



St Anthony's Newsletter

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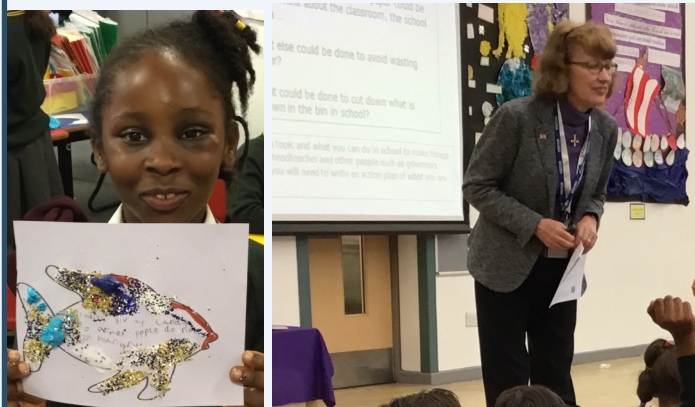
International Women's Day

Today we welcomed Group Captain Nicola Thomas OBE, who studied Aeronautical Engineering at Loughborough.

She was the RAF's first ever female commander of a Tornado bomber squadron, taking command of over 250 RAF staffers.

Nicola talked in assembly about her achievements and children were encouraged to follow their dreams.

Repent and believe the Good News



Ash Wednesday was set aside as a whole school day of reflection. We welcomed Ruth Sinclair-Jones from CAFOD to talk about the Give it up campaign and throughout the day children were involved in activities around Lent. In the afternoon we came together for a beautiful liturgy, led by the Chaplaincy Team.

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.

Safeguarding

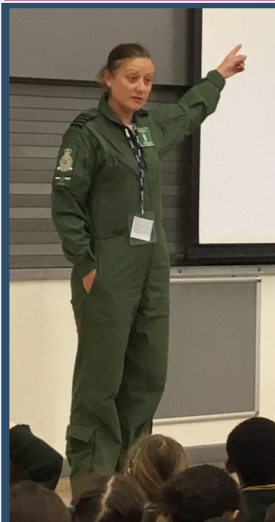
The school works closely with the Southwark Safeguarding Children Board, which has a comprehensive website that parents and carers might find interesting. For more information about the board, see <http://safeguarding.southwark.gov.uk>

Community Clean

Local community group Plastic Free East Dulwich is running its next Community Clean event on **Sunday 10th March** at **Dawson's Heights**. They will be meeting at **11.30am at the Dunstan's Road entrance**. Gloves, litter pickers and bags provided. Just bring yourselves, friends and families to help clean up this local beauty spot. www.facebook.com/PlasticFreeEastDulwich
www.instagram.com/PlasticFreeEastDulwich

Key Dates

- **12th March:** Class photographs
- **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)



World Book Day

On Thursday this week the school celebrated World Book Day. Children and staff dressed up as characters from books and every child received a book token. Mrs Slade arranged for the travelling Boot Fair to be with us at the same time and children can redeem their book tokens at the fair (or any other bookseller). The school receives 60% commission on all books sold, to be used to replenish reading areas in classrooms.

Attendance

Congratulations children in St Patrick's Class, who have achieved **100% attendance** this week. Attendance across the school is **98.38%** which is above average.

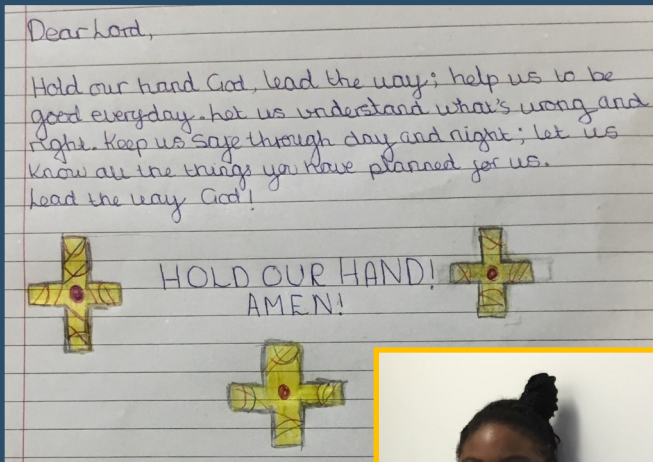


Photographs

Make sure your children are extra smart for the class photographs on **Tuesday 12th March**.



- ◆ The Wednesday Word this week is **LENT**
- ◆ **Fr Gerry** joined us for our **Ash Liturgy** this week
- ◆ **St Clare's** class will be attending the 09:30 Mass on Tuesday 12th March (**Matthew 6:7-15** *Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray*)
- ◆ This Sunday is the **1st Sunday of Lent**; the Gospel is from **Luke 4:1-13** (*Jesus in the desert*)
- ◆ Children are being encouraged to do without some things this Lent so that they can raise funds for **CAFOD**: boxes have been sent home
- ◆ CAFOD has a Lent calendar for children which the school will be following <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>
- ◆ As a school we will be working towards achieving the CAFOD **Laudato Si Award** for sustainability



Thanks to Elizabeth in St Paul's Class for this lovely prayer.



St Thomas More parish news

Stations of the Cross: every Friday at 7pm

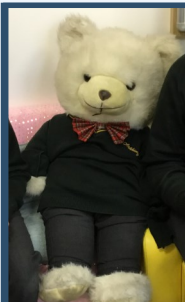
Early Mass: 7am on Wednesdays during Lent

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

Parish email: dulwich@rcas.org

Visiting Author

On Wednesday 13th March, **Tamara Macfarlane**, author of the Amazing Esme series, will be visiting St Anthony's. If you wish to pre-order a signed copy of one of her books, please pick up a flier from the school office.



Reading Bear named

Our DEAR (drop everything and read) bear was, sadly, nameless last week. Now, thanks to Mia in St Therese class, she has a name. The bear's name is Phoebe.

When Phoebe enters a class, everyone reads for ten minutes.

Anyone for tennis?

Some of our Year 3 children went to a tennis skills day at the Geraldine Mary Harmsworth sports facility at the Elephant and Castle. They learned a lot from the tennis coaches. Who knows, we may have a future Wimbledon Champion in our midst!



FOSTAS News

Last weeks FOSTAS Cake Sale made a healthy **£287.50**, thank you to everyone who baked and brought cakes.

Next FOSTAS fundraising event will be the Easter Egg colouring competition; more details in next weeks newsletter.

Football Results

St Anthony's 1—0 Pilgrims' Way

A big **WELL DONE** to our football teams in the Southwark Schools League.

Puzzle Corner

Last week's solutions

A = 6, B = 9, C = 8