



MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Send my friend to school



BY MR DINSDALE

Well what an eventful week!

The children enjoyed their 'Scootfit' sessions earlier this week and showed confidence in their riding abilities. It was great seeing the children have so much fun and lots of smiling faces. We will hopefully invite 'Scootfit' back next year for more scooting fun.

Thank you for your patience this week while we experienced problems with the new dining hall ceiling. The contractors have been quick to rectify the problems with as little disruption as possible.

Today we welcomed Peter Dowd MP into school to speak with the children about the 'Send my friend to school, Education in emergencies' Campaign. He spoke to classes about children around the world having the right to education in complex emergencies (see page 3 for further details).

As the Christmas season approaches please keep an eye on the school calendar for important dates. See opposite for a summary of what is arranged so far.



**Be safe, be happy,
have fun!**

Attendance Matters

It is important that all children attend school regularly so that they can achieve their very best. We have introduced a focussed staggered approach to attendance and punctuality monitoring this half term. Further information will be sent out to parents in the coming weeks. Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring their child attends school and is on time and ready to learn everyday. We will continue to monitor positive attendance in our Star of the Week assemblies. This week our Fab Friday Five winners are **Class 1A**. They will receive 5 mins extra playtime. Well Done!

December Events:

Date:	Event:
Fri 1st Dec	Christmas Fayre - 3pm
Thu 7th Dec	Y3 End of Topic - 9am
Mon 11th Dec	Y5 End of Topic - 9am
Mon 11th Dec	Y4 Mass in church - 10am
Tue 12th Dec	Nursery Christmas Assembly - 9.15am
Wed 13th Dec	Reception Christmas Assembly - 9.30am
Wed 13th Dec	KS1 Santa Visit
Thu 14th Dec	Y1 Christmas Assembly - 9.30am
Thu 14th Dec	Y3/4 PTA Disco - 5pm
Thu 14th Dec	Y5/6 PTA Disco - 6.30pm
Fri 15th Dec	Y2 Christmas Assembly - 9.30am
Mon 18th Dec	Y5 Mass in church - 10am
Tue 19th Dec	KS2 Carol Service in church - 2pm
Wed 20th Dec	Mufti Day - finish at 2pm



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Nursery

BY MRS HALSALL AND MRS GARVEY

We have had a lovely week in Nursery this week learning how to ride scooters in the big playground and making kites to fly in the wind. The children have also been learning about repeating patterns using two colours.



Year 1

BY MRS BLACKLEDGE & MRS SOTHERN

Some of the children in Year One have enjoyed taking part in a Scissor Skills club after school. They have learnt how to hold a pair of scissors correctly and use them safely. So far they have made a house and a pizza. They are looking forward to using their cutting skills to make some Christmas decorations.



"I like learning how to cut out." Hattie

Year 2

MRS MCINTYRE & MISS DRINKALL

This week we have been learning about Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest. We learnt that the Shabbat is linked to the seventh day of the creation story when God rested. As part of our learning we focused on the Shabbat meal and recreated the important elements below using salt dough.



Year 4

BY MISS MAY & MRS GOULBOURNE

Vince Cleghorne, a local author, came into school last week. He taught workshops in Year 4 and delivered an assembly to all KS2 children.



Year 2

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MISS DRINKALL

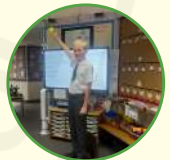
On Thursday this week the children in Year 2 Song Club visited All Day Nursery and Reception to perform some nursery rhymes as part of **World Nursery Rhyme Week**. We chose three traditional nursery rhymes: **Alice the Camel**, **Goosey Goosey Gander** and **My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean**. There are a wide variety of nursery rhymes and backing tracks on the **The Literacy Trust website** should you wish to access them. Well done to the children from song club on your fantastic performances and to our children in early years for being wonderful audiences.



Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GRAY

As part of our Forces topic, we have been investigating gravity. We looked at the life of Sir Isaac Newton and his discovery of gravity. Then, we investigated whether the mass of a ball affects the force of gravity. We dropped the balls from the same height and observed how long they took to fall.



