

St Anthony's Newsletter

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Friday 3rd July 2020

*Feast of
St Thomas
the Apostle*

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"...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.

This week we opened two hubs of Year 5 children, taking the total number of hubs to 13 and we will be opening two more hubs for Year 3 and 4 next week. After this there will be no further hubs opening before the end of term. All our classrooms and the hall will be in use and there will be around 220 pupils on site (which is just over half of the number on roll). We understand that not everyone who wished to will have returned to school and we are grateful to parents for being so understanding.

We held two more webinars for parents this week and last weekend we had our first quiz webinar for families. These were well received and we received some lovely feedback.

Today is the feast of St Thomas the Apostle, who doubted the risen Christ then went on to evangelise India, where he was eventually martyred. Many of our families of Indian heritage will be celebrating today and we wish everyone a happy St Thomas' day.

Have a good weekend!

Happy Birthday NHS!

On Sunday 5 July, the day the NHS was founded, the whole country is invited to come together at 5pm to applaud all those who have been helping us through the pandemic and recognise the vital community connections that continue to support us all.

Be sure to make some noise!

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child in St Anthony's please speak to Mrs Macdonald or Mr Croft (Mrs Hawthorne may also be contacted).

Anyone can contact Southwark MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) at any time:

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

- email: mash@southwark.gov.uk

Virtual Sports Challenge

In place of our usual Sports Day, we are holding a virtual sports challenge for all pupils to complete at home. The details will be on the school website from Sunday—look out for the 'celebrities' featuring in the 5 Ring Challenge!

Quiz

Thanks to everyone who took part in our online quiz last weekend. It was good fun and a lovely way to bring our community together.

Congratulations to the Alauddin family who were the winners.

The new school year

We held a webinar for parents this week outlining our plans for September (subject to change). The term starts on **Wednesday 2nd September** for all children in Years 1 to 6 (Reception: Tues 8th; Nursery: Tues 15th). Children will be in class hubs of 30 and there will be a staggered start and end of the school day. For more information see the powerpoint that was emailed to parents this week.

Secondary Transfer

The secondary transfer webinar was well attended and senior leaders from many of the local Catholic secondary schools introduced themselves and gave a little information about their schools. Most schools will be conducting virtual tours if physical tours are not possible. Information about secondary transfer has been emailed to parents.

Key Dates

Tuesday 21 July 2pm: End of Term

Tuesday 1 September: INSET Day

Wednesday 2 September: Y1-6 Start of Term

Wednesday 8 September: Reception start

Wednesday 15 September: Nursery start

Faith Life



- **Wednesday Word** this week is **COMPANION**
- This Sunday is **the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A**
- Gospel: Matthew 11: 25—30 (*Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.*)
- Today is the feast of **St Thomas the Apostle**
- **The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales** website has some excellent links for prayer and online masses <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

Year of the Word



I will refresh the weary and feed the hungry.

Jeremiah 31:25

St Thomas More Parish News

Mass

Public Masses will resume this Sunday. There is a restriction of **60 people** in St Thomas More church. Individuals will need to keep a 2metre distance from others but members of the same household may sit together.

During communion, face the minister with arms outstretched. The minister will give communion but will not say, 'The Body of Christ'. Communion is to be received in reverent silence.

Mass Times

- Sunday: Vigil 6.30pm Saturday, 8.30am, 10.00am, 12 noon & 5.30pm
- Monday–Friday: 9.30am
- Saturday: 9.30am (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am)

The church is open daily from 9am to 12 noon for private prayer

Weekly Offering: At this difficult time parish income is considerably reduced. If you do not already have a Standing Order for the parish, please consider setting one up, the details are: **St Thomas More Church, Sort code 60-23-19 Account number 44136757**. Thank you.

Fr Gerry will be retiring as parish priest this summer.

Mass in church

Archbishop John Wilson has reminded us that there is currently **no obligation** for Catholics to attend Mass on a Sunday.



"We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people."

To enable Masses to happen, several measures will be in place:

- **Restricted numbers**
- **Hand sanitizers used on entry**
- **Physical distancing**
- **No singing**
- **Omission of bidding prayers**
- **Omission of the sign of peace**
- **Communion on the hand and in silence**
- **Shortened service**

(There remains also the option of joining a streamed mass online)

"When Jesus is your companion, you have joy, calmness and happiness."

Pope Francis

Mufti Day

Friday 17 July will be mufti day for children in school. Children at home will also be permitted to wear their own clothes!

Puzzle Corner

Maths

What is $34 \times 15 \times 59 \times 12 \times 0 \times 78 \times 31$? (do it in your head!)

General knowledge

What will people be celebrating in the USA tomorrow?

Words: identify this word from its anagram
voices rant on

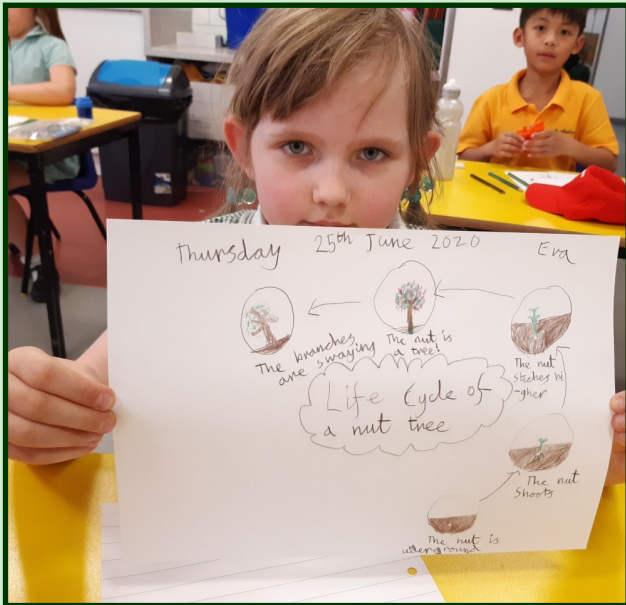
Last week's solutions:

Maths: 2kg

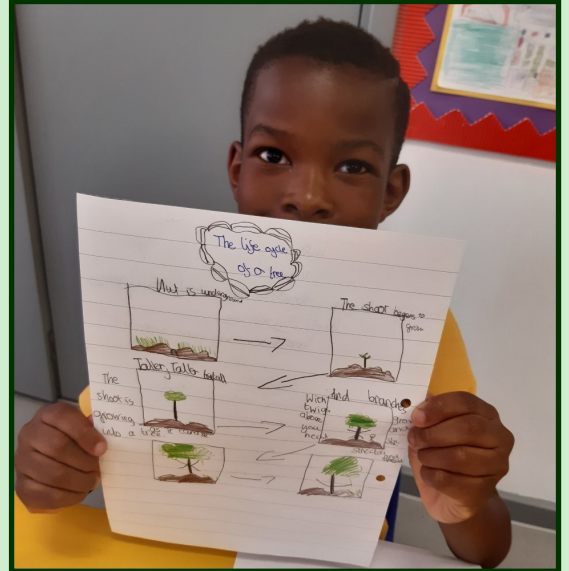
General knowledge: George Stephenson, engineer who built the first passenger railways

