

July 2022



# English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

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## Summer Newsletter



# A Message from Miss Elliott

As another year comes to a close, we can reflect on the many successes and exciting things that have taken place. But most importantly this year, each team has seen us creep further out of the COVID restrictions.

We have been delighted to welcome our parents/carers back into school. I hope you have enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher and seeing their work. We have welcomed parents in for phonics' workshops and to experience our Year 6 Leaver Musical Extravaganza!

Our school website and Facebook have proved to be a great platform to celebrate and communicate all that we offer here at English Martyrs' and we hope to enhance this even further in the new academic year with Tapestry.

We say 'Goodbye and Thank you' to Mrs Bone – we wish her well in her new adventures.

We say 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to Mrs Stubbs – who will begin her maternity leave in August and look forward to the news of her new baby in the next academic year.

We say 'Hello and Welcome' to Miss Dennison and Miss Madsen; who will join our teaching staff and Mr O'Neill and Mrs Wahie; who will join our support staff. I'm sure you will make them all feel welcome to our school community.

A Big **THANK YOU** to all who have supported the school in many different ways this year. Without all your help and support it would be impossible for us to make the school such a happy and enjoyable place for everyone.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer break.

**GOD BLESS**

**MISS ELLIOTT**





# First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our children who celebrated their First Holy Communion Mass on 7th May at English Martyrs' Church.

May God continue to walk with you on your journey of faith.





# YMT Primary Festival - Year 6



*Year 6 attended the YMT Primary Festival along with children from other Catholic schools. They explored the theme 'Unknown' through activities, songs and liturgy.*



*“May His face **shine** upon you  
And be gracious to you”*



*Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus walks alongside us through it all - the good times and challenges that may lay ahead*





# Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



*The children enjoyed a 'Street Party' to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - marking her 70 years of service.*





# Educational Visits



Year 2 - Washington Wildfowl Park and Fenham Library



Year 1 - Northern Stage



# Educational Visits



Reception - Hall Hill Farm





# Educational Visits



Year 3 - Laing Art Gallery



Year 5 - Great North Museum



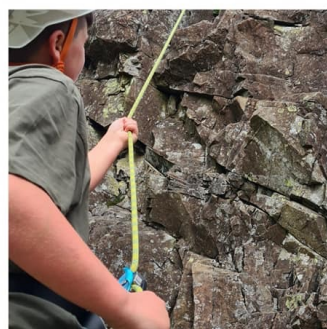
Year 4 - Opera at Sacred Heart High School



# Year 6 - Borrowdale Residential



Year 6 have been on a fantastic adventure to Borrowdale in the Lake District. They have challenged themselves and taken part in fantastic adventures such as: ghyll scrambling in the icy cold waters, rock climbing and abseiling up and down a sheer cliff face as well as canoeing across Derwentwater. We were really proud of how all of their achievements - they even managed to squeeze in a game of bingo!





# Year 5 - Barnard Castle Residential



This term, Year Five were given the opportunity to take part in a residential trupe to a wilderness safari camp in the Durham Dales/ The children enjoyed staying in canvas tents with their friends as well as having tasty meals around a campfire. Throughout the day, they enjoyed a range of activities including bell boating, gorge walking and river scrubs. In the evening the children enjoyed singing campfire songs and roasting marshmallows with hot chocolate.





# Sports Day



It was lovely to be able to invite parents back into school to watch our traditional sports day races. Thank you to everyone for your support on the day!





# Football



This year we have seen fantastic football being played by both our Under 11 and Under 9 football teams.

Our Under 11 team have had a very competitive and successful year in the Catholic Schools League, the Westgate Under 11 League and the Bob Maddison Cup. They scored and saved an incredible amount of goals and showed great teamwork throughout.

Our Under 9 team also showed great skill and sportsmanship when playing in the Catholic Under 9 Tournament with a fantastic hat-trick from one of our players, only narrowly beaten by the eventual finalists.

We are all delighted with our new strips and look forward to using the next year.





