



MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



BY MR DINSDALE

What a wonderful way to end this half-term, by being able to join our marvellous girls football

team as they marched to victory in the Premier League School Tournament at LFC Academy! Schools from the Wirral, Halton, Knowsley, St Helens and Liverpool all took part and the girls won their games, 1-0, 2-0, 5-0 and beat Bishop Eton in the final 4-0. They now get to progress to a national tournament, representing Liverpool, wearing LFC kit with their names on at a Premier League football ground! This is a historic achievement for English Martyrs as it marks the **first girls football trophy** that has been won in the history of our school *as far as I am aware!*

As I write this, our boys team are going to LFC Academy Friday 9th and we hope to bring you news of how they get on soon too!

Over half-term, we will be getting our temporary boilers fitted, so there will be full heating for the whole school once more! The work on our new playgrounds begins too, which will continue after half-term for a couple of weeks. Please take a look at the Children's University half-term activities that you can earn credits for, but most importantly:

Be safe, be happy, have fun!

Back row (L/R): Abbie H, Daisy W, Esther T, Thea M, Heidi H.
Front row (L/R): Halle W, Jess B, Taylah W.

Attendance Matters

Well done to class **3B** who were our attendance winners for last week. Attendance trophy winners for January were: **1A!** Well done everyone!

Parental Survey

Thank you to those who have already completed our annual parental survey. If you have not yet done so please follow the link below to complete:

<https://forms.gle/Qon8GfwQcqqyViAWA>

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
19th February	School Opens
26th February	Yr5 End of Topic Assembly 9am Yr 5 Bikeability
27th February	Yr 5 Bikeability Yr 6 CHET parent meeting 3.15pm
29th February 7th March	Yr3 End of Topic Assembly 9am World Book Day (details to follow)

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Nursery

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS GARVEY

Nursery have been learning all about Chinese New Year and that it is the year of the Dragon! They made Dragon masks and learnt about how the Chinese dragons move and dance! These wonderful children visited Mr Dinsdale to show him their home-school work!



Nursery

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS GARVEY

Nursery have been very busy this week and have also enjoyed looking at different types of birds outdoors. We made food for the birds to eat and put out bowls of water. We talked about what makes a good nest and made a large nest on the tuft tray. The children decided to go on a bird hunt and use their bird check lists. Well done Nursery!



Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MISS GOULBOURNE

Reception have been learning all about Chinese New Year this week, in preparation for the celebrations this weekend. The new year will be the Year of the Dragon - People born in Dragon years usually possess natural courage, tenacity, and intelligence, often displaying enthusiasm and confidence.

HAPPY
Chinese
new year



Year 3

BY MISS TIERNEY & MR ROACH

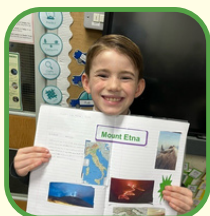
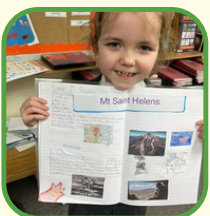
Year 3 celebrated Chinese New Year by making red lanterns.



Year 4

BY MRS DOOLEY & MRS GOULBOURNE

In Year 4 the children have been learning about volcanoes. They each chose a volcano to independently research and have created these amazing fact files.



"This was the best lesson! Everyone worked really hard!"

Cody

"I am very proud of my work and I loved finding out for myself."

Lilly

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Year 2

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MISS DRINKALL

As part of our RE topic of thanksgiving the children have been learning about the Last Supper. After reading and discussing the story, the children then worked in small groups to re enact this special meal, taking it in turns to be Jesus, saying the words that he said.



Reading & Relaxation Club

BY MRS NAISBETT

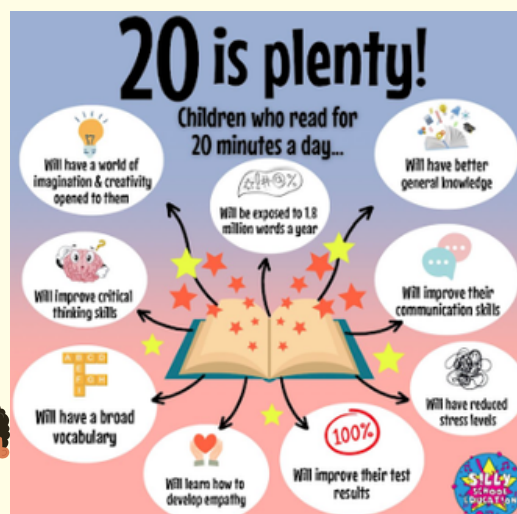
We have been reading 'When the sky falls' by Phil Earle in our book club this half term. It is set in world war two and is about an angry boy, who has been sent to live with a gruff woman in the city with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. Felicity is really enjoying the book and says, "It's really interesting and once we started I couldn't wait for each week to find out what was going to happen next." Rosalie says "I love how cosy book club is and the book we are reading is really exciting." We haven't finished the book yet so the book club will continue after half term for these children.



