



St Elizabeth
Catholic Primary
School

Newsletter

Summer Term No 1

Friday 26 May 2017



Y4 Recycled Fashion Show
Can you guess who the robot is?

Message from the Headteacher, Ms Angelina John

Dear Parents/Carers & Children,

We have had another busy half term, it just seems like Easter was last week!

SATs & NFER tests: This term the Y6 and Y2 children have had their SATs tests. We were moderated by the Local Authority (LA) who came in to oversee our test as part of their monitoring process. The children seemed very much at ease and the LA commented that our children were very resilient in their approach to the tests. Well done! Year 5 sat their NFER tests—these give a standardised score for each child. We know they have worked hard to show what they have learnt over the year.

Creative Design Week: This week has been creative! Mr Foley gave us a glimpse of Poetry in action with Y1 & Y4. Mr Wilson led the choir as they sang a beautiful mix of old and new songs. We were stomped by John's KS1 Drumming Concert. Lara and Jorge added a bow to their string with the Y3 & Y4 Strings concert. Jake strummed up some fun at the Ukulele classics and the grand finale was this seasons Fashion Show it went out with a bang as Y4 hit the runway. Look out Valentino... you've nothing on St Elizabeth's young designers.

What's new?—Ask your children about P4C Philosophy 4 Children. Classes have been having some quite meaningful discussions and debates about their outlook on life and things that effect their lives. We are now registered as a Rights Respecting School and look to work towards our Level 1 accreditation from Unicef.

Extra Curricular Clubs—We have had some fantastic feedback about our Extra-Curricular Clubs and the range on offer. We hope to develop that next year.

Homework—Parents have expressed an interest in having a space to complete homework with their child after school so that you have quality 1-2-1 time with your child without interruptions from siblings. Let me know if you are interested in this.

Can I wish you all a happy half term. Enjoy the sunshine and be safe.



Two ex-pupils have done well in an Athletics Competition

Paul-Henry (older brother of Taneesha (5A) and Muniya (3J) and Valentina (older sister of Leonardo (1E) both competed in the Middlesex County Outdoor Athletics Competition on Sunday 14th May 2017. Paul-Henry came second in the U13 100m and 200m and Valentina came second in the U14 300m. We are so proud to see our ex-pupils doing so well! **Congratulations from the St. Elizabeth community!**

We are shocked and saddened by the news of a terrorist attack in Manchester on Monday.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, of the Archdiocese of Westminster expressed his grief for the attack:

“May God welcome into His merciful presence all who have died. May God turn the hearts of all who commit evil to a true understanding of His desire and intention for humanity.”

As a school community, we pray for all those affected by this atrocity. We ask God to help us, parents, carers and teachers, in our mission to support the children in our care as we nurture their resilience and faith.

We have sent home some information on how you can support your children following this incident. In school, teachers will provide opportunities for children to talk about their concerns and will answer questions in a factual and sensitive manner.

**Loving God,
Welcome into your arms the victims of violence and terrorism.
Comfort their families and all who grieve for them.
Help us in our fear and uncertainty,
And bless us with the knowledge that we are secure in your love.
Strengthen all those who work for peace,
And may the peace the world cannot give reign in our hearts.
Amen**

The NSPCC came in to talk too the children about staying safe.

The Speak out Stay safe programme helps children to learn essential safeguarding information. With the help of their mascot Buddy, the children participated in an interactive assembly and workshop to help the children:

Understand abuse in all it's forms and recognise the signs of abuse
know how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse

know how to get help, and the sources of help available to them, including Childline service. Tel: 0800 1111

**We all have
the right
to speak out
and stay safe.**

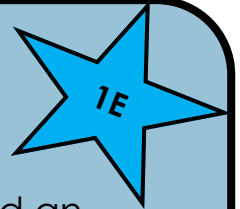


1G have been enjoying their new topic 'Our Wonderful World'. We have been learning about the different continents and oceans in our world. We used the iPads to research facts about oceans and worked in pairs to create our own posters. We also really enjoyed our Art workshop where we were drawing about our memories.

1G SAYS...



In 1E we have been learning about the oceans in our world.



We used the iPads and an Atlas to carry out our research in class. Did you know there are five oceans in the world!

The Children have worked very hard in Year 2 in preparation for their SATs tests. Well done Year 2!! We have been creative in Art and Design this term. We have been designing and making Butterflies to create a stained glass window. To support and reward the children's efforts we will be visiting the Natural History Museum on 9 June to see the Butterfly Exhibit and work shop.

2E NEWS

Next term our focus in Literacy will be the story 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. We will be writing our own adventure story using all the literacy grammar and spellings learnt this year.

Year 2 have been fortunate enough to receive a grant from the Parmiter's Bethnal Green Educational Fund. Each child has been given a book to take home to continue developing their reading skills with an adult.

2G



Congratulations!!! Well done to all those children who have earned their Gold Certificates for memorising their times tables. By the End of year 3, our expectation is that all children should know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times table. Please support children to regularly practice these at home.

Reading in 3F has been given a fresh boost of energy with **over 100** new books for the children to enjoy! Please encourage children to read at home every night.