Year 6

BY MR KIGGINS & MRS ROONEY

Last Tuesday, Year 6 made their way to Preston to visit the Museum of Lancashire. We took part in four different activities that involved: decoding Morse Code, photographic reconnaissance, espionage and invasion tactics. All of the children were a credit to our school and behaved outstandingly. Thankfully, the weather didn't deter our evacuees from gaining a hands-on experience on life during the war.

"I really enjoyed trying to decipher the photos in order to locate the Bismark." - Rhys

"It was really fun dressing up my friend in disguise as a millionaire. I think she fooled the guard really well." Lucy



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Come and Read

BY MISS GRAY

We all know that there are few things more powerful than regularly reading with a child, and reading for pleasure with your child can make a big difference to their educational performance. Therefore, we are excited to invite parents and guardians (who have children in Year 1 - Year 4) back into school on the dates below to read with their children:

Friday 24th November - Year 4

Friday 12th January - Year 1

Friday 19th January - Year 2

Friday 26th January - Year 3

Friday 2nd February - Year 4

Reading times are 2:30pm-2:50pm in your child's classroom.

Year 5 and 6 children are invited to bring in a favourite book and read whilst enjoying a drink of hot chocolate. We just need the children to bring in a mug on the day as we'll supply the hot chocolate.

Friday 1st December - Year 6

Friday 8th December - Year 5

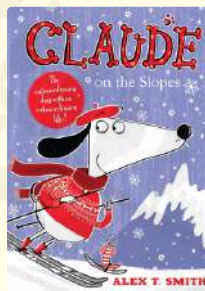
Friday 9th February - Year /6

3 Word Book Review

BY ANNABEL YEAR 3

Title: Claude

Author: Alex T Smith



"Funny, exciting,
entertaining"

Christmas Crib

BY MRS SOTHERN

Starting on Monday 20th November children in Nursery to Year Three will be given the opportunity to take home a Holy Family Crib set. This is a lovely activity to share as a family as you prepare for Christmas. Please ensure that all sets are returned to school the next day so as many families as possible can experience this.



KS2 Visit from local author Vince Cleghorne!

BY MISS GRAY

During the assembly, he read his brand new book called 'Big Kid'. The children were really inspired by his talk and asked him lots of fantastic questions. Vince really enjoyed his visit to our school and was blown away by the children's attitude towards learning. He said that children in Year 4 came up with wonderful ideas which he could use in his future books!



Send my friend to school

BY MRS MCINTYRE



This afternoon we welcomed Peter Dowd MP to school to hear all about the **Send My Friend to School, Education in Emergencies campaign**. Representatives from each class spoke to Mr Dowd about children around the world having the right to education in complex emergencies. Our message being 'Do Not Let Emergencies Stop Our Friends from Learning'. We showed him the work that we have done in class to show the problems and give solutions and asked him to take a message to the government to Prepare, Protect, Invest and Act.

PTA Christmas Fayre

BY ANDREA PANKIW

This PTA will be hosting a Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December from 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the festivities. Look out for further details coming soon!

Football News

BY MR ROACH

The Year 6 boys and Girls were successful in making it through to the finals of the LFC Foundation Tournament. The girls won and the boys were runners up. They will both play in the next round held at Liverpool's Academy. If successful they will play at the finals held at a Premier-ship Ground yet to be determined. Well done and good luck.





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Good News from Home!

BY MRS MCGLYNN

Logan from Year 4 has recently competed in a Jui Jitsu in Abu Dhabi and he got a gold medal, is just amazing all his hard work definitely paid off.



Any news, let us know:
news@englishmartyrs.co.uk

Well Done to all the children who received a 'Head teachers Award' this week. Keep up the amazing work.



Staying Safe Online:

BY MR DINSDALE

Keeping your children safe online is not an easy task and requires effort on your part in order for safety to be maintained. We have gathered a number of brilliant guides below. Please use them to help you navigate the difficult waters of online safety as a parent.

