

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st July 2022

Dear parents and carers

This has been a very different week than normal at English Martyrs' school with so many things happening in all the different year groups across the school.

We started our week with our collective worship on Monday which this time focused mainly on the feast of **St Peter and St Paul**. This was then followed by attending mass at English Martyrs Parish Church with the parish community on Wednesday **29th June**, which was the feast day of these two very special saints.

On Thursday all Year 4 and Year 6 children took part in an event in **Hyde Park** which included a show and other activities on the theme of protecting our **environment**. On the same day, Year 5 children enjoyed a day packed with activities at St Michael's college, including Design and Technology and Electronics workshops, Spanish and French lessons and much more.

Today we enjoyed attending the Summer Term **Music concert**. A big well done to all the children who took part and thank you to Ms Arrowsmith and Ms Julie, our Music teachers who worked with these children throughout the year.

Next week we'll be having our School **Sports Day**. Please see pages 2 and 4 of this newsletter for more information. Children are invited to come in their team colours.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember



Wednesday 6th July
Sports Day

Friday 8th July
Class Assembly - 4J
Parents of children in 4J invited to attend (Building 2)

Friday 8th July
End of Year Reports sent to parents

Wednesday 20th July
Last day of school for children

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFEGUARDING OR WELLBEING OF A CHILD?

Make a record of your concern and include facts such as date, time, what you know and any witnesses.

Add your signature and submit to a member of our Safeguarding team.

Ms Akpojotor - Mr Camilleri
Ms Bentaleb - Ms Essel



WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



SPORTS DAY

Our School Sports day is planned for **Wednesday 6th July** at Burgess Park at the following times:

Years 1, 2 and 3 at **10.00 am - 11:30am**

Years 4, 5 and 6 at **1.00 pm - 2:30pm**

SEE PAGE 4 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS.



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:

Zara and Yusuf

Reception:

Minerva, Kamal and Mbuta

Year 1:

Fikay, Jade and Alan

Year 2:

Tatiana and Nile

Year 3:

Paul, Michelle, Edward, Kareem

Year 4:

Rachael; Atum

Year 5:

Aiden; Enoch; Kelly

Year 6:

Joel A; Faithful



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>

MORNING DROP OFF

Dear Parents, please note that school gates open at **8.40 am**. Please do not leave your child **unsupervised outside the school gates** before this time.



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.

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

TITIS WEEK

CLASS 6M

The Year 5 children had **assessments** last week; they worked hard to prove they had made progress.

The Year 6 children are working hard to finish the curriculum. We are currently looking at **Evolution** in science and **The Mayans** in topic work. The new literacy book is **King Kong** and our writing will be advertisements and reports, looking at the vocabulary used in these genres.

Year 5 are finishing off the science topic, **Earth and Space**, and their literacy **Romeo and Juliet**. Their new topic is rivers, across the world. Their reading is a book called **Humans**, which is about the evolution of mankind.

In RE year 5 children are now studying **other faiths** whilst the Year 6 are learning about the Sacraments and the effect on our lives.

We are all having **singing lessons** with choirmasters from St. George's Cathedral and learning to sing **Ode to Joy**. There will be a performance at the cathedral by the end of term, date to follow. We also are preparing for a special assembly involving the violin players in the class! So it's all go here!



CLASS 4G

The class is reading **Roald Dahl 'George's Marvellous Medicine'** and the children wrote their witchy poem for George. This is Haley's poem.

Cooking it up
Stir it up Stir it down
Stir it left Stir it right
Add a goey hungry bug
Will it sizzle will it pop
I hope you love it granny dear
As it's coming for you
Will she fly with her chair or will she cry and beg
As it sizzles and bubbles
Everything is coming for you
By Haley, 4G.

On Thursday, we took part in a theatre performance in Hyde Park – **Making a better World**. We watched the adaptation of Keilly Swift's brilliant manual, How to Make a Better World.

Last week, children in 4G were awarded prizes and certificates for best posters designed to celebrate the occasion of The Queen's platinum jubilee **poster competition**.



P.E.

Children throughout the school have been working on developing new skills and techniques this term. Year 1 children have been particularly impressive as they improved their **problem solving** ability as well as their ability to **work as a team**, through a range of different games.

Year 3 and year 6 have also been making excellent progress as they have been learning the rules, techniques and skills in **Cricket**. All of the children have been great so far. Most of them are getting really strong with their throwing and catching as well as their long barrier and one-handed pickup when **fielding**. The children have been playing small-sided, simplified quick cricket games with confidence. Over the next few weeks, we are going to be moving onto different versions of cricket (Pairs, Diamond etc.) as well as similar striking and fielding games from other world cultures. Well done to all children in the school for their efforts in PE throughout the year and a big thank you to all of the coaches involved!



We are approaching the **summer holidays** so it is an important time to remind parents and children to make good choices and live a healthy lifestyle. This includes, **exercising** on a regular basis, eating a **healthy, balanced diet** and having a **good sleep pattern**. Living a healthy lifestyle will not only improve your physical health but also your mental health!



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Wednesday 29th June 2022

Re: Sports Day 2022

This is to let you know about our arrangements and plans for this year's Sports day.



Date: **Wednesday 6th July 2022**

Time:

- Years 1, 2 and 3 at 10.00 am - 11:30am
- Years 4, 5 and 6 at 1.00 pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Burgess Park (Main Park)

The children will stay with their class as they participate in sports day.

What your child will need:

The children will need to come in full **PE kit**; a Team coloured T-shirt with blue/black shorts or jogging bottoms, and comfortable sports trainers.

- Team 1 – Blue
- Team 2- White
- Team 3 – Red
- Team 4 - Yellow

All children will need plenty of water, sun screen and a hat.

Children will have their lunch in school.

Parents/Carers are welcome to attend but would be in the designated area.

Collection: Please collect your children from school at the normal time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Longley & Miss Elizabeth

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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