

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd May 2024

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 continued with our reflections on the **Risen Christ**. As we have now also started the **month of May** we have reflected on **prayers to Mary** such as the Hail Holy Queen and the Angelus.

Throughout the week children in Years 1 to 5 went on trips to the **local area** to explore and make Maths links **outdoors** while using a **growth mindset approach**. On Thursday, children in **Class 2J** had a fantastic day visiting **Surrey Docks farm**.

Today **Class 5T** led our Friday assembly in which they shared very interesting facts about things they are covering in class this term. They remind us about the **Easter Season** and the Risen Christ, their learning about the **Kingdom of Benin** and also shared reflections about the **English Martyrs**, our patron saints whose feastday is tomorrow **4th May**.

Next week is a four day week as Monday **2nd May** is a Bank Holiday. Among other things, children will also be starting sessions about **Relationships education**. Workshops for parents about our SRE programme were held on Wednesday this week.

Thank you and have a good long weekend.

Mr Camilleri - Headteacher

MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY



The month of May is traditionally associated with Mary, our mother and the mother of Jesus. We will be 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Saturday 4th May
FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Monday 6th May
Bank Holiday - NO school today

Wednesday 8th May
Year 3 Trip to the Royal Festival Hall

Friday 10th May
Class 2J Assembly - Building 1
Parents of children in 2J invited

Saturday 11th May
Mass in Church for the Ordination anniversary of Fr Tom followed by reception in the school hall.

Week beginning
Monday 13th May
SATS week - Year 6 children

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

This Saturday 4th May is the feast of the English Martyrs, Patron Saints of our School and our local Parish. Today we had special assemblies for all children in both school buildings to celebrate this special day.



The English Martyrs were brave people who were ready to put God first and even give up their lives as true witnesses to their Catholic Faith. They are role models for all of us.

ENGLISH MARTYRS - PRAY FOR US.

LENT FUNDRAISING

Before the Easter break children were given purple boxes to collect coins for Charity.

We're delighted to inform you that our school community raised a total of **£737** for The **CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**. Thank you for your support and incredible generosity.



PREIETHOOD 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!



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:

Canaan, Khadija

Reception:

Dream'rae, Oliver

Year 1:

Ashley, Tiara, Yasmin

Year 2:

Adura, Tosin

Year 3:

Kashaun, Solyana, Janet

Year 4:

Moringa, Zena

Year 5:

Edward, Monae

Year 6:

Enora, Jasmine



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

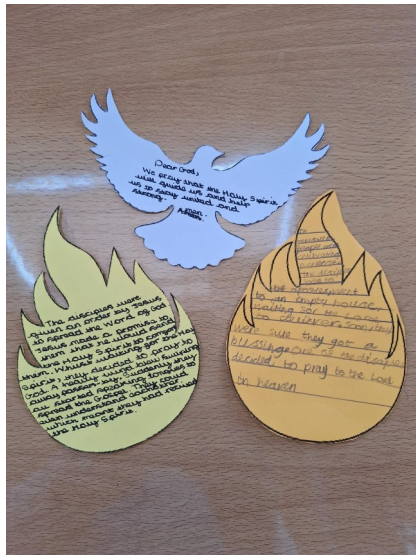
THIS WEEK

CLASS 6T

Last week we had a visit from the **Metropolitan Police** who held a talk with year 6 about **keeping safe online**. The children were very engaged and learnt **the importance of not sharing private details over the internet**.

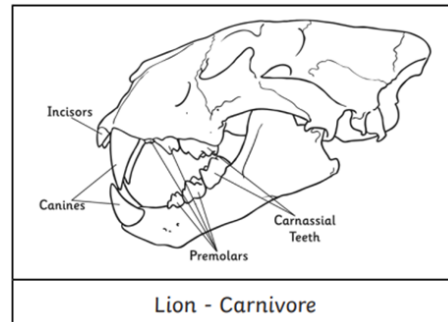
In our **RE lessons**, we are focusing on **'Pentecost'** and the effect the **Holy Spirit** had on **the disciples**. We wrote a re-count and prayers for a display. In **art** we are making stained **glassed windows** to include the Pentecost theme.

In **science** we have started our topic of **evolution and inheritance**. We are first looking out **fossils** and how they are made. We have been thinking about what they tell us about the past. In this subject, we will look at **how creatures adapt to their environments to survive**.

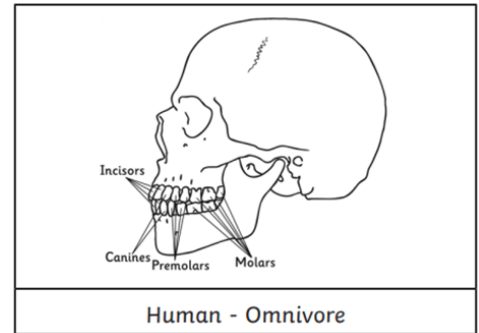


CLASS 4G

For science, we have been finding out about **'Animals Including Humans'**. We found out that there was a difference between the **teeth of a carnivore**,



herbivore and omnivore which was fascinating. We also looked at human teeth and the differences between **canines, incisors and molars**. We found out that we use our canines to **help us break down meat** and our incisors to **bite into hard foods** like an apple. Our molars are used to **grind down our food** into smaller pieces allowing us to swallow it.



NURSERY

This term our theme is **Transport** and we will be using lots of good quality texts to explore this including a very humorous book called **Naughty Bus** about a very mischievous London bus that makes trouble. We will continue to follow **Ruth Miskins's Read, Write, Inc phonics**. Your children will have the opportunity to apply their phonics in writing and to **practise writing their names independently**. In **Maths** we will be looking at **counting to 5, 10 and 20**, making comparisons, solving practical problems in play and meaningful activities, patterns, shape and space and measures. The children will **learn new nursery rhymes and songs** and participate in lots of **messy Arts and Crafts** including **3D 'junk' modelling, painting, collage and clay**. In **RE** we will be focussing on **Bible stories and songs about Jesus**. In **PD** we will continue to find out about the **importance of exercise** and play fun running games about different modes of transport and use different sized balls to help with our fine motor skills.

Please remember that Nursery children need to come in wearing the correct **PE kit on Wednesdays**.

I look forward for your continued support throughout this term.

A very big thank you once again!



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