

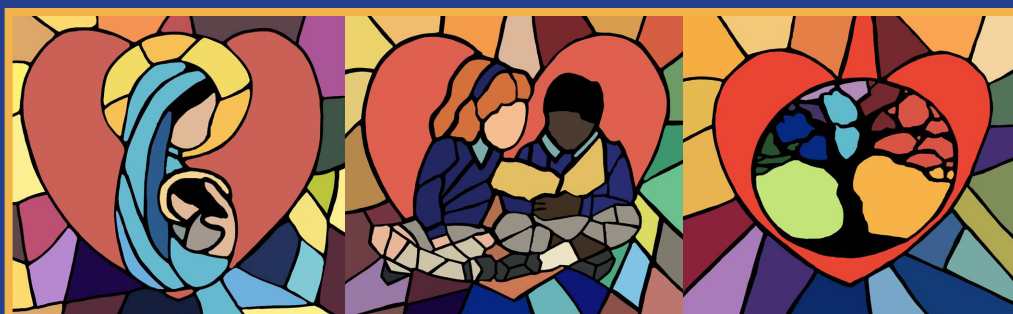
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English Martyrs'  
Catholic Primary School  
Loving Jesus, Loving Learning, Loving Life  
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## Summer Term 3a Newsletter



# A Message from Miss Elliott

As we come to the end of another fun filled half term, we look forward to our holiday when we can relax and recharge our batteries.

The children have worked very hard this half term, but I must give a special mention to our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils. They have approached their SAT's with determination and perseverance and shown great strength of character, everyone in school is very proud of them.

But remember these SAT's 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. We, at English Martyrs' school, all know our children's individual talents and gifts and rejoice in their awesomeness!

We have celebrated the Feast of English Martyrs' this term. We feel that the English Martyrs' were heroes of their day and the children have tried to follow their example to be a HERO in school and at home. (HERO – Help Everyone Respect Others).

The children had great fun celebrating King Charles III's Coronation, we had a fantastic display of Crowns made by the children. To mark the momentous occasion the children were all given a commemorative mug.

We have finished our half term by focusing of the feast of Pentecost; which our church will celebrate on Sunday 28th May. Mrs Watts and Miss Fox prepared some beautiful prayer stations which helped us to reflect on this great feast.

We hope you all have a lovely holiday - relax and enjoy!

Miss Elliott and the SLT.



# Faith in Action



As part of their ongoing 'Faith in Action Pin Award, with a focus to enhance the prayer life in our school, Year 6 have contacted the 'Catenian Rosary Group' and asked them to provide 60 rosary sets to allow all children the opportunity to pray the rosary. They also provided our school with prayer cards as well as 'Angelus' cards to encourage our children to pray the rosary regularly.

## Travelling Rosary



As May is the month of Our Lady, we have been celebrating by sending a 'travelling rosary pop up prayer box' around each class to bring us closer to God. We have been putting to good use, the Rosary beads the Year 6 children received from the 'Catenian Rosary Group'. The Rosary box has 'popped up' in each classroom for the pupils to enjoy and learn how important it is to pray, reciting the prayers and thinking about the mysteries, they have journeyed through and reflect on the life of Jesus.



# Pentecost Prayer Stations

During the last week of this half term we have been focusing on the Feast of Pentecost and the children have taken part in prayerful reflections. Interactive prayer stations have been created that have shown the symbolism of the Holy Spirit. Children from Nursery to Year 6 have taken part in an immersive prayer experience, reflecting on the meaning of Pentecost. We are very proud of our children and how they participate very respectfully and show reverence whilst they are spending time being still with God.



# Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies have created a reflective prayer garden as part of the OPAL provision. They designed, made and compiled items to help the children to reflect or have a quiet space where needed.





# Coronation Celebrations





# Year 6 Celebrations



After finishing their last SAT, Year 6 were treated to a McDonalds lunch and given their celebratory leavers hoodies.