Reading Challenge

BY MISS GRAY

To develop a love of reading we encourage children to read as much as possible at home. Alternatively, read with your child and enjoy asking them questions about the text. The benefits of reading for just 20 minutes a day are amazing.



Parking outside school

BY MRS MCGLYNN

We have been asked by local residents to request that when collecting your child that you **Do not** park across drives and also in private parking areas by flats and sheltered accommodation. We appreciate parking is difficult at pick up times, and ask that you leave enough time to park respectfully away from school. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Abusive/Aggressive Behaviour

BY MR DINSDALE

We understand that people can become angry when they feel that matters about which they feel strongly are not being dealt with as they wish. If that anger escalates into aggression towards our staff, we consider that unacceptable. Any aggression or abuse directed towards our staff will not be tolerated. Please remember that our staff are only doing their job and are here to help.

Year 4, 5 & 6 - Mental Health Awareness Week

BY MRS NAISBETT

The theme for this year's Mental Health Awareness week is "My Voice Matters!" The children in Years 4,5 & 6 discussed how we all have needs that we share including the need for food, rest, play, care, respect etc. We talked about how knowing about our needs helps us to know ourselves and to do more things to meet them so we can thrive and grow. We read the story 'Speak Up' by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola, which is about an inspiring child who used her voice to make a difference. The children discussed how they feel when they feel like they matter. We talked about what things matter to the children: starting with day to day things at home and in school, and then moving out into the wider world such as the environment, nature etc. Using a spiral, the children created artwork to show what matters to them.



This lesson made me happy because it made me feel more confident to speak up about having cerebral palsy so people know what it means to have it."

Lacey-Mae

I loved the book because the main character was confident in using her voice and inspired me to use my voice to make changes in big and small ways.

Leila



February Half Term Challenge 2024

<p>Activity 1 Saturday 10th February is Chinese New Year and 2024 is the year of the dragon! Have a go at making some Chinese New Year themed crafts and decorations. There are lots of ideas here 30 Chinese New Year Activities And Crafts For Kids 2023 - Netmums</p>	<p>Activity 2 February is National Heart Month and is all about exercising for a healthy heart. Why not create a circuit made up of 10 different physical activities such as burpees, pressups, squats, star jumps. Take your pulse before you start and after you have finished (you may need help from an adult for this). Make a poster showing the exercises you have chosen and record your heart rate on this too!</p>	<p>Activity 3 Half term is student volunteer week and also includes 'Random acts of Kindness' day. To gain your credit we are asking you to volunteer an hour of your time to help a friend or family member. You could: Organise a litter pick, undertake odd jobs, Cook or bake a tasty treat, organise some dog walks (be generous and imaginative!) Write a short report of what you did, who for and how it made you feel.</p>	<p>Activity 4 Ask a grown up to help you make some pancakes. There are so many different types to try...ham and cheese, fruity, scotch, lemon and sugar – yum! Here are some recipe ideas Kid's pancake recipes - BBC Food Don't forget to take a few pictures before you eat them all!</p>
<p>Activity 5 We have had a lot of cold weather recently...but some animals live in very cold temperatures most of the time! Follow this link to see some of the animals and then choose one to find out more about. Write a report, including where they live, what they eat and how they keep warm. Top 10 Snow Animals and How They Survive the Cold Discover Magazine</p>	<p>Activity 6 14th February is Valentines day – Show a friend or family member how much you love them by making a card or gift – there are some great ideas here 75+ Easy Valentine Crafts for Kids - Happiness is Homemade Or why not write them a poem? Get some inspiration here! 17 Valentine's Poems For Kids - Netmums</p>	<p>Activity 7 If you like photography, then why not take up this challenge? Using a mixture of indoor and outdoor photos, take pictures of Something: 1. Stripey 2. Tiny 3. Fluffy 4. Transparent 5. Sparkly 6. Tall 7. Spikey 8. Colourful 9. Rusty 10. Living</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the February half term by completing these challenges. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless stated otherwise), when you send evidence to your local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing! Send it to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk

EM STARS

Star of the Term FRIDAY 2ND FEB

Star of the Week FRIDAY 9TH FEB

Nursery All Day	Penny
Nursery AM	Rory
RA	Donnie
RB	Molly
1A	Scarlett
1B	Oliver
2A	Cecelia
2B	Penelope
3A	Evie
3B	James
4A	Heidi
4B	Rhys
5A	Callum
5B	Imogen
6A	Sadie
6B	Ellis

Nursery All Day	Esme
Nursery AM	Elena
RA	James
RB	Jack
1A	Florence
1B	Eve
2A	Ethan
2B	Jake
3A	Deacon
3B	Caleb
4A	Heidi
4B	Lilly
5A	Poppy
5B	Ava
6A	Rosalie
6B	Jude



Golden Pen Winners

Key Stage 1
Emeli-Iris Connell 1A



Key Stage 2
Ella Eaton - 5A





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.