



# St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term 1  
27 May 2016



Bloomberg / Tower Hamlets Business Partnership Prize  
Winners Mia George and Isla Morris reading the news.

## Message from the Headteacher, Ms Angelina John

Dear Parents and Children,

As you know, our whole-school trip to **Joss Bay will be on 24 June**. Please reserve your spaces for this occasion that brings together parents, pupils and staff. Fingers crossed for some glorious sunshine but we'll have a great time whatever the weather may be! Also, save the date for our **School BBQ—1 July!**

In the past couple of weeks, we have changed ringing of the bell times **from 9am to 8.55am** to ensure that children start their learning as soon as possible. Thanks to all for understanding, but please speak with a member of SLT if you have any questions.

To improve our children's learning even further, you'll notice a **boom box** in our playgrounds after the half-term. School's across the country are now starting their day with **some healthy exercise** and we at St Elizabeth are joining the band wagon!

Finally, I want to say a huge well done to our incredibly talented pupils as Poetry Week comes to a close. More information in the newsletter, but I must say how impressed I was to learn that our pupils are looking to publish their own poetry book—watch this space! Make sure the creativity continues at home.

**Notice to all parents / carers,**

**Sometimes our children get into minor disputes with each other, as children do as they continue to learn and grow.**

**If you witness two or more children, including your own, saying or doing things to one another that you might find upsetting, please follow procedure and report it to the class teacher who will deal with the situation at hand.**

**Please do not intervene yourselves as the school has clear behavioural guidelines and protocols to follow when dealing with behaviour incidents.**

**Joss Bay! Seats still available on our coaches—**

day 6 June,  
school will  
resume on Tues-  
day 7 June 2016

PROHIBITED. PLEASE DO NOT USE  
YOUR PHONE FOR CALLS OR TO  
TAKE PHOTOS WHILST IN ANY OF THE  
SCHOOL BUILDINGS OR PLAYGROUNDS. THIS  
IS FOR SAFEGUARDING REASONS.

**YEAR 6 NEWS**

Hurray! The SATs are over! In Year 6, we have all been working extremely hard to prepare ourselves for the tests. From now on, we can look forward to the Year 6 Production, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and planning our School Journey to Kingswood. We are also looking for ways to raise money for our Yearbooks. Watch this space...

# Charlie AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

**WOW! What a term!**

Well done to all of the children in Y5! You've shown great resilience over the past few weeks with assessments and have really proven that you can do anything if you put your mind to it! You should be really proud of your improvements this term!

**In Year 5**

**It's time! It's all POETRY!**

Y5 had a fabulous time with poet Christian Foyle.

**"Christian was superb" Leo T**

**"His poetry was phenomenal" Hiyab**

**"He really inspired us to express our emotions through poetry" Lucia**

**Year 1**

This term we have been learning about flowers and things that grow. In science we planted some seeds in different environments to see how they grow. We kept a record of what they look like each week by drawing them in our books. In literacy

We have been reading the adventure story 'Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs'. We did some work on adjectives and exclamation marks. We then wrote our own adventure stories. Next term we are going on a class trip to the Museum



**Reception**

The Reception children were very happy to have some of their parents in for the play and learn morning and afternoon sessions. Parents were able to observe a phonics session and then saw how the children learn through play based activities. The Reception team would like to say a big thank you to all the parents that were able to attend.



**Nursery**

For art week, children made some wonderful bean mosaics. They worked in pairs to develop further their communication and language, social and emotional skills.



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

| Class | Attendance (%) |
|-------|----------------|
| RS    | 92.79          |
| RK    | 91.90          |
| 1GT   | 95.62          |
| 1G    | 94.85          |
| 2E    | 94.77          |
| 2F    | 95.49          |
| 3C    | 96.39          |
| 3M    | 94.99          |
| 4G    | 95.89          |
| 4V    | 97.33          |
| 5A    | 95.49          |

**Attendance & Punctuality**



Our Poetry Week was  
**AMAZING!**

Our children are very talented  
in both writing verse and in  
performance - you should all  
be proud of your achievements  
this week!

The children have requested a  
book of their poems so we will  
collate and have them availa-  
ble for after half term





Congratulations to all our short listed **Bloomberg** pupils who entered a competition supported by THEBP (Tower Hamlets Business Partnership) recently. Their task was to make a short movie about what Tower Hamlets will be like in 25 years time and Isla and Mia from 4V won in the 'Most Imaginative' category. They all received prizes and Isla and Mia were rewarded with a tour of BBC Broadcasting House where they got to read out the news.



### The Procession of Our Lady



A lovely afternoon was had at this year's procession. The sun shone and it was relatively warm. The children looked beautiful in the special clothes. The Altar Servers looked very smart. Mrs Bynoe represented the school and proudly carried our banner. We sang well known Marian hymns and recited a decade of the rosary while processing to church. We could almost have been in Lourdes! Fr Justin conducted a short service once we arrived back at the church, which included the Crowning of Mary. Many thanks to everyone who took part.





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 from **1 Sept 2007**. **Please note, no forms will be accepted after the 31 July 2016.**

Our Lady of the Assumption Children. We all take it for granted that the church will always be clean and tidy, but it is our lovely parishioners that volunteer to take on this very important ministry. Without you our church would be in a sorry state. Children you are a credit to your parents.



### Parent / Carer News

 **FamiliesMATTER**

**Parental Engagement Team**

**Mosaic course for parents**

**Every Friday: 10th June-8<sup>th</sup> July**  
**9:30-11:30**

In the Community house



Come and explore your creative side

To sign up please put your name down on the expression of interest form in the office

Only 12 places available

### 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 30 June at 10 am**

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