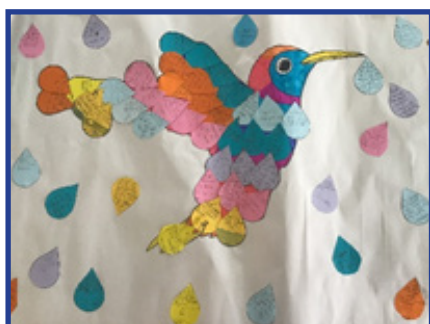
# Geography - Here and Now Team

**Our Geography 'Here and Now' team have been busy bringing global issues to the attention of all the children in school.**



## WORLD WATER DAY - 22nd March

We had a very special assembly about the need to save water supplies. The story of the hummingbird told us that each of us can play a part in reducing the amount of water we use. We also found out about children across the world who don't have access to clean water.

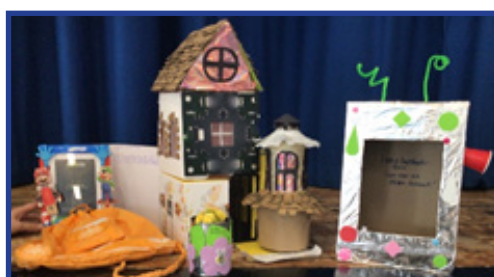
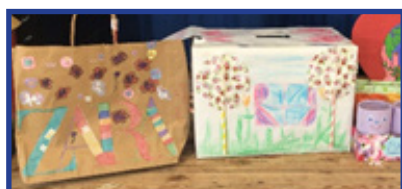


**We wrote our saving water pledges on water droplets.**



## EARTH DAY - 22nd April

We had a terrific response to our upcycling challenge to celebrate Earth Day on 22nd April. Many children spent their Easter holidays working hard and innovating to produce fantastic new products out of every day junk. Here are just some of our fabulous creations:



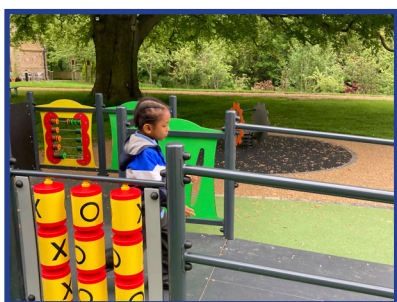


# Year 3 - Skipping



**Year 3 children attended a skipping festival at St Cuthbert's High School. They had a fantastic time and came back with some expert skills!**

## Alan Shearer Centre Visit



**Some children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 have enjoyed visiting the Alan Shearer Centre.**

# Year 6 Football



Well done to our Year 6 football team who celebrated 7-0 and 8-1 wins on route to the semi finals of the Catholic Schools Cup. Unfortunately a 4-2 defeat to St Teresa's brought an end to their excellent run. Well done to all of the players involved!

## Looking ahead...

Friday 9th June - Outdoor Classroom Day  
Saturday 10th June - First Holy Communion (10am)  
Monday 12th June - Phonics Screening Week  
Wednesday 21st June - The Big Gig (Y4 and Y5)  
Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th June - Year 6 Borrowdale Residential  
Friday 30th June - Y6 Primary Festival  
Tuesday 4th July - Sports Day  
Thursday 6th July - Y2 St Nicholas Cathedral  
Friday 7th July - Parish Mass in School (Y5 and Y6)  
Monday 10th July - Y6 Production  
Tuesday 11th July - End of Year Reports to Parents  
Wednesday 12th July and Friday 14th July - Y6 Transition Days  
Friday 14th July - Transition Morning  
Monday 17th July - Reception Graduation  
Wednesday 19th July - End of Term Mass  
Thursday 20th July - End of Term



# A Very Big Thank You

At the end of this term, we will say Goodbye and thank you to Mrs J Foster as she takes early retirement.

Mrs Foster has been a teacher at English Martyrs for the past 22 years, and she was even a pupil here too!

She has dedicated her life to nurturing and encouraging the many children who have been part of our English Martyrs' family throughout the years.

I'm sure you will join us all in wishing her a long and happy retirement.



## A Retirement Blessing

You started on this journey, so many years ago, and now it's time to leave behind dear friends you've come to know.

You sought Divine direction and a heart to do His will.

Your work became your passion, as you used your gifts and skills.

You set the highest standards for your and others too,

Showing honour, pride and dignity – they saw the best in you!

I pray God keeps you safe and well, wherever you may turn,

surrounded by your loved ones,

living out the dreams you've earned.

And in the quiet of your heart, may you hear

God softly say.....'My good and faithful servant,

I'm so proud of you this day!'