



St Anthony's Newsletter

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Month of the Rosary

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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.

We have finally reached the end of September, the first month of the academic year. In this month children (and staff) have become re-accustomed to the usual routines of school life: assembly, lessons, play and lunch breaks. Of course, this year it has all been slