



St Elizabeth
Catholic Primary
School
Newsletter
Summer Term 1
25 April 2016



What beautiful Easter Gardens we had this year. Thank you to all the children who took part.

Message from the Headteacher, Ms Angelina John

Dear Parents and Children

Another busy week—but we love it! Last week the Y6 and Y2 children sat their Mock SATs so we now have a good picture of where the children are in their learning. It also helps us to establish how the children react in more formal settings so we can support them best as they sit their SATs in May & June. As you know, there has been a lot in the press about KS1 & 2 SATs and the changes that have been stipulated; we are trying hard to ensure that our children are prepared for this. It seems that there are many uncertainties as to what lies ahead from the Government.

Over the next few weeks we will be monitoring the behaviour at lunch time especially. Our children are great and they work well in class and we want to see that behaviour mirrored in the playground. We want to be able to equip the children with the right skills to solve conflict amicably and justly. We have a number of plans in place to liven up the playgrounds and the activities offered.

We had our termly meeting with the LA last week and I am pleased to report that things are progressively improving at St Elizabeth. Issues that were raised as concerns in our Ofsted report are continuing to be or have been addressed. One thing that was flagged up under the heading of Safeguarding is our attendance figures. We have been working extremely hard on this and do not want to let it slip. We aim to for our attendance to be 97% or more. Please ensure your child is at school every day.

Can I take this opportunity to thank the parents and carers for their continued support over the year, even in times of upset. Every single child at St Elizabeth is very important to us and we will support you as long as we know. Please do keep us updated with issues that arise.

Have a great week ahead and I hope you all had a great weekend celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday and St George's day.

Ms John

We have a Bank Holiday on Monday 2 May, school will resume on Tuesday 3 May

Rocket Science

On 2 September 2015, two kilograms of rocket seed (Eruca sativa) travelled from Baikonur, Kazakhstan on the Soyuz 44S rocket to the International Space Station (ISS). The seeds have been stored in microgravity by Tim Peake (the first British ESA astronaut) before their return to Earth in the spring of 2016.

The Rocket seeds have now arrived and over the next 6 weeks, children in Years 5 and 6 will become space biologists! Together with hundreds of other schools, they will grow the seeds which have returned from space alongside seeds which have remained on earth to determine similarities or differences in plant growth. The results will be entered in the national database where their findings will be analysed and published for everyone to see.

Follow their progress on the class blog via the school website.

Year 2 are excited to be continuing to learn about life cycles in science this term. We have young caterpillars in school which we can observe growing, changing and developing into butterflies. Please ask your child about this and they will be able to share this exciting experience with you. We are also hoping to have tadpoles to observe their growth and life cycle to a frog where they will then be placed into the school pond.

We are hoping that this term we will achieve our trip for excellent attendance. PLEASE help us to do this. We need everyone in school every day. This is a busy and exciting term and we thank you for your support.

YEAR 2 NEWS



This week, we have introduced ourselves to our new topic "Settlers—Stone Age to Iron Age". We practised our archaeological skills, understanding that this period was pre-historic! We went out into our garden to become archaeologists to practise our critical evaluation skills to help us later on in our topic with our research.

Y3

Friday, 14th April 2016

"hook" into our topic!" Settlers—Stone Age to Iron Age



Today, we mixed ourselves up as a year group to discuss our new topic "Settlers—Stone Age to Iron Age!". We hooked ourselves into the topic by finding out that this period began millions of years ago, when the world was very different to how it is now. We understood that this period is "prehistoric". From this, we practised archaeological skills! We went out to our garden, to become archaeologists, to practice our critical and evaluation skills to help us later in our topic with our research. We "dug" and discovered "rocks" and soil, and discussed questions to hypothesise how they may have become buried! We understand the terms archaeology; prehistoric; and we understand that our history research will be based a lot on archaeology. We are looking forward to finding out all about the Stone Age to the Iron age and all of the archaeological evidence we can use.

It's Creative Design

Week

Come join in!

Year 4 have just started a new topic of The Tudors. This week children from both classes have been learning about Tudor crime and punishment.

Some fabulous homework was produced over the Easter holidays and is being displayed around both classrooms so thank you.

YEAR 4 NEWS



Blessie on the Ducking Stool



Bloomberg came to do their final lesson with the class. The pupils had to present all the work that they have done with Bloomberg. This included the selling of the cakes and the selling of the cards.

Thank you to all the parents that assisted with the selling and the baking of the cakes. Furthermore, thank you to all the parents that bought cakes

In Year 5

YEAR 6B NEWS

In Year 6, we have been working hard preparing for our SATs. We are looking forward to showing everything we have learned here at St. Elizabeth and we are very much excited for the end of the Summer Term. What will our production be...?

It's time!

Does your child own a watch?

Can they confidently tell the time & solve problems involving time?

Now would be a good time to encourage your children to save pocket money or for you to withdraw from purchasing treats and buy them an analogue watch to wear!



Will your child be wearing a watch next week?

Early Years...



Reception

Our topic this term is called 'Springtime Surprises'. We are learning about the changes in the weather during springtime and the new life that starts to appear. We will be investigating minibeasts and we look forward to exploring pond life. We have worked with our Art teacher Francesca to create farm animal prints, using paints and sponges. We are planning a trip to the farm to learn more about farm life and the animals that are born in the springtime.



Nursery

This half term children in nursery are learning about growing. During this topic, "In our marvellous Garden", the children will have the opportunity to explore seeds, plants and will be learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly and frogs. In school, we have tadpoles and caterpillars for children to observe every week how they develop and grow.



Attendance to school is of vital importance and over the winter months our numbers began to drop to concerning levels. We recently held meetings with parents whose children had 90% or less attendance, but all children should be striving for 97% and above.

If your child is feeling slightly poorly in the morning, still send them to school. We have plenty of trained staff who will care for your child, and if necessary we will call you to come and collect them.

Class	Attendance (%)
RS	92.73
RK	91.37
1GT	95.23
1G	94.71
2E	94.74
2F	95.30
3C	96.54
3M	95.72
4G	95.44
4V	97.33
5A	95.70
5J	98.09
6B	94.05
6M	96.25

Attendance & Punctuality

Well done again 5J!

**Our Lady of the Assumption Church
First Holy Communion Programme
2016-2017**



Parents/Carers please note: The First Holy Communion Programme application forms are available for collection from the church from now until the end of July. This is for children born after 31 August 2009. **Please note, no forms will be accepted after the 31 July 2016.**

What's on in the next few weeks:

- 25/4** Yr 6 SATs Meeting at 4 pm and 46pm KS2 Hall
- 26/4** Yr 1&2 Drumming Concert @ 10 am KS2 Hall
- 26/4** 3C & 4V Violin/Cello concert @ 2 pm KS2 Hall
- 26/4** 3M & 4G Violin/Cello concert @ 2 pm KS2 Hall
- 27/4** Yr 5 & 6 Ekulele Concert @ 10 am KS2 Hall
- 28/4** Yr 4 Fashion Show @ 2 pm in KS2 Hall
- 29/4** Art Exhibition for all year groups @ 3.10 pm KS1 Hall
- 29/4** Choir will perform @ 3.10 pm KS1 Hall
- 29/4** Children & Parents art activities @ 3.30 pm KS1 Hall

Parent / Carer News

Hello! I would like to introduce myself

My name is Denise Hickford and I will be covering the Parent and Family Support Worker role whilst Susan Braniff is away.

I have worked with children, young people and families in the Borough for 14 years (both as a teacher and a family worker) and currently work with a large number of Tower Hamlets schools.

Here are some of the things I can support you with:

- Helping parents/carers become involved with and have a voice in our school community
- Supporting parents/carers with any parenting worries or concerns they may have about their children
- Advising and supporting parents/carers to develop their own skills and confidence
- Supporting parents to improve children's attendance

I will be at St Elizabeth on Wednesdays all day and at Friday's coffee morning, alternatively, you can contact me on 07985 360 247.

I can also signpost and refer to other services for families within the Borough.

Please feel free to just drop in on a Wednesday to see me or come to Friday Coffee Morning to say "hello".

I look forward to meeting and getting to know many more of the parents of St Elizabeth
Denise Hickford



**Come along and meet
Denise in the Community
House, or say "Hello"
when she is at the gate on
Wednesdays and Fridays**

Sr Jo Langford Retirement

As you may be aware, Sr Jo is retiring and leaving the Parish of Bethnal Green in May this year. I would like to compile a "Memory Book" for Sr Jo to take with her when she leaves. If you have a photo that you would like to be included in the book, please could you leave it for me in the school office in an envelope marked for my attention? Please include a typed or hand written caption to go with the photo (i.e. who the photo is of, the occasion). Alternatively, it would be lovely if the children could write something, a memory, a poem to put in the book. Most of the children that attend Our Lady of the Assumption Church will have gone through their First Holy Communion study with Sr. Jo, or attended Children's Liturgy with her on Sunday mornings. If you have older children, please ask them if they would like to contribute too.

Obviously, I don't want Sr Jo to know about this so "mum's the word"!

The Next Prospective Parents Tour is on Thursday 28 April at 10 am

This is a lovely tour, conducted by our Year 6 or Year 5 children

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