Internet Matters:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

It has a lot of good advice on adding parental controls as well as on most aspects of online safety. Parental controls will only help keep children safe. The best safety feature that a child has is their parent or carer. Take the time to talk to your child about the apps and games they are using and don't be afraid to say no sometimes!

NSPCC Online Safety:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

The range of online apps changes on a regular basis and the NSPCC have a site called [Net Aware](#). This provides unbiased up-to-date information on current apps and sites along with advice to parents about dealing with issues. The NSPCC have teamed up with O2 to provide advice to parents and have a free helpline on **0808 800 5002**. They will also give support in any O2 shop – you do not have to be an O2 customer.

ThinkUKnow:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

ThinkUKnow is the website aimed at children and their parents from the National Crime Agency. It has lots of useful suggestions and advice on how to report issues. It also has lots of games and activities including Jessie and Friends for the younger children and Band Runner for the older ones.

Many children will at times suffer from online bullying. It is really important that they have someone they can talk to and know that it is not acceptable. Most apps and sites will have systems in place that allow bullying to be reported. Please raise a concern within school if this is the case.

EM STARS

★ **Star of the Week**
FRIDAY 10TH NOV

Star of the Week ★
FRIDAY 17TH NOV

Nursery All Day Jessica
Nursery AM Albie
RA Ethan
RB Jacob
1A Jessica
1B Sonny
2A Samuel
2B Joshua
3A Aiden
3B Patrick
4A Iris
4B Georgie
5A Jack
5B Toby
6A Amelia
6B Theo

Nursery All Day Sonny
Nursery AM Clancy
RA Louis
RB Lucas
1A Lenny
1B Isla
2A Mason
2B Hope
3A Everly
3B Noah
4A Nola
4B Mia
5A Henry
5B Maisie
6A Kurtis
6B Matthew



Well done everyone!



YEAR DATES 2023/24

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AUTUMN TERM 2023

Mon 4th Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 5th Sept	Term Begins	
Mon 23rd Oct	} Half Term	
Fri 27th Oct		
Mon 30th Oct	Term begins	Pupil Days - 72
Wed 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 73

SPRING TERM 2024

Thurs 4th Jan	Term begins	
Mon 12th Feb	} Half Term	
Fri 16th Feb		
Mon 19th Feb	Term begins	Pupil Days - 56
Thurs 28th Mar	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 56

SUMMER TERM 2024

Mon 15th April	Term begins	
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 27th May	} Half term	
Fri 31st May		
Mon 3rd June	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 4th June	Term begins	
Thurs 18th July	Term ends - 2pm	
Fri 19th July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	
Mon 22nd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Pupil Days - 62
Tues 23rd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Staff Days - 66

Total Pupil Days - 190

Total Staff Days - 195

USEFUL INFO

Sefton Women's & Childrens Aid

Contact number: 0151 922 8606

SWACA provide holistic services to women, young people and children affected by Domestic Abuse offering both effective crisis intervention and early intervention and preventative services.

Venus Centre Charity

Contact number: 0151 474 4744

VENUS provide service to empower, promote and support women, and their children in developing their potential, recognising their choices and achieving their goals and challenging injustice.

The Trussell Trust

Contact number: 01722 580180

The trust supports a nationwide network of food banks and together they provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.

In Your Shoes

Contact number: 0151 345 9611

Located at 100 Moss Lane the charity supports our local community.

Litherland Wellbeing Centre

Contact number: 0151 288 6661

Family Well-being Centres provide joined up support for children and young people aged 0-19 years to make family life that little bit easier.

Sefton Council

One Stop Shop: 0345 140 0845

Affordable Warmth Service: 0151 934 2222

Free School Meals: 0151 934 3263

Emergency Limited Assistance: 0151 934 3377

Sefton at Work: 0151 934 2610

For further details visit Sefton Council's website:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/advice-benefits/cost-of-living/>

If you are struggling and would like support please do not hesitate to contact one of the above or the school office who will assist in any way they can.