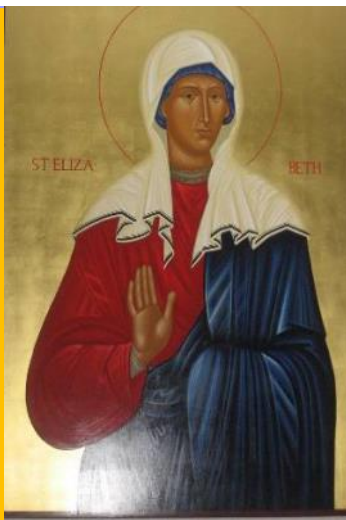


## Striving for excellence in a caring Catholic Community



### St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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### KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU SHOW TEACHES CHILDREN...

- How it feels to be bullied and the effect bullying has on other people's lives
- About the various types of bullying
- Some of the reasons why people might bully and how a bully might feel
- The importance of telling someone if they are being bullied
- How to support other people that are being bullied
- That there are many people they can talk to about bullying (i.e. parents, teachers, siblings, friends, confidential advice lines such as Child-Line)
- The need to accept everyone for who they are if we are to progress in life
- That they have the power to make the world a happier place

## Message from the Headteacher, Ms Angelina John



This week was Anti Bullying week and at St Elizabeth we take this seriously. The children have been learning about and discussing many issues surrounding this topic. KS2 watched the Chain Reaction theatre team's show which helped them investigate this topic.

### THE PROJECT

Bullying doesn't only destroy a child's happiness, but also seriously damages their capacity for learning and enjoying school. *Knowing Me, Knowing You* tackles this issue with the ultimate aim of reducing incidences of bullying within schools.

From an empathetic stance *Knowing Me, Knowing You* used drama and song to explore the dilemmas faced by a child who does not fit in with the crowd and is excluded for being different. The show examines how victims of bullying may feel and the reasons why people might bully others. The project also explored the vital importance of support in these situations, encouraging children that are being bullied to speak to someone and illustrating how the strength of the group can overcome the power of the bully.

The underlying message was acceptance, teaching our young people that our differences aren't a reason to bully but an opportunity to learn more and create new friendships.

**Our Anti Bullying Policy is available on our website.**

Have a fantastic weekend and look out for our Key dates to be sure not to miss any of our Christmas festivities. Ms John



## Year 1 SAYS...

This term has been very busy for the year ones!

In maths this week we have been using real coins to count and find money totals. Next week we will role play paying for an object and problem solve how much change to give back! Please help your child to recognise the different coins that we use.

In literacy we have now finished our work of looking at and writing instructions.

Our class topic is "Toys". We hope to visit the Bethnal Green Toy Museum next week to compare past and present toys.

## Y2 NEWS

In Religion we have begun our new topic, Advent. This week to help us prepare for Christmas we shared how we prepare at home. Children talked about family traditions and why they are important to us. We will begin to learn about the Christmas story and the events that lead up to the Birth of Jesus. Please practise retelling the story at home with your child.

In year 2 we have been very excited about our new topic in Science. With our new topic, Living Things and Their Habitats, we have been investigating our local community. We went to Victoria Park to see how the habitats of the animals have changed and what they are doing to prepare for winter. We compared the habitats and changes of different animals.

Y2



## Year 3

Year 3 have been working extremely hard since the half term holidays. They are doing amazing work with Christian, our poet in residence. The children are learning to explore who they are and where they come from through poetry. We have lots of great events to look forward to and prepare for i.e. the carol concert and the Christmas Fete. The children have also had the fantastic opportunity to work with Steve and Jen in our science topic 'Being Scientists.' In year 3, children are working hard to learn their times tables. It would be great if parents could support them with this at home.

## CLASS 4B

4B enjoyed a very interactive Science lesson with Steve— starting the new Science topic of sound. The classroom was either very loud or very quiet but great fun was had testing out ideas and theories.



## 4L NEWS

In literacy this month we had a visit from our resident poet who will be working with us all through the term. The children expressed their feelings in poems they wrote.



The class, and the year group, have been participating in some amazing things this month. On 3 November we were at the British Museum, we also participated in an archery session with our premier coach and on 16 November we had a google expedition, in the world of virtual reality.

## CLASS 5A

Keep up the hard work and continue smiling and enjoying the good things you do!

## UP IN 5V...

This week we have been very busy in 5V. On Tuesday we took part in a Fencing workshop. We loved it. We worked on our technique before challenging each other in duels. On Wednesday we were lucky enough to go on a Google Expedition, we were able to go underwater, visit ancient Egypt and Rio in Brazil as well as flying off into space using the virtual reality headset. Back down on earth in class we have begun reading Journey to Jo'burg. Come and talk to us about it!

## 6M News

On Wednesday 16 November, Google came to visit us in Year 6. We were taken on a virtual reality tour. We were first transported to Space and could view the moon, just as the first astronauts did! The best part though was when we travelled to the Jurassic Era. We saw (and tried to touch) the dinosaurs! It was a great experience...



## 6A NEWS

All roads lead to 6A's class assembly on Friday 25 November! The class recently had the chance to write and perform their own play scripts about evacuees - good preparation for their World War Two-themed assembly. We look forward to seeing you for the big performance!





## RECEPTION

Last week RS went on a nature walk around the school grounds. They collected leaves and discussed the different colours and the changes in the environment. The children then used fabric and paints to create wonderful leaf prints.

As the weather is changing we would still like the children to be able to play and explore in the outdoor area. If possible all children need to bring in a pair of wellington boots (in a clearly labelled bag) that they can wear in school during the week.



## NURSERY

This week, we read the story Polar Bear, Polar Bear, what do you hear? We were also really excited about pretending to be Doctor's checking both our teachers and friends. Next week, we will be focusing on the importance of how we can be safe when we cross the road for Road Safety Week. Please continue to reinforce this at home with your children.



## Anti-Bullying week

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## E-safety

This generation of parents is the first to face the challenge of helping our children make the most of their virtual space while keeping them safe in it. The following websites have tips to help ensure that your child's online experience remains positive.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

<http://www.internetsafety.com/internet-safety-tips-for-parents.php>



## Emails

If parents are sending emails for a specific staff member, please send your emails to **[school@st-elizabeth.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-elizabeth.towerhamlets.sch.uk)**

Please remember to put the persons name you wish to contact in the subject field so the office team can forward accordingly.



Parents and children enjoyed a 'behind the scenes' tour of Bethnal Green Library with Family Support Partner Sue Braniff and Librarian Rachel McCormack on Saturday 5th November. See more on our website!

<http://stelizabeth.co.uk/our-family-trip-to-bethnal-green-library-on-sat-nov-5th-join-us-if-you-can/>



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