



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.



Phased Return

With the government's intention for schools to begin the process of a phased return for some children from 1st June, we are now putting together a plan that will best suit the needs of our community, in terms of health, safety and well-being. The process of reopening will therefore be very gradual; we will start by admitting a small number of additional pupils on the 1st June and build up from there.

Mrs Hawthorne has emailed a detailed letter to all families today, describing the return process. What parents must be aware of is that the school day will be markedly different from how it was before lockdown. Not all children will be able to return straightaway and those that do will be in small, separate hubs.

So that we can begin to prepare for this partial reopening, the INSET day has been brought forward from 1st June to next Friday, 22nd May. Teachers will be offline and there will be no school-work set for that day. There will however, be lessons prepared for Monday 1st June.

On returning to school, children will only socialise only with other children in their hub (including lunch, which will be in the classroom) and there will be any extended school provision (breakfast and after-school).

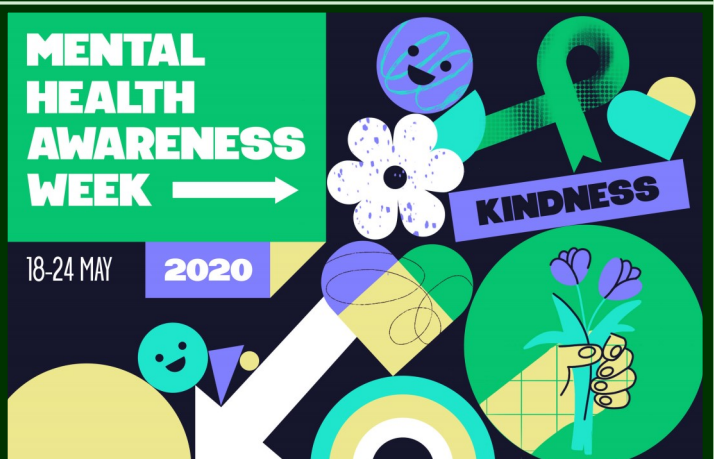
If we are able to open the school for your child, we will contact you. As the term progresses we hope to be able to accommodate more, but note this will be a very gradual process.

Have a good weekend!

Staying alert and safe

With more warm weather forecast, it would be tempting to meet up with friends in the park or back garden. Remember that these are regarded as public gatherings and are currently prohibited by law. For more information on the current restrictions refer to the latest government publication Staying alert and safe

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/>



Next week is mental health awareness week. We have added resources to the website (see Mental Health on the Distance Learning tab) including an informative powerpoint and a story by 'Pip' about the challenges of the Coronavirus.

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

Online Safety

The lockdown period has shown just how important it is to be online for both learning and socialising. The risk for online abuse, however, is always present and parents must be prepared for such a possibility. **Thinkuknow** is the education programme from NCA-CEOP (the child protection command of the National Crime Agency), a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



Faith Life



- **Wednesday Word** this week is **HELPER**
- This Sunday is the **6th Sunday of Easter** the Gospel for the day is John 14: 15—21 (*The spirit of truth is in those who love God*)
- **Ascension Thursday** this Thursday
- **The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales** website has some excellent links for prayer and online masses <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>
- **May** is traditionally a month when we honour **Mary**; Pope Francis has suggested two additional prayers to be said at the end of the rosary; these are included in a letter from Pope Francis (attached to parentmail)
- **Year of the Word: John 14: 2**

There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so.

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 <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

children's liturgy: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

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

Prayers needed

We heard this week that a parent of a Year 5 pupil is seriously ill in hospital. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers, as ever, go to all families who are directly affected by the pandemic.

