



St Anthony's Newsletter

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*May is
the month
of Mary*

"...amongst the top 3% of primary schools in the country!"

From a letter received from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP; based on pupil progress in reading, writing and maths from the end of Year 2 to the end of Year 6.



Bring flowers of the rarest...

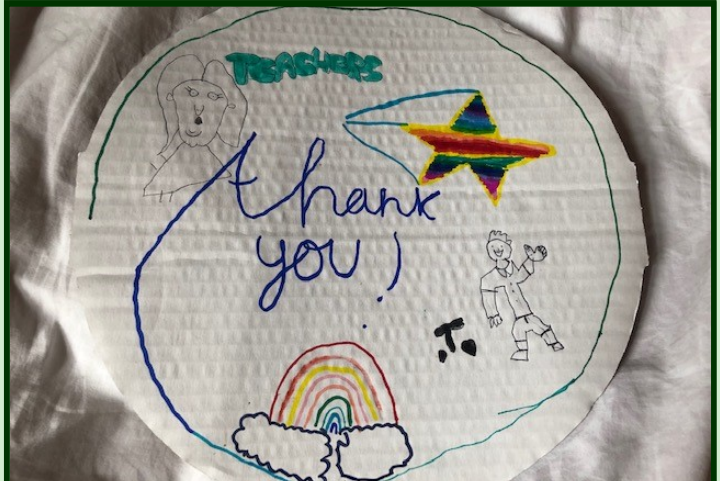
As we leave April, refreshed at last by the long awaited showers, we enter May, month of Mary, with its beautiful flowers and blossoms to honour her.

Despite the lockdown, many families have been able to get outdoors for fresh air and recreation. This is a wonderful time of year to stop and notice nature around us. Whether it is listening to the birds, growing vegetables or lifting a stone to see the grubs, it is difficult not to be awed by the beauty of creation.

If you are fortunate enough to have a garden or a balcony, children can easily immerse themselves in what is going on. Even without a garden, however, there are many opportunities to appreciate wildlife in our parks and streets.

Whichever way you choose to do it, take time over the coming week to enjoy this most beautiful month.

Have a good weekend!



Rosa in Year 5 sent in this lovely picture to thank the school for supporting families through the lockdown. Thanks should also go to all parents and carers who are educating their children at home, often with very limited resources. This combined and concerted effort has provided some amazing learning opportunities for our children.

Thankyou!

Well done Bussa!

We would like to say a big WELL DONE to Bussa in Year 5, whose short story, **A Day in East London**, has been selected to go through to the second round of judging in the **BBC 500 Words** competition.



Of 135,000, only 5,000 entries were selected.

Hopefully Bussa will allow us to publish his story in the newsletter so everyone can read it.

Condolences if you entered and were not selected. Try again next time!



Music resources

Music in St Anthony's is supported by the Southwark Music Hub, particularly Miss Yanni, who teaches Years 3 and 4 and runs our choir. She has sent through some great singing-game videos from NYCOS (National youth choir of Scotland). Try them out!

Tumbai - A song with some body percussion that you will really have to concentrate on!

<https://youtu.be/9mJBIEs1-z0>

Go round the mountain - A fun cup and song game.

<https://youtu.be/0YQwb1CZAik>

Here goes a red bird - You will need something small like a ball for this. Can you speed up once you've learnt it off by heart?

<https://youtu.be/dJ6SRShjW-Q>



Faith Life



- **Wednesday Word** this week is **FOLLOW** (the Wednesday Word has been sent, with permission, as a pdf to families)
- This Sunday is the **4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)** the Gospel for the day is John 10: 1-10 ("I am the gate; anyone who enters through me will be safe.")
- **May** is traditionally a month when we honour **Mary**; in a recent letter to the Faithful, **Pope Francis** encourages us to say the **rosary** at home this month and has provided two additional prayers that may also be said (a copy of the letter has been emailed to parents and can also be found on the Vatican News website <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>)
- **Year of the Word**: this week comes from **Psalms 32: 5-6** (the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass)

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.

St Thomas More Parish News

The church is currently closed due to the Covid-19 outbreak, however Fr Gerry is saying Mass privately in the church every day at 7.30am.

