



# St Anthony's Newsletter



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## Year 2 visit the Monument

Despite the poor weather, Year 2 children travelled to London Bridge today to visit the Monument to the Great Fire of London (better known as "the Monument"). This structure was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and is nearly 350 years old.

*Interesting fact: The inscription at the foot of the Monument originally blamed Catholics for the Great Fire! (Fortunately, the words of blame were removed in 1830.)*



## Champion Readers!



A **record number** of St Anthony's children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge and this week we received a special award from Southwark Council to congratulate the children for taking part. There were **more** readers enrolled from our school than from any other school in the borough!

## Workshops for parents (all welcome)

The first of our series of workshops will be next week.

**Handwriting** (Pam Hulme)

Either: **Tues 19th Nov 6.00pm (St Thomas Classroom)**

Or: **Thurs 21st Nov 9.00am (small hall)**

Forthcoming:

Tues 26th/Thurs 28th Nov: **Phonics**

Tues 3rd/Thurs 5th Dec: **Spellings**

## Priest's references: Fr Gerry surgery

Fr Gerry will be available in the **John Paul Centre** on **Saturday 16th November 10.30-11.30am** to sign **Nursery and Reception** applications.

## Parents' Evenings: Thank You!

Thanks to all parents who attended this week to discuss their children's progress. If you have not yet completed our **online survey** please follow the link sent out in this weekend's **parentmail**.

## Mufti Day next Friday

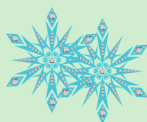
Children can come to school in their **own clothes** next Friday. In return they should bring an **'affordable gift for a parent'** which will allow children at the School Fair to buy something for their parents' Christmas presents.

**Decorated jars** should be filled with sweets and brought in to school by Thursday 28th November. Prize for the best jar!



**Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 30th November**



## Steve McQueen Year 3

Last school year, artist Steve McQueen invited every Year 3 (now in Year 4) pupil in London to have their photograph taken by a team of specially trained Tate photographers.

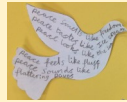
The exhibition has now opened at Tate Britain. It is free to enter and families are very welcome to go along. We are waiting to hear from the gallery where exactly the St Anthony's photo is displayed (see next week's newsletter).

## Key Dates

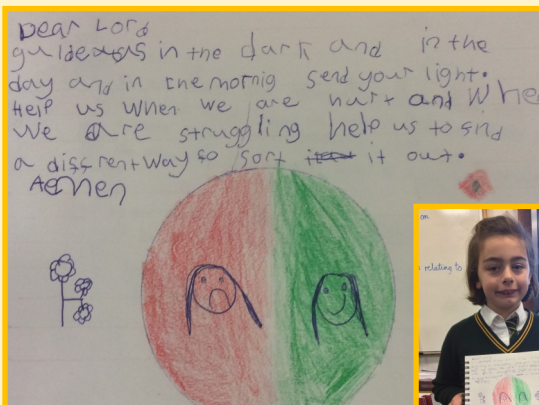
- Fri 22nd Nov: **Mufti day** (bring a gift for the 'gifts for parents' stall, Christmas Fair)
- 29th Nov: **accessorize your uniform day/** Christmas jumpers (bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair)
- Sat 30th Nov 12noon-3pm: **Christmas Fair**
- Tues 10th Dec: School **Nativity Play**
- Thurs 19th Dec: **End of Term** 2pm



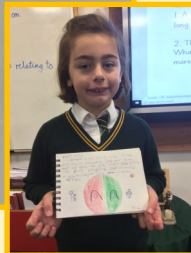
## Faith Life



- ♦ The Wednesday Word is **FAITHFULNESS**
- ♦ This Sunday is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and **World Day of the Poor (Luke 21: 5-19)** : *Jesus warns us to beware of false prophets)*
- ♦ **St Bernadette's** class will lead the **assembly next Friday**
- ♦ **St Patrick's** class will join the parish for **Mass** at St Thomas More next Tuesday at 09:30
- ♦ November is the month of remembrance: children are being invited to write in a class book the names of loved ones who have died and who will be remembered in our prayers



Thanks to Anna in Year 4 for this lovely prayer.



## St Thomas More parish news

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

**Children's Liturgy:** during the 10am Mass

**Parish Advent Service** – Sunday 1 December at 3pm.  
Readings, hymns and prayers to mark the beginning of Advent.

Parish email: [dulwich@rcasos.org.uk](mailto:dulwich@rcasos.org.uk)  
Telephone: 020 8693 5070  
<http://www.stthomasmorechurch.co.uk/>

## Safeguarding: Anti-Bullying Week



This week the school has had a special focus on addressing bullying behaviour. There have been dedicated lessons every day (including odd socks day on Tuesday) for children and adults to consider ways we can make St Anthony's an even safer place for everyone. The motto for the week was 'change starts with us'.

## Judaism



Children across the school have been learning about Judaism this week. In the above photo Year 4 children are learning from Pat, a local resident and regular reader at St Anthony's. Pat talked about the Torah (first 5 books of the Bible) and the coming of age rites of bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah. She brought several artefacts for the children to see such as candlesticks made by her great uncle (later a victim of the Holocaust) and kippahs (skullcaps) for the children to wear.

Right: Children from Year 3 visited the Catford and Bromley United Synagogue to support their learning about the special place of the Torah in a synagogue.



## Remembrance Liturgy



On Monday (Armistice Day), we had a special Remembrance Liturgy in school and at 11.00, children observed a 2 minute silence. Children made poppy wreaths to place on the prayer table and the hall is decorated with poppies made by every child.

## Puzzle Corner

Use the digits 1 to 9 once and once only to make two multiplication sums which have the same answer (a new set of nine digits for each multiplication).

Answer to 1st November puzzle:  
**43** (Well done Deborah in Year 5, who persevered and got there!)

	4	6	
7	1	8	2
	3	5	

Answer to last week's puzzle

