

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th May 2024

*Dear parents and carers*

It's been a shorter week than usual but it has been equally busy with so many things taking place every day.

Activities this week included the **Rosary prayer** we took part virtually on Zoom which was led by **Archbishop John** on Tuesday, **Year 3's trip** to the Royal Festival hall, attending mass in the Parish church for the **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord** on Thursday and **2J's Class assembly** today.

We now look forward for next week which is **Mental Health Awareness week**. All children will be learning about the importance of staying healthy in mind and body and ways how to deal with difficulties when they arise from time to time. It will also be a special week for all our **Year 6 pupils** who will be sitting their **End of Key Stage 2 tests**.

Tomorrow, Saturday 11th May, **Fr Tom Udie**, our parish priest will be celebrating the 40th anniversary from his ordination. There is a special **mass at 10 am** to which everyone is invited. This will be followed by a get together in the school hall.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Saturday 11th May**

**Mass in Church for the Ordination anniversary of Fr Tom at 10 am followed by reception in the school hall.**

**Week beginning Monday 13th May**

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK**

**Year 6 SATs Tests**

**Tuesday 14th May**

**Class 5E - Trip to the Royal Observatory, Greenwich**

**Friday 17th May**

**Class 3C Assembly - Building 2**  
**Parents of children in 3C invited**

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### MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY



The month of May is traditionally associated with Mary, our mother and the mother of Jesus. We are thinking of this special lady in school, particularly through collective worship. There are prayers to Mary in prayer books or the prayer cards children have which they can also use for prayer with the family at home.

**WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER**



## PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Fr. Thomas Udie will be celebrating his **40th Priesthood Anniversary** and **70th Birthday** on **Saturday 11th May 2024**.

There will be a **Mass in Church** followed by a **Reception** in the school hall in Building 2. Everyone is welcome to attend!



## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

**Congratulations** to our Football team who attended a tournament this week at The Den Facilities - Millwall FC, where they came in 2nd place against other schools from all across Southwark and Lewisham! What a fantastic achievement!



## USED SCHOOL UNIFORMS

One of the ways we try to support families and parents of children who join our school is to enable them to use second hand uniform items.

Has your child grown out of their school jumper, trousers, dress etc? Are they still in good condition.

**If so we invite you to consider donating them to be washed and recycled for use by other pupils in the future. Thank you.**



## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

Parents of children attending any of our After School Activity clubs need to make sure that the **£10 contribution** is paid using **PARENT PAY**. When this is not settled places will be withdrawn and offered to other children on the waiting list.

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:

Acacia, Daniel

### Reception:

Kane, Dion

### Year 1:

Baraka, David

### Year 2:

Enoch, Victoria, Isabella

### Year 3:

Deborah, Isata

### Year 4:

Augusta, Moringa

### Year 5:

Sabrina, David

### Year 6:

Victoria, Eliezer





# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

# THIS WEEK

## CLASS 1L

In 1L this week, we have been using our class text '**Dinosaurs and all that rubbish**' to inspire our learning. We **used drama to act out some of the key events in the story**. We acted out when the man arrived on the star and spoke about how he felt.



In Maths, we have been **identifying the place value of digits in two-digit numbers**.

In RE, we **re-enact the Easter story** and spoke about what happened in the story.



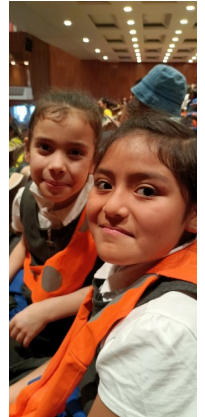
In Science, we have been learning about **seasoning change**. To help understand how **seasons affect plants and vegetables**, we have been **growing some fruit and vegetable plants**.

## CLASS 3C

This week 3C went on a wonderful trip to the **BrightSparks concert at the Royal Festival Hall** on the South Bank. We saw the **London Philharmonic Orchestra** perform excerpts from **Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copeland** and music by **Errollyn Warren and Joan Tower**. We also joined in with singing a song with all the other schools that attended.

After the concert, we walked along the **South Bank** and watched some of the **street performers**. A highlight was an amazing show by **Fanti Acrobats International a performance group from Ghana**. We were amazed by their acrobatic skills and some of us even got to play a small part in their performance.

In school, we have been busy with our learning. In our science lessons, we have been learning about **skeletons** and have learnt the **names of the bones in our body**. Next week (**17<sup>th</sup> May**) is **3C's class assembly** and we would be delighted if you could attend – please arrive by 9:05 if



## CLASS 2J



In 2J, we have been up to many exciting things during the start of the summer term. Last week, we went on a school trip to **Surrey Docks Farm**, as part of our science topic '**Animals including humans**'. We had such a fantastic time! We had the chance to meet one of the farmers who showed us around and taught us about the different animals. We even had the opportunity to pet and feed them!

In maths, we have been revising what we know about **fractions, multiplication and division**. In English, we have been reading the story book '**Jim and the Beanstalk**'. In RE we are continuing to learn about the **ascension** and why this is so important for us.

In history, we have been learning about **the Great Fire of London**, which took place in 1666.

We would like to say a big **happy birthday and congratulations to Father Thomas**, who is turning 70 on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, and celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest! We would also like to say thank you to all of the parents who attended our class assembly today, and who continue to support us with our learning at home.



# My travel to school

**DIARY**

20-24 May  
2024



## Walk to School Week

Walk to School Week is a national event which encourages adults and children to leave the car at home and take the opportunity to go outside and get fit by walking to school. Walking has so many benefits, including:

- It's part of your daily physical activity.
- It improves mental wellbeing.
- The exercise helps with your concentration and creativity.
- The streets are safer and more welcoming.
- Walking instead of using a vehicle helps reduce pollution.
- It's free!

**Please write, draw or both in your diary your daily journey to school. You may include:**

What did you see on the way to school?

What did you like on your way to school?

What did you not like during your way to school?

What would you like to see more of during your journey to school?

**At the end of the week the school with the best diary and the highest number of children participating will be awarded a PRIZE!**



# Maths Growth Mindset Week 29 April - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

During the maths growth mindset week in the school, pupils learned to believe in their maths abilities. They understood that their intelligence in maths grows when they put effort in solving maths problems. The pupils learned not to give up in maths lesson but to use strategies that are available to them in the classroom to work out maths challenges. We took maths out of the classroom to outdoor to encourage pupils' to use their growth mindset and be able to see maths in the real world.



Pupils were happy to make connections with maths in nature and the world around them. They reasoned about maths problems while measuring with units and non-units of measurement in the park. They identified and reasoned about patterns, shapes, and angles they identified on trees and buildings. They reasoned about cost of their favourite treats and how to calculate their change. These creative activities boosted their confidence in maths and helped them to view maths as a fun and creative subject that is enjoyable to learn.







**MAY 2024  
HALF TERM**

**MULTI-SPORTS  
CAMP WEEK**

**LEWISHAM LIONS  
CENTRE**

**10AM - 3PM**

**£12 PER DAY OR  
£40 FOR  
TUESDAY -  
THURSDAY**

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CAMP**

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