

St Anthony's Newsletter

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May is the month of Mary



May is traditionally a month of devotion to Our Lady. To mark this, the statue of Our Lady has been reinstalled in the school hall and rosaries have been made available for anyone who wishes to pray during break times. Children had special assemblies this week when they learned about Mary and how she fits into our faith. Pope Francis has invited Christians everywhere to say the rosary this month.

"We will recite the rosary praying particularly for peace in Syria and the whole world," the pope said. "I invite you to spiritually join me and to prolong for the whole month of May praying the rosary for peace."

Year 4 Expedition



Mr Griffiths led year 4 on a special expedition this week, all the way to Dulwich College, to see Ernest Shackleton's boat, The James Caird (pictured).

Ernest Shackleton was a polar explorer over 100 years ago and Y4 have been finding out about him by reading Shackleton's Journey (William Grill).

Although born in Ireland, Ernest Shackleton moved to Sydenham when he was a child and was educated at Dulwich College.

CAFOD

St Anthony's raised £582 for CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) this Lent. This amount will be doubled by the UK Government which means that because of our fundraising, £1164 will be used to help build a better world. On behalf of CAFOD, thank you.



Attendance and Punctuality

The best class this week is St Thérèse—well done!

First Holy Communion

Please pray for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday and next. After months of preparation they are now ready to receive this sacrament. The 10.00 am and 12.00 noon Masses will be busy these two weekends so if these are your usual times for Mass you may wish to choose an alternative time if that suits you.

Thanks go to the teachers and parents who have been such dedicated catechists and to our parish clergy for their support and encouragement.



Bank Holiday

Remember that Monday is a bank holiday. School will reopen on **Tuesday 8th May**.

Faith Life

◆ **Assembly:** St Peter's class will lead the assembly next Friday at 9.00 am

◆ **Fr Joe** visited Year 4 today to talk about the importance of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament; he also visited Y3 to talk about Pentecost

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

◆ There will be a Mass in school next Thursday at 2.30 pm to mark the **Ascension**: parents are welcome

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

Dear Lord,

Please let us be thoughtful for everything. Please let us follow Jesus and to prepare for Pentecost in glory.

Amen

(Thanks to Annie in St Patrick's for writing this)

Ascension Day returns to Thursday

In recent years Ascension was celebrated in England and Wales on a Sunday. Our bishops have decided that this holy day of obligation should be reinstated to the traditional Thursday. There will therefore be Mass in school at 2.30pm this coming Thursday and we invite parents and carers to join us. There will also be Mass at St Thomas More Church at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.

"sharenting": food for thought

This term has recently been added to the Collins English Dictionary. "Sharenting" is a term used to describe the overuse of social media by parents to share content based on their children. Are parents doing their children harm by crossing the boundary between public and private life?

What do you think?

Last Weeks Solutions and Winners

16 apples

7 coaches



Congratulations to Chiara Maria, Peter and Saoirse

Headteacher Award Winners

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

Our Lady's Nursery:	Olivia G and Reylan
St Julie's:	Nathan and Yoela
St Joseph's:	Doren and Scarlett
St Francis':	Elianna and Joel
St Thérèse:	Jovita and Ella
St Anne's:	Michelle and Nathan
St Agnes':	Kaela and Luisjan
St Bernadette's	Ziah and Taidgh
St Peter's:	Micah and Chloe
St George's:	Gabriel and Judd
St Patrick's:	Jordy and Maddy
St Clare's:	Olivia and Matt
St John's:	Elizabeth and Alexa
St Paul's:	Luke and Aisling
St Thomas':	Elohor and Yasmin

Maths Puzzles

Early Years

There are 8 fruits in the bowl. A quarter of them are apples. How many apples are there?



Infants

Mark burns through the same number of calories as 23 burgers, every hour. His nutritionist thinks he will burn through the same number of calories as 50 burgers, in 2 hours, is he right?



Juniors (repeated from last week: there is no winner yet!)

You see a £97 top that you want to buy, but you don't have any cash. You decide to borrow £50 from your mum and £50 from your dad = £100. You buy the top and get £3 change, you then

decide to share the change; give mum £1 and dad £1 and keep £1 for yourself. You now owe mum £49 and dad £49,

$49 + 49 = 98$ and your £1 makes £99...

Where is the missing £1?

Top brass!



We often present children with certificates in assembly. Today today we presented one which is worthy of special note. Klara in Year 6 received her certificate for **Grade 7 Trumpet with distinction!**