Words: butter and gutter

The Gallery



Eva, Y2



Doren, Y2



Trinity, Y4



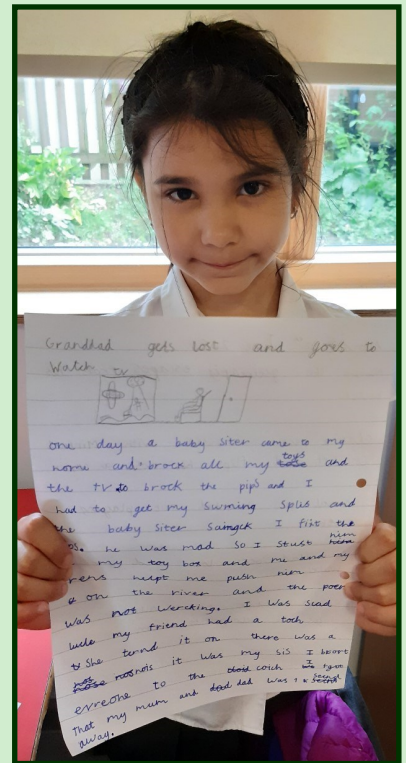
Mia, Y2



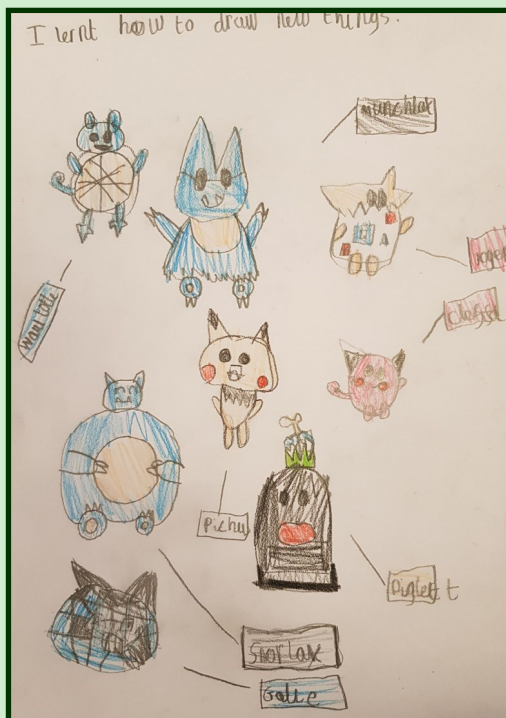
Yael, Y4



Year 1 hub: Bedtime for Monsters



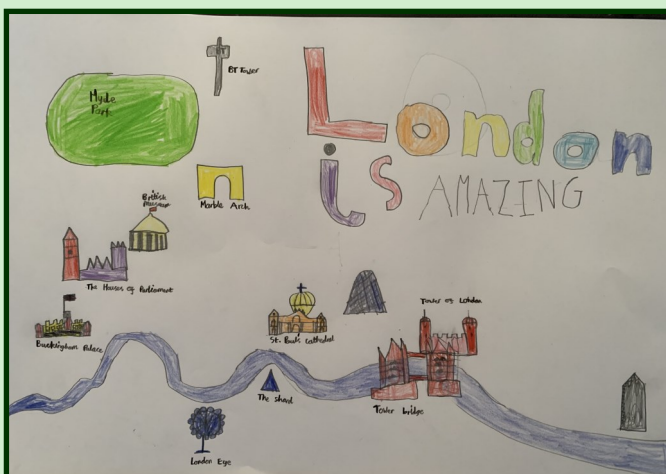
Laura, Y2



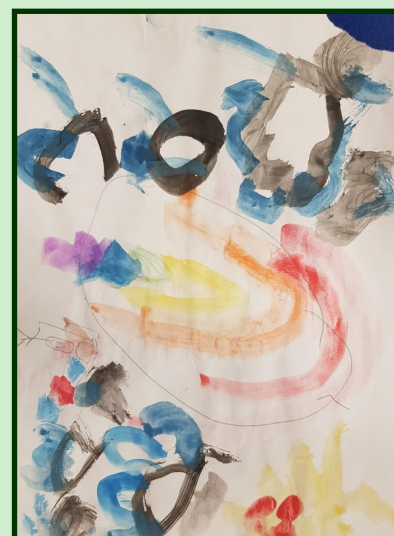
Johan, Y2



Mia, Y2



Ishmael, Y2



Luke, Y2

Freida, Y2