# Music - The Big Gig

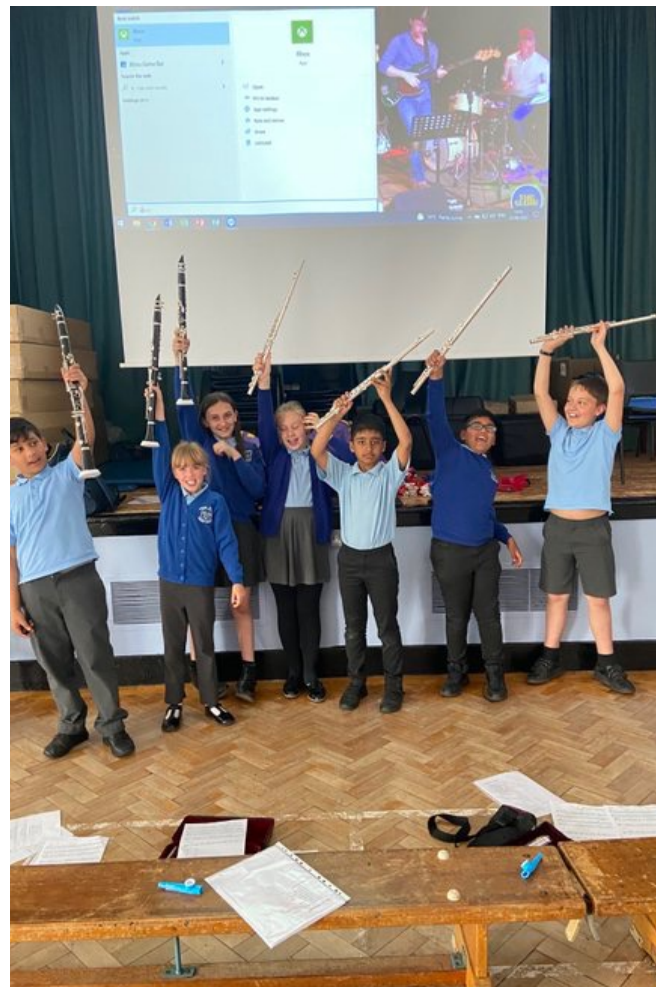


We had a fabulous afternoon on Tuesday 21st June at the Live Streamed Big Gig Festival hosted by Music Partnership North (Newcastle). The live rock band led by world renowned folk musician Rachael McShane played a wide variety of film and pop songs including Hey Jude, Wonderwall, James Bond Theme and Radio Gaga. 40 of our musicians from Y3 and Y5 joined in and played and sang along with them on descant recorder, flute and clarinet.



Our woodwind (flutes and clarinets) are expertly taught by Mrs Fran Harrison from Music Partnership North and our recorders were taught by our very own music teacher Mrs Clarke.

We had lots of fun and the music was echoing around the school as children returned to their classes full of pride at their phenomenal performances.





# Year 6 Production





## Key Stage 2 - First Aid Training



All of our Key Stage 2 children have now received potentially life-saving first aid training from Future Medical Skills and now know what to do in a range of emergency situations.





# OPAL



*"I love playing on the tyres.  
I faced my fear rolling  
down the hill this week."*



*"OPAL helps bring people  
together and no-one is  
ever left out as there's  
something for everyone."*



*"Play is an integral part of the school day, in the average UK  
primary, playtime takes up more than 20% of a child's time at  
school."*



## Key Stage 2 SAT's

86% of our children achieved the expected standard in Reading

National Average – 74%

73% of our children achieved the expected standard in Maths

National Average – 71%

76% of our children achieved the expected standard in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

National Average – 72%

81% of our children achieved the expected standard in Writing

National Average – 69%

69% of our children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths Combined

National Average - 59%

## Key Stage 1 SAT's

65% of our children achieved the expected standard in Reading

66% of our children achieved the expected standard in Maths

58% of our children achieved the expected standard in Writing

53% of our children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths Combined

National Averages for KS1 are not yet available

## Phonics Screener

73% of our children achieved the expected standard in Phonics Screener Check.

95% of our children achieved the expected standard in the Phonics Screener Check by the end of Year 2.

