



St Elizabeth
Catholic Primary
School
Newsletter
Spring Term Week 11
24 March 2017

Wednesday's attacks in Westminster have shocked us all. The kind of violence we have seen all too often in other places has brought horror and killing to our city.

I know you will join us in prayer, especially for those who have lost their lives and those who have lost ones they love. Pray for Aysha Frade and her family; Aysha was killed by a car on Westminster Bridge, please pray for her two children and for their father, as well as the young French students who were injured.

We also remember all who were injured, and those who care for them. We pray in particular for Keith Palmer, the Police Officer who died, and for his family, thanking God that so many show such brave dedication to keeping our society safe.

In conversations with some of the Junior children this week they too were shocked and could not understand why people had to make their point in this way—a sign of their deep understanding of democracy and how we can air our views.



Message from the Headteacher, Ms Angelina John

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

It has been an eventful two weeks as always at St Elizabeth. Some classes have been to the Science Museum and have had a great time. The children who attended had an opportunity to make sense of the science that shapes our lives. It was so good to hear the positive feedback from staff and children as well as complimentary comments from the public. Well done St Elizabeth.

WANTED - One **parent representative** from each class who are keen to get active in our school community. We need parents who would be happy to set up coffee morning or What's app groups to share ideas, seek parents views, communicate information and to promote events at St Elizabeth. Is that person you? If so, see me in the playground next week. We value your opinions and need your help.



Reconciliation Service—Next Friday we will be holding our Reconciliation service in school. Children, staff and parents will have an opportunity to make reconciliation (8.45-9.15am). If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invite you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please help your child to know that Jesus is calling them to experience His mercy.



Have a blessed weekend. Ms John

Last week we went to visit Hackney City Farm as part of our science topic about animals. It was a great success. However, what a smell!

1E SAYS...



We have been working hard on poetry in literacy. We worked as a group to think of actions and then performed for the rest of the class.

1G



This term we have been learning about fables in Year 2. We have learnt that all fables have a moral for us to learn from. We are now moving on to Non-Chronological reports about The Great Fire of London. We are excited to write about The Great Fire of London and share the information we have learnt about, from our trip to the museum.

2E NEWS



This term, in Science, we have been learning about Properties of Everyday Materials. We have been doing experiments to help us develop our understanding of hypothesis, observations and writing conclusions of our findings. Our most recent experiment was placing an egg in vinegar and over 3 days observing the transformation. Children were fascinated by the change!

2G



The Nail test



3F

On Monday, 3F enjoyed their trip to the Science Museum. They took part in practical hands on learning in the Wonder Labs. All the children had a fantastic experience!

Lorenzo discovered a box of a thousand mirrors!



The children were lucky to attend the singing workshop in Bow School's Waterside Theatre led by Apollo5. They enjoyed the experience of learning to compose different genres of music and using the 'VOCES8' method of learning and composing music. We look forward to the next session in May.



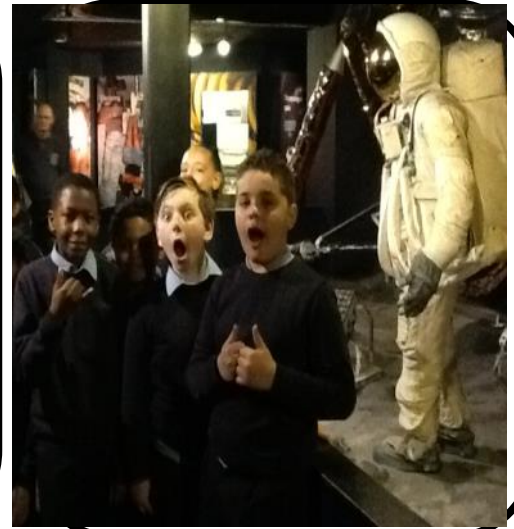
CLASS 4L

4B NEWS

On Thursday 16th March, 4B took part in the school's Science Fair. We had previously conducted an experiment into the effects of food and drink on our teeth. As a result of our investigation, we are all going to make a conscious effort to reduce the amount of sugar in our diet!



Year 3 students learning from 4B's science display.



5A had an amazing day at the Science Museum on Friday. I'm sure your children told you all about their experiences, shows and hands on Science Workshops. 5A Trip to Bloomberg this week was unfortunately cancelled, this will be rescheduled for a later date so 5A can finish their final session.

CLASS 5A

UP IN 5V ...

Last week 5V visited the Wonder Lab at the Science Museum and had a fantastic time. They were able to play with forces on giant slides, travel through space under a canopy of stars. The children also had the opportunity to take part in a 4D cinema experience, which provided us all with an amazing thrill. Back in class we have been working on angles in maths, ask your children about the different types of angles we have been learning about.

6M NEWS

6M recently visited the Science Museum, it was a fantastic day of exploring and investigating! The Wonderlab in particular was good fun!



The second half of the Spring Term has been busy for 6A — and not just for SATs preparation! The class was heavily involved in both the recent Reading and Science weeks. The children came in dressed as various heroes and role models for World Book Day, kicking off Reading Week early in style. Mariae, Aron, Gabriel, Nicola and Archie represented 6A at the Science Fair showing off their impressive programming skills!

6A

Early Years...



Reception

Children in Reception participated in the Science Fair by creating their own stall. The children learnt about dissolving by observing how different substances react in hot and cold water. They were able to generate predictions, ask questions and find the answers through investigating the substances on the stall.

The children had great fun while learning an essential aspect of Science.



Nursery

As part of introducing our season 'Spring', Nursery have planted beans and carrots. They showed great interest in learning about what plants need to help them grow.

You are welcome to come and see how well they are growing in our garden.



Attendance & Punctuality

The attendance is improving at 96.39% for the whole school for this week! (please see grid)

Well done to the classes achieving above 95%!

Let's see if we can get all classes above 95% for next week!

Attendance % Figures for week commencing 20th March-24th March 2017

RS	RG	1E	1G	2E	2G	3F
96.18	95.73	97.62	99.23	93.03	98.15	95.00

3J	4B	4L	5A	5V	6A	6M
93.59	98.15	98.15	97.70	95.57	90.71	99.15

General

There is lots of good news to share! Children have many achievements to celebrate both personally and as a class or school. We have seen wonderful examples of this during class assemblies and through learning walks.

During the past weeks, many classes have been out on school trips related to the curriculum topics. It is heartening to hear reports and comments from officials and members of the public about the positive behaviour and conduct of our children during visits.

Children are developing their independence and are demonstrating responsibility for their own behaviour and attitude to learning. In school, we continue to monitor these attributes and encourage children to strive for excellence. Please congratulate your child on their achievements and help them to recognise how they contribute to St Elizabeth being a good school.

We would like parents to take the time to talk to their children about their behaviour and attitude to learning. Look through your child's report which you received at the Parent Meeting in Spring 1. Talk to your child about the colours they achieved for their behaviour and attitude to learning. Where are they now, a few weeks on? Do they feel they have improved? Has their class teacher or TA given them positive feedback?

Keep up the good work!

Parent / Carer News

A big thank to the parents who attended our **Introduction to Autism** workshop on Monday 20th March. Feedback from parents was very positive and attendees left feeling informed. *'The course gave me an insight into what autism is and how autistic people feel in the everyday environment.'*



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