carers of children with SEND (special
educational needs and/or disabilities) who are due
to start Primary School in September 2023 (born
01/09/18 -31/08/2019).**

**There will be a short talk about what to expect,
what you need to do and an opportunity to ask any
questions you may have.**

**22nd June (virtual session) [click here to register](#)
29th June (in-person session) [click here to register](#)**

For more information:

**sias@southwark.gov.uk
020 7525 3104**

SUMMER OF FOOD AND FUN

Southwark's **Summer of Food and Fun** will run across 5 weeks during the summer holidays (**25th July – 26th August**) and will offer free places for children between the ages of 4 – 16 years, receiving benefits-related free school meals and/or from families with no recourse to public funds.

As in previous school holiday periods, we are partnering with local holiday hubs across the borough to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people in our local communities, with each programmes providing:-

- Free, nutritious and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- A wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities
 - Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families

[See poster and website link below for more details.](#)

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Southwark's
**SUMMER
OF FOOD AND FUN**

Activity programme for
children and young people

25 July to 26 August 2022

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