



May is the month
of Mary!

St Anthony's Newsletter

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School Journey to France

Our year 5 children spent four days in France this week immersed in French culture. Their itinerary included a visit to a boulangerie, a day in a French school with their penpals, outdoor activities with their penpals and visiting two First World War memorials (Notre Dame de Lorette and Vimy Ridge). As one of the staff who accompanied the group I can say that the children's behaviour was impeccable throughout, the centre was as clean and welcoming as ever and the warm reception we received from the children and staff at l'Ecole St Vaast in Béthune demonstrated that the *entente cordiale* is still alive and well.



St Anthony's pupils with St Vaast pupils outside the parish church of St Vaast, Béthune.

Our pupils begin to learn French in Reception and by the time they reach Year 5 they have penpals at l'Ecole St Vaast and regularly skype them in class. The visit allows them to try out the language in a very purposeful way and to develop their cultural understanding.

This is the eleventh year of the School Journey to France and we are grateful to Mme Séverine who does so much behind the scenes for it. Thanks also to Mrs Slade, Mrs Yanez, Mr

Allen and Darnell for giving up their time to come away with us.

Mr Croft

The Canadian memorial at Vimy Ridge; children also visited the preserved trenches there and saw the damage that years of shelling did to the landscape.



Dance

We are very proud of our Year 6 children who took part in a dance competition at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. The children have been practising their skills for weeks under the expert coaching of our dance teacher, Leah. They made their own banner and wore face-paints for the performance. There were many other South London schools competing but we came fifth place!

Thanks to Leah for coaching and to Mrs Orlandini for taking the children to Crystal Palace.

School will reopen on

Tuesday 4th June

Safeguarding

If you are concerned in any way about a child, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team: **Mrs Macdonald, Mr Croft, Mrs Shotton and Miss Robertson** (for after-school club).

Key Dates

- **27th-31st May:** Half-Term break
- **Mon 3rd June:** INSET day
- **Thurs 13th June:** St Anthony's Day, including Mass to celebrate First Holy Communions (time TBC)
- **24th-28th June:** Year 6 school journey (JCA)
- **Tues 9th July:** Nursery Sports Day
- **Wed 10th July:** Years 3-6 Sports Day
- **Thurs 11th July:** Years R-2 Sports Day
- **Tues 16th July:** Leavers' Evening
- **Thurs 18th July:** End of Year Mass (time TBC)
- **Fri 19th July 2pm:** End of Term



Faith Life



He is risen.

Alleluia!

- ◆ The Wednesday Word this week is **PEACE**
- ◆ This Sunday is the **6th Sunday of Easter**; the Gospel is from **John 14: 23-29** ("Peace I leave you, my own peace I give you.")
- ◆ **St John's class** will lead the assembly next Friday
- ◆ **May is the month of Mary**: children will be saying the **Hail Mary** every day during class worship
- ◆ **First Holy Communion**: our prayers and best wishes to Cian in St Peter's who will be making his first Holy Communion next month
- ◆ **Thursday 13th June**: First Holy Communion children may come to school in their special outfits for **Mass in school** (parents welcome, morning mass time TBC)

Dear Lord,
We thank you for the things we
are lucky to have: our friends,
our family and our special
school and church community.
Bless everyone during the half
term and keep them safe.
Amen.



Thanks to Ann in
St Patrick's Class
(Y4) for this
lovely prayer.



St Thomas More parish news

The Manna Centre: the parish is collecting for the Manna Centre (school collects for it at Harvest time): non perishables, clothing and toilet rolls may be left in the box at the back of church
www.mannasociety.org.uk/

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

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Gymnastics



Some of our Year 3 and 4 children participated in a gymnastics competition at Brunswick Park School.

"Year 3/4 went to South London to compete in a gymnastics competition. There were 11 schools competing and we came 3rd. We did very well!" (Cahal, St George's class)

Music



Year 3 and 4 children performed a recorder recital this week. They have all been learning the recorder under the tuition of Mr Beeney. We are grateful to Southwark Music Services for providing subsidised tuition, which allows all Year 3 and 4 children to learn an instrument.

Missing trumpet: A trumpet has gone missing—please check that your child has not brought one home. If you find it, please inform the school office.

Puzzle Corner

Which number gives the same result when added to $1\frac{1}{2}$ as when multiplied by $1\frac{1}{2}$?

Last week's solution: 37