3F

We have had a great Summer half term learning about healthy eating, the Stone Age and lots more!

"My best thing so far is poetry with Christian, I love reading out my work" Jekka.

"I've enjoyed learning about light and how shadows are made" Quinn

3J SAYS

"I've enjoyed reading James and the Giant Peach and writing a newspaper report". Ethan

This week the children took part in the African Garden day building a fabulous Key Hole Garden as part of a project run by the charity called 'Send a Cow', in our own gardens behind the staffroom. The children had lots to learn scientifically and this was essential to our PSHE as they got to know the origins of their food. Elena, Lenny and Leila said, "this is the best day ever in our school we built or own garden". Parents are welcome to visit.

CLASS 4L

4B- NEWS

4B have had a very busy last few weeks preparing for their recyclable materials, fashion show. They have sketched, annotated and designed their very own outfits made from materials that they would otherwise have thrown away. 4B have made such beautiful and innovative designs. Thank you to all the parents who helped their children make outfits and/or accessories at home.



5A have been working extremely hard in creative design week. They've been practising for their concert on Thursday and they all feel well prepared for it. In addition to this, they have started their drawings for the exhibition on Friday. The skills learnt in previous Art sessions are really coming into fruition. Well done 5A, keep up the fantastic work!

CLASS 5A

UP IN 5V...

We have begun our Creative Week Project. We began by looking at photographs from the outside world. We then interpreted them in our own ways through sketching and then painting. We then moved closer to home and with the help of Mr Strachan we took photographs around the school and then sketched and painted our interpretations of them.

6M NEWS

Year 6 have been working really hard in the build up to SATs. We are all so proud of the children's resilience and sense of responsibility and hope that they too, are proud of themselves. We have a lot of exciting things to look forward to now! Stubbers on Monday 5 June and we have decided on 'Shrek' for our Year 6 production rehearsals will start soon! Thank you to all the parents who supported their children!

It was a long, hard road to the SATs, yet everyone in 6A gave their best effort, showing great promise by the end of their preparations. I am hopeful that all their hard work will pay off when the results are published on 4 July. Now, we can turn our attention to more enjoyable tasks, like the Year 6 Musical, Shrek. We've (admirably) leaped the SATs hurdle, but it's important we maintain our focus, so the children are well-prepared for Year 7!

6A

Early Years...



Reception

Reception classes visited Victoria Park last week to explore and investigate minibeasts. We were very pleased to have so many parents come along and support their children when taking part in the minibeast hunt. We are developing the children's experiences of learning outdoors and intend on taking the children on more visits to explore different areas of Victoria Park.



Nursery

This term at Nursery, we have been watching the life cycle of a Caterpillar. The Caterpillars were chrysalides for 3 days and now in cocoons. We are now waiting for the arrival of them to become Butterflies and set them free in our garden.

Parent / Carer News

Table Top Sale
Unfortunately, we had to postpone this event due to low numbers of table buyers.

Coffee Morning
Everyone is welcome to come along to our Coffee Morning every Friday 9.00-9.30am in the Community House.
This is an opportunity to meet the class advocates who will be sharing information with parents about school life.

Year 1 & 2 Disco
Thank you to the parents that helped to organise the disco. The children had a great time whilst raising funds for our school. We raised £300.11

RS 88.55%	RG 92.54%
1E 88.24%	1G 88.64%
2E 94.26%	2G 94.85%
3F 94.47%	3J 96.02%
4B 94.25%	4L 91.18%
5A 97.72%	5V 98.15%
6A 97.35%	6M 97.02%

The whole school attendance is currently 93.73% which is lower than the Tower Hamlets expectation of 97%.

Attendance & Punctuality

Head Lice

Here are some helpful guidelines on how to detect and treat Head Lice from the local health authority, which are provided for your information.

How to detect head lice

- Wash the hair with ordinary shampoo. Towel dry.
- Whilst the hair is damp, comb through the hair from roots towards the edge of the hair.
- Clean the comb between each stroke and look for any moving, living lice. Rinse hair and dry as normal.
- Insure all pillows/quilts/blankets are thoroughly washed and dried, as head lice will continue to breed on fabric.

Missing Scooter's

Please can I ask all parents to check their child has taken home the correct scooter. Two scooter's have gone missing from the shed. One of the scooter's is a 'Yvolution Y Glider' in black and red, the other one is a micro maxi in pink with a purple bell.



Food Bank

We have been informed by our local food bank that supplies are running very low. Please can we ask if everyone could pick up 1 extra item when you are doing your weekly shop and bring it in to donate to this charity. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

Parking



Please can we remind parents not to double park outside the school gates when dropping and collecting the children, this is extremely dangerous!!! The borough has advise the school that traffic wardens will be controlling Bonner Road at peak times, due to the parking situation outside our school.

Hot Weather

Please provide your child with a bottle of water, a sun hat/cap and remember to apply their sun cream.



Outstanding Payments

Can any outstanding balance's for The Building Fund, Extra Curricular Clubs, After School Club and Breakfast Club be brought up to date by Monday 5 June. We are in the process of looking into electronic payments, so watch this space.

Joss Bay

There are some seats available on the coach, if you would like to come along, please come to the office for more information.

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