Safeguarding: useful numbers

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

Manna Society—please help

The society provides much need help to homeless people in South London and now 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/>



While schools and museums are closed, The Horniman Museum iSchools team have created online resources to help support learning at home. There are 5 curriculum-linked Home Learning videos that are now available to watch on YouTube. Follow exciting challenges inspired by the Museum's Collections, Galleries and Aquarium.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVLBYq1ay8T5iVqsBOqtst_VGLPLb6a00

Puzzle Corner

Maths Cross out 2 boxes, so that each line horizontally and vertically adds up to a multiple of 5

1	2	4	8
5	3	2	3
7	7	1	6
2	6	3	9

General knowledge



Who is this? (She was born 200 years ago this week.)

Words 'moon starrer' is an anagram of what?

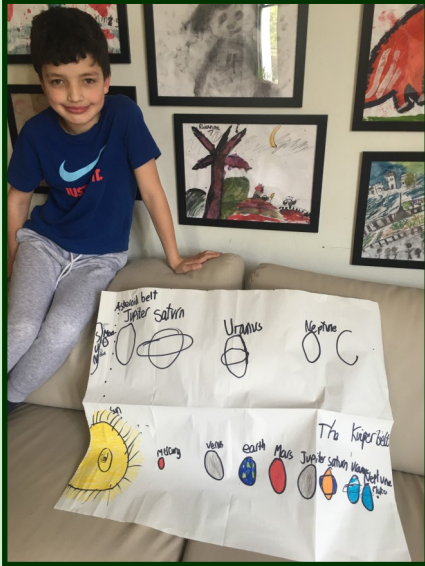
Last week's solutions:

Maths: 27 cuts

General knowledge: Napoleon Bonaparte (was imprisoned on the Island of Elba)

Words: Was it a car or a cat I saw? (and many others)

The Gallery



Bussa Y5



Moses Y5



Nana (Y5) and Akua (Y3)

Story of Ananse and the birds

The story begins when the sun decides to lift the gravity. The dusty, mountains lifted slowly upwards. The birds are terrified. They had never felt something so awkward before. Even the wise, old owl said he had never felt something so.....weird as he was 84 years old in that amount of lifetime nothing as Strange as that had happened.

The bright, yellow, beaming, hot sun let out a CRACKLING laugh as the creatures which were really unhappy and stressed as the owl (who wasn't helping) kept reminding them that nothing worse in 84 years had happened to this island. Feathers were falling from the birds, as they got sucked, nearer and nearer to the sun. While all the ants and the creatures were holding onto roots from the tree as they were scared for their life, but they would die. Some animals were going up others happily going down.

While the sun was just enjoying himself thinking playing with the gravity from earth is the funniest thing he had ever done. He decided to swap it from the moon's gravity. To him it was fun, as he would just grab his big arms out and would force the moon to come to him it was also like a solar eclipse, but worse.

Then the old owl had a great idea it was to grab the silly old farmer who once ruled to the farm but then he died. He had all the potions in his draw, but the only thing is that the owl could not reach the draw. So, the owl knocked over the counter and all the important potions went down the mouse's cubby hole. He couldn't get it. Then the overweight mouse came out and said "What Do you want?" as he lifted his huge stomach up and on to the table. The owl repeated I would like those potions he said. The mouse replied "NO THEY ARE MINE,

Ben the eagle swooped down from the highest mountain peak in the whole of the island as he was an eagle. He glided down through the air soaring through the clouds until he finally came across the mouse he persuaded and persuaded the mouse. Then he did his angry face and the mouse did nothing.

But just then the eagle, was slowly losing grip the mouse started laughing as it was so fat like a stone it could just sit at the bottom. But it was not laughing for long until the sun got all the planets together and immersed them into each other. It had made a great force that lifted the world.

He the sun was now evil.....