Sunday liturgy TenTen has prepared a Sunday liturgy for families that is free and easy to use: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/> (also sent by email to parents)

CAFOD have similarly prepared a **children's liturgy**: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Mass from the National Shrine at Walsingham: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Weekly offering—please help: if you are a regular attender at St Thomas More, please would you consider setting up a standing order to continue your support of the parish. The monthly outgoings are considerable and without the weekly collections it's going to get tricky. If you're able to help the details are:

St Thomas More Church
Sort code 60-23-19
Account number 44136757

Manna Society—please help

The Manna Society runs the Manna Centre to care for homeless people in our borough. As a school we support the centre annually by collecting food, toiletries and clothing (for our harvest appeal).

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak the centre has been closed since Tuesday 31st March. Although they cannot work face to face with clients they are still able to help in a number of ways, including offering a telephone hotline and providing around 60 hot meals a day (delivered by Southwark Council to those in need).

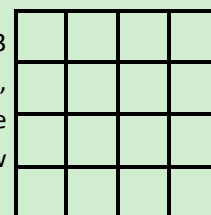
The society desperately needs money. Any help that you can give would be very much appreciated. If you are able to do so the quickest way to donate would be online (<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/7580#!/DonationDetails>) or you can send a cheque (The Manna Society, 12 Melior Street, London SE1 3QP).

<https://www.mannasociety.org.uk/>

Puzzle Corner

Maths

Using 4 red, 3 blue, 3 green, 3 yellow and 3 black counters, arrange them so that no two of the same colour are in the same row or column.



General knowledge

Who is this person?

Words

A palindrome word is a word that reads the same back-to-front (e.g. mum, level). What is the longest palindrome you can think of?

Last week's solutions:

Maths: Only the squares of prime numbers (4, 9, 25 etc)

General knowledge: Ben Nevis

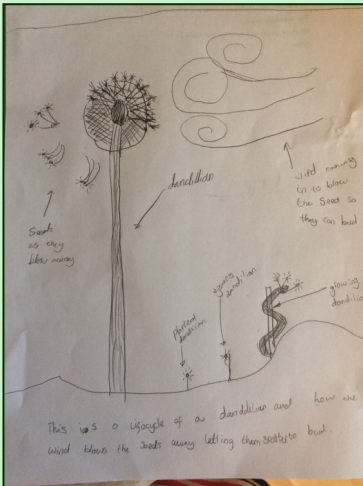
Words: well done if you made the 9 letter word ADVENTURE

There are plenty of mathematical challenges and games on the Nrich site: <https://nrich.maths.org/covid19>

Safeguarding: useful numbers

Southwark duty desk (all safeguarding matters and enquiries) 020 7525 1921 020 7525 5000 (out of hours)

The Gallery



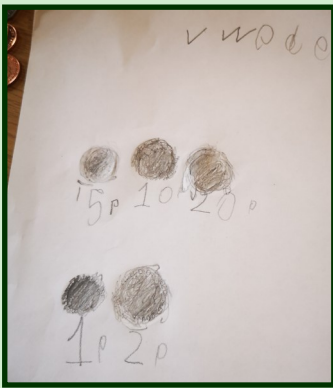
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Sophie Y1



Roberto Y1



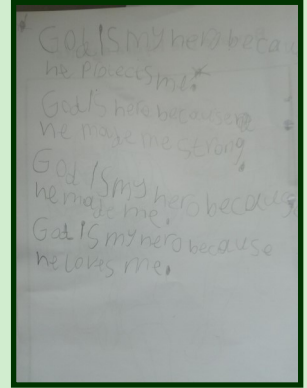
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Kaiyan Y1



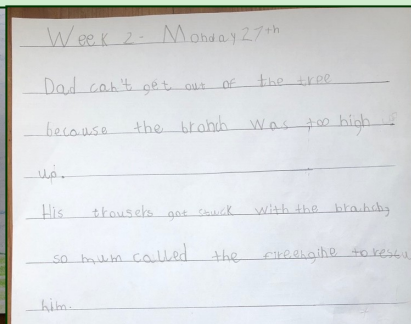
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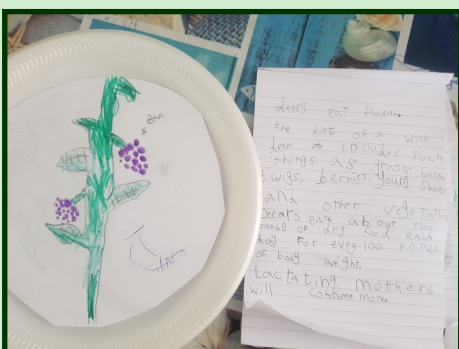
Chino Y1



