



St Anthony's Newsletter



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British Science Week

This week is British Science Week and children in all classes have been engaging in additional scientific activity. This has ranged from finding out about fingerprints to making rainbows and even volcanoes.



Children in Year 4 made rainbows and learned about refraction.

British Science Week is a ten day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and is organised by the British Science Association (BSA). To find out more and to sign up to the BSA newsletter, visit www.britishscienceweek.org

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding policy and procedures can be viewed on our website.

If you are concerned about a child please speak to one of the safeguarding team:

Mrs Macdonald

Mr Croft

Mrs Shotton

Please note that **Ms Robertson** is the designated safeguarding lead for after-school provision.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Mrs Shotton our **Special Needs** co-ordinator will be available to meet any parents during our parent-teacher meetings (see below). You are welcome to make an appointment in advance or speak to her on the day.

The online booking service is now open. Go to <https://stanthonysdulwich.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

Parental Questionnaire

Our questionnaire for parents and carers to express their views about our school is now live. We very much value your views so please take the time to complete it. The link has been sent alongside this newsletter via parentmail.

Let us know your views!

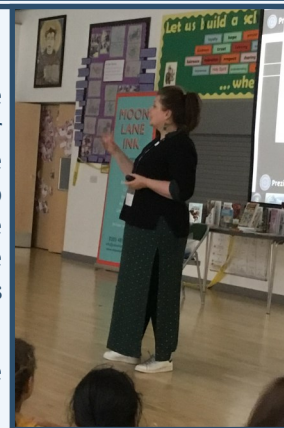
Visiting author

We were delighted to welcome author **Tamara Macfarlane** to our school this week. Over the day she was here, all children from Year 2 to Year 6 had an opportunity to be inspired by the creator of the **Amazing Esme** series and **Dylan's Amazing Dinosaurs**.

The visit was arranged to be as close as possible to World Book day.

As well as being a published author, Tamara is also the proprietor of Tales on Moon Lane, a children's bookshop.

Our Travelling Book Fair has now travelled on to another school. We would like to thank everyone who supported it (our school receives a 60% commission for new books) and to thank Mrs Slade for organising it once again.



So long (for now) Miss Checker

Today we said a temporary goodbye to Miss Checker, who is starting maternity leave. Miss Checker asked that we did not make a big fuss and give her a big send off in assembly but we would like to send her our very best wishes for the weeks ahead and look forward to her visiting us very soon.

Attendance

Congratulations to St Agnes (Y2), St George (Y4) and St Patrick (Y4) classes, who all have attendance **above 99%** this week.

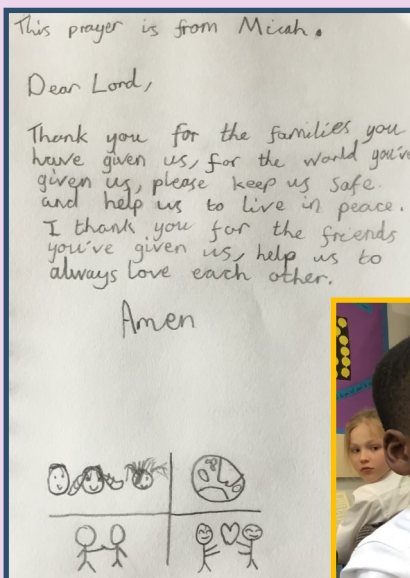
389 children have **100% attendance** this week.

Key Dates

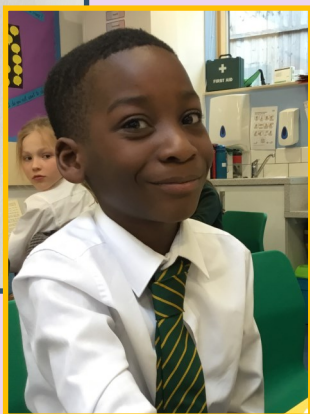
- **27th and 28th March** (Wed, Thurs): Parent-teacher meetings
- **3rd April** (Wed): Years 3 and 4 production 2pm
- **4th April**: Lent liturgy in St Thomas More Church 2pm
- **5th April**: end of term (2pm)



- ◆ The Wednesday Word this week is **ENCOURAGEMENT**
- ◆ **St John's** class will be attending the 09:30 Mass on Tuesday 12th March ([Matthew 23:1-12](#)) *You have only one teacher, Christ*
- ◆ This Sunday is the **2nd Sunday of Lent**; the Gospel is from [Luke 4:1-13](#) (*the Transfiguration*)
- ◆ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** the chaplaincy team will be leading a short liturgy every Friday lunchtime (1pm); the first was today and was very well attended
- ◆ CAFOD has a Lent calendar for children which the school will be following <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>



Thanks to Micah in St George's Class for this lovely prayer.



St Thomas More parish news

First Confession: Children preparing for first Holy Communion will make their first confession (Reconciliation) tomorrow

Stations of the Cross: every Friday at 7pm

Early Mass: 7am on Wednesdays during Lent

Sunday Mass times: Saturday 6.30 pm (vigil Mass)
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am,
12.00 noon, 5.30pm

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Religious Education

We are coming to the end of our topic exploring the **Eucharist** and parts of the Mass. Children will now be learning about **Lent and Easter** until the end of term.

In this picture, Isla and Fionn are assisting 'Father' Vwegba in a role-play in St Thomas More Church. We thank Fr Joe for helping with this.



Parking

One of our neighbours in Friern Rd has contacted us to say that some parents are parking dangerously at drop-off and pick-up times. Parents are reminded to park safely and to avoid double-parking, obstructing dropped kerbs and parking over driveways.

We have always had excellent relations with our neighbours and we look for this to continue. Senior leaders in the school will speak to any parent who has parked inconsiderately and the local police and parking wardens have assured us of increased vigilance.

FOSTAS News

Easter Egg Art Competition: sheets will be in book bags from Monday. Children donate £1 and can decorate the egg design sheet. All decorated eggs sheets will be displayed in the hall. Entries should in be by 1st April. Great prizes!

Sydenham Hill Wood Dad's Day

Sunday 24th March, Sydenham Hill Wood. A free fun day for dads and their children, organised by the London Wildlife Trust. Suitable for children of all ages. Contact Diana Wallace: dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk. Southwark residents only

Puzzle Corner

This week's puzzle comes from India and is over **1,500 years old!**

A merchant pays duty (tax) on certain goods at three different places. At the first he gives $\frac{1}{3}$ of his goods as duty/ At the second place he gives $\frac{1}{4}$ of what he has left and at the third, $\frac{1}{5}$ of the remainder. Altogether he paid a duty equivalent to 24 coins. What were his goods originally worth?

You may be interested to know that the mathematician who set this question, **Aryabhatta** (476–550 **CE**), calculated the value of pi to 3.1416 and the length of a solar year to 365.3586805.

Last week's solution: B by ten seconds