By Thomas

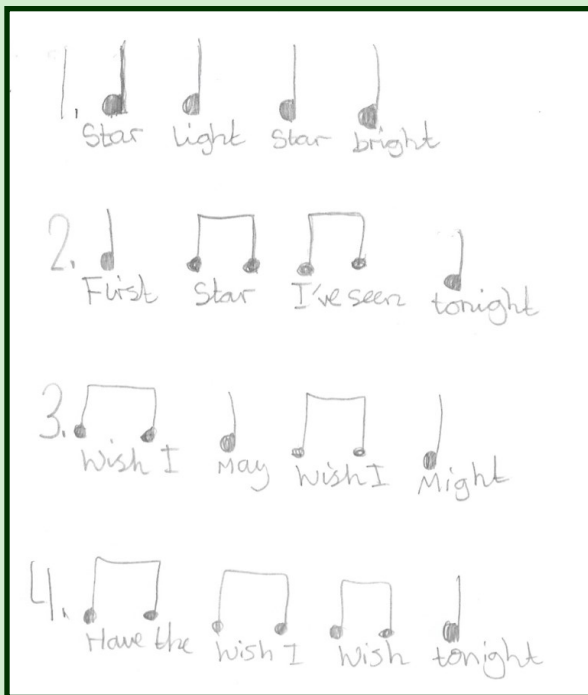
Thomas Y4



Daniel and Ishmael, Reception and Y2



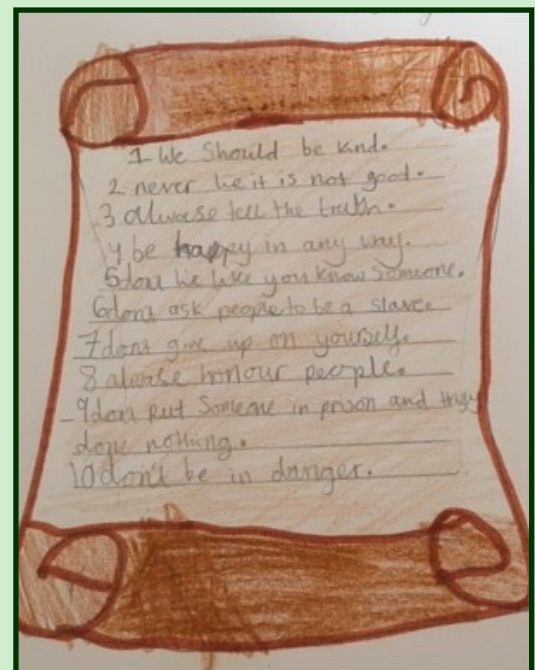
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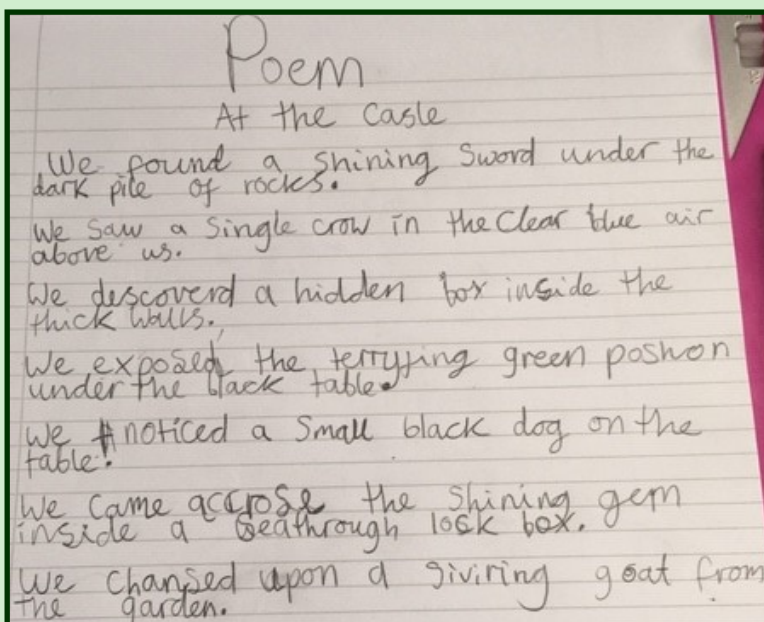
Estelle Y4