Alessandro Y1



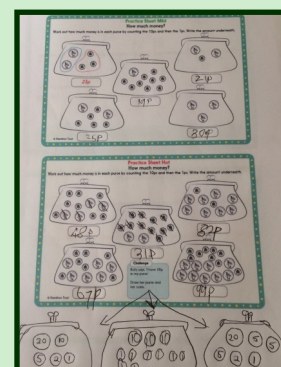
Oisin Y1



Callum Y1



Eliza Y1



Henry Y1



Freida Y1



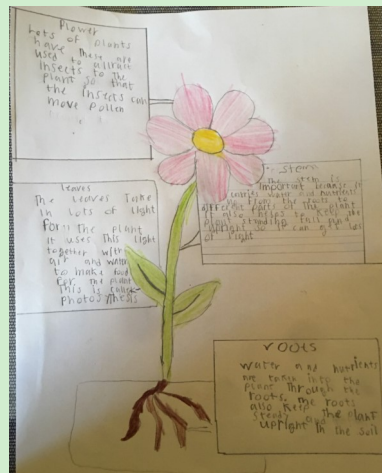
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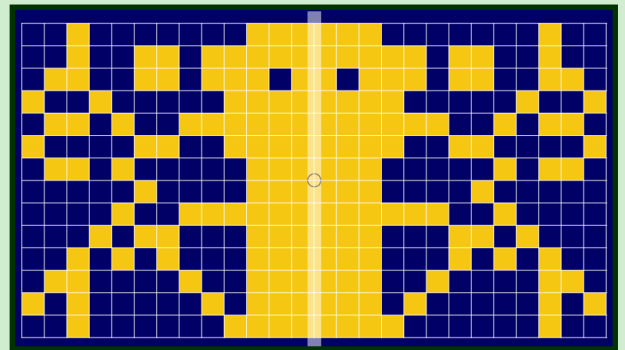
Sorcha Y3



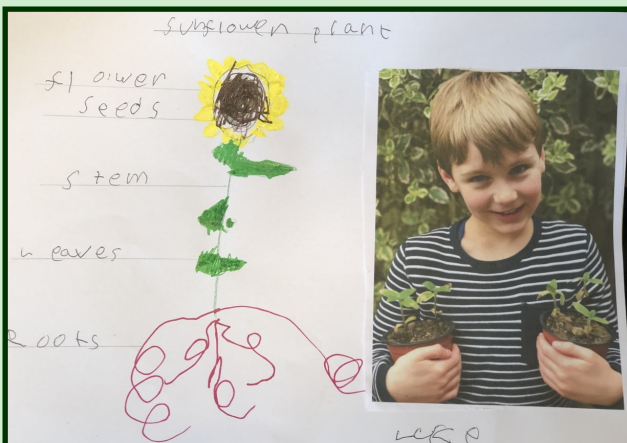
Alex Y3



Ismael Y3



Isla Y3



Luke Y2



Ishmael Y2



Eri Reception



Daniel Reception



Betty Y4



Yael Y4




Seren Y4

The magnificent, shadowy elephant stomped across the jungle, whilst the sun fought to break through the leaves.

The glistening, orange-scaled goldfish splashed at the surface of the water while the sun shone down on its translucent fins.

The miniature, lime cricket positioned itself ready to leap in mid-air.

The curious, determined bear lumbered towards the seal, which was frozen with fear.



Noah Y4



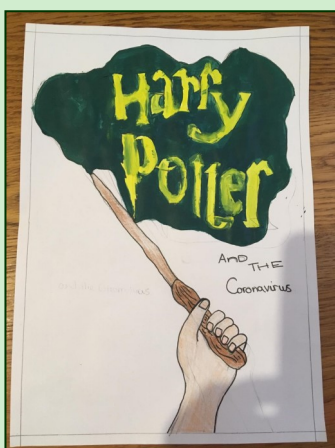
Jake Y5



Jonny Y1



Thomas Y5



Lola Y6



Onyx-Elie Y1



Zion Y2