

St Anthony's Newsletter

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Mathematics: convince me!

$$\text{odd} \times \text{odd} = ??$$

To improve children's mathematical abilities we have been using reasoning more and more so that children acquire a deep understanding of concepts. One of the ways we do this is through 'convincing' and it might be a fun thing to try at home.

Here is an example: when an odd number is multiplied by an odd number, the product is even. Is this always true, sometimes true or never true?

Once your child has convinced themselves of the answer they should then convince a friend. Once they have convinced a friend they should convince an 'enemy' (i.e. someone who will not automatically believe them).

If you would like to read more about this approach you may be interested in the article, 'Take One Example' on the Nrich website <https://nrich.maths.org/8081>

Turning over a new leaf

All children from Year 1 upwards were given new English exercise books this week. They have been introduced to replace the folders that were being used. It has made a big difference across the school to the pride children take in their work and in the quality of its presentation.

Here is an example of the high quality presentation that is now appearing in children's books.

I suggest you think your plan through properly and you think about the consequences of your actions. You need to think about the risk your taking make the right decisions. You can take on this adventure however you have to prepare in advance. Make sure you go to the toilet beforehand and make sure you are wearing grippy shoes. These are just examples, but I hope you get the message.

Thanks Misty in Year 5.

Consent Forms

Forms were sent out this week for parents to give consent for the school's use of photographs etc. Please return the forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Community

Helen Hayes MP

Our local MP, Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood) has been in touch to remind us that she holds advice surgeries every Friday morning from 10.00am to 11.30am. With no appointment necessary.

The venue is on a four week rotation, with next week's surgery at Kingswood House, SE21, then East Dulwich Community Centre, SE22; West Norwood Leisure Centre, SE27 and Brixton Community Base, SW2.

You can also contact Helen by phone on 0207 219 6971 or email, helen.hayes.mp@parliament.uk



Creative Ideas in The Guardian

St Anthony's gets a mention in the Teacher Network section of The Guardian newspaper. The section looks at creative ideas for reading and writing and mentions our writing inspiration days. Thanks to Mrs Parrott for drawing this to our attention.



This winter tree mysteriously appeared at St Anthony's RC Primary School in July. Every class received clues and a map. They were tasked with discovering the location and writing about what they had found and why it might be there. Photograph: Sarah Parrott/Write Sparks

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/gallery/2018/apr/05/teaching-children-to-read-and-write-in-pictures>

FOSTAS news

This year's **School Summer Fair** will take place on **Saturday 7th July 12-3pm** please save the date. There will be Toy Mufti on Friday 25th May, pupils can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a new or nearly new (in good working order) toy for the toy stall. Bottle Mufti will be on Friday 6th July.

Parent Netball is returning

If you fancy being party of St Anthony's parents and teacher netball come along on Monday nights from 7.15- 8.15pm to the school playground, beginners very welcome.

Faith Life

◆ **Assembly:** Children this week heard the stories of St Thomas (the doubter) and the Disciples on the Road to Emmaus

◆ We have started a new RE topic this week **Pentecost**; an RE newsletter for this term will be sent out by parentmail

◆ Next Monday, 23rd April, is the feast of **St George**, patron saint of England (and many other parts of the world)

◆ Ss Peter and Clare classes will be joining parishioners for Mass at St Thomas More Church next Tuesday

◆ St George's class will lead the assembly next Friday at 9.00am

◆ **Chaplaincy Team's** thought for the week:

*"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."
(St. Augustine)*

Can you help?

A new mother, who is currently a resident at Barry House, is in need of a baby sling and a pram. If you have these to spare please bring them to the school office and we will take them across to Barry House.

First Holy Communion

Classes resume tomorrow, Saturday, in the school hall at 10.30am.

St Anthony's Runners

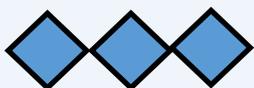
We wish Mrs McHarg well for Sunday, when she will run the London Marathon and we also wish Mrs Herrera and Miss Checker well. They will be running in the Three Peaks Race in the Yorkshire Dales this weekend.

Last Weeks Solutions

12 biscuits

8, 3, 12, 1, 2

4, -2, -1, -1, -2



Congratulations to Jeremy who is last week's winner.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to St Thérèse classes for the best attendance and punctuality this week.

Headteacher Award Winners

Congratulations to the following pupils for good manners and hard work this week:

Our Lady's Nursery:	Cait and Sebastian
St Julie's:	Alesha and Chimamanda
St Joseph's:	Mia and Michele
St Francis':	Leticia and Mylo
St Thérèse:	Ruby and Alex M.
St Anne's:	Daniel and Ina
St Agnes':	Jasmine and Sophia
St Bernadette's	Adriel and Peculiar
St Peter's:	Charley and Manon
St George's:	Charlie and Keira
St Patrick's:	Amberlie and Lucy
St Clare's:	Helena and Daniel
St John's:	Victoria and Andrew
St Paul's:	Oliver and Gavin
St Thomas':	Sophia S. and Mario

Maths Puzzles

Early Years

7 giraffes are eating yummy leaves.

3 more come over to join.

How many giraffes are there now?

Infants

Reasoning

12. 87 people are holding a party for the end of Mark's challenge. There are tables for 5 or 10 people. Which combinations of tables could seat all of the guests? Explain your answer.



Mark Beaumont - Around the World in 80 Days

Juniors

Anyone for tennis?

Two boys and two girls can play tennis.



Ali said: 'I will only play if Holly plays.'
Holly said: 'I won't play if Ben is playing.'
Ben said: 'I won't play if Luke or Laura plays.'
Luke said: 'I will only play if Zoe plays.'
Zoe said: 'I don't mind who I play with.'

Which two boys and which two girls play tennis?