## Reception

58% of our children achieved a Good Level of Development.

*These assessments only give us a snapshot of each child's ability on that day, they do not recognise, nor celebrate what makes each of our children special and unique. At English Martyrs' School we know all of our children's individual talents and gifts and rejoice in their awesomeness!*



# Other News

## Newcastle Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2022: Gadgeteers!

To complete the Challenge and become a Gadgeteer, you have to read six books over the summer holidays, visiting your library on at least two occasions. There'll be super stickers to collect for every book you read, and other treats along the way. If you manage to read the full six books, you will get a medal and be entered into a prize draw to win one of our amazing prizes - including Lego vouchers and a Kindle Fire!



## Meet Ernie!

Ernie is our new school friend and usually visits school once a week.

He is already a big hit with the children!



## Holiday Help for Families

### Kids Eat Free / for £1 - North East Restaurants

- Porkys
- Bella Italia Eldon Square/Metrocentre/Darlington
- Secret Garden Seaton Delaval
- Dobbies Gosforth/ Morpeth/ Ponteland/ Birtley/Stockton/Thornaby
- Aneesas Buffet
- Rio Steakhouse
- Fuime Washington
- Sizzling Pubs
- IKEA Gateshead
- Morrisons Cafe
- Yo Sushi Newcastle / Metrocentre
- Banyan Newcastle

NB Date, time + age restrictions/t&cs apply. Always check fully with venue direct when making plans and mention deal when ordering



### Kids Eat Free / for £1 - North East Restaurants

- Dunelm Pausa Cafes (Manor Walks Cramlington, Coast Road Retail Park, Durham City Retail Park, Team Valley Retail Park and Highpoint Retail park)
- Mister Twisters Soft Play
- The Real Greek Newcastle
- Red House Farm Whitley Bay
- Asda Cafes
- Buddha Lounge Tynemouth

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# Class Organisation 2022/23

Class	Current Class Teacher 2021-22	Class 2022-23	Class teacher 2022-23
Nursery	Mrs S Foster	Nursery	Mrs Allen
		Reception	Mrs S Foster
			Miss Phelan
Reception	Mrs J Foster	Year 1	Mrs Donnelly/Mrs Fellows
	Mrs Allen & Mrs Donnelly		<b>Miss Dennison (new) (Mrs Stubbs)</b>
Year 1	Mrs Dowling	Year 2	Miss Fox
	Mrs Stephenson		Mrs Stephenson
Year 2	Miss Fox	Year 3	Mrs McCaffrey
	Miss Phelan		Miss Wilkinson
Year 3	Mrs Stubbs	Year 4	Mrs Dowling
	Mrs Fellow/Mrs Bone		Mrs Cook
Year 4	Mrs Cook	Year 5	Mr Thew
	Miss Wilkinson		<b>Miss Madsen (new)</b>
Year 5	Mrs McCaffrey	Year 6	Mrs Brown/Mrs Margo
	Mr Thew		Mrs Watts
Additional	Mrs Clarke	Music	
	Mrs J Foster	Additional Teaching Support - Chaplaincy	
	Mr Kennedy (Deputy Head)	School Leadership, Teaching & Learning, Curriculum Development	
	Mr Young (Assistant Head)	SENDCo, Pastoral	



# Term Dates 2022/23

<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	<b>Tuesday 6 September 2022 – Friday 21 October 2022</b>
School holiday	Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October
	<b>Monday 31 October 2022 – Thursday 22 December 2022</b>
School holiday	Friday 23 December – Friday 6 January
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	<b>Monday 9 January 2023 – Friday 17 February 2023</b>
School holiday	Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February
	<b>Monday 27 February 2023 – Friday 31 March 2023</b>
School holiday	Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April (Easter weekend 7 April – 10 April)
	<b>Monday 17 April 2023 – Friday 26 May 2023</b> ( <u>May Day Bank holiday</u> will be taken 1 May)
School holiday	Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June (Spring Bank holiday will be taken 29 May)
	<b>Monday 5 June 2023 – Thursday 20 July 2023</b> School closes for Summer on Thursday 20 July 2023





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