Lamek Y1



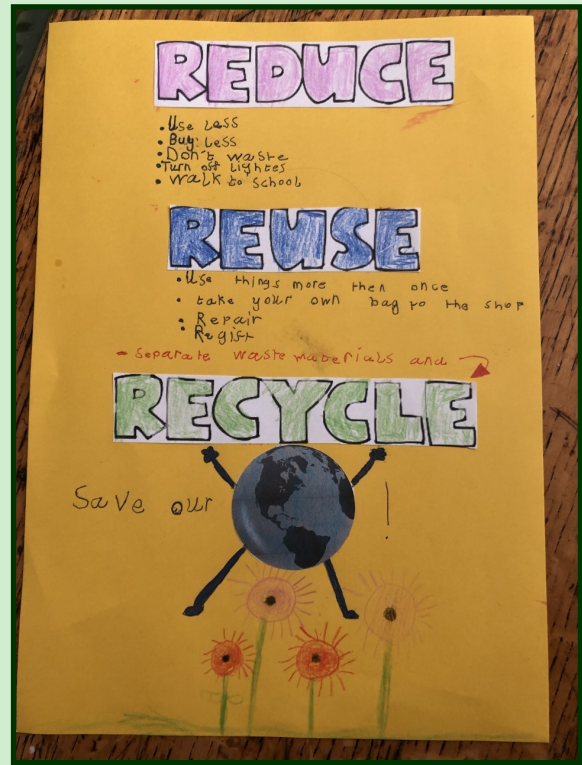
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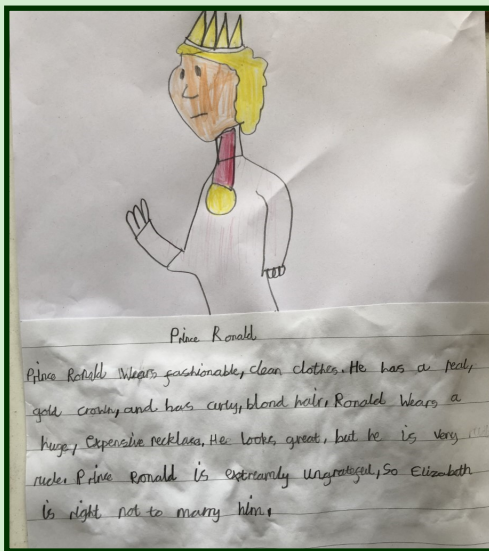
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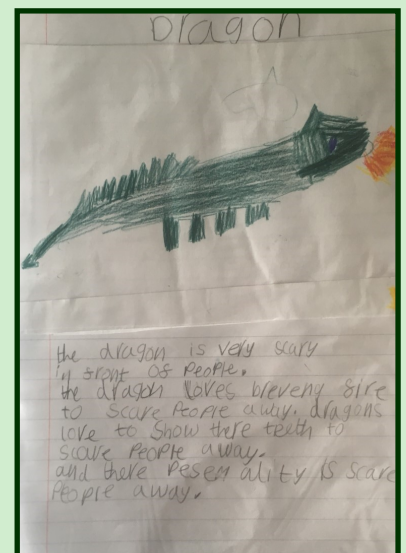
Gabriel Y2



Ishmael Y2



Betty Y4



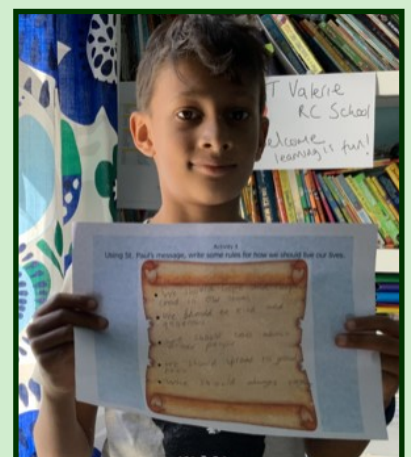
Tilly Y2



Yael Y4



Katie Y5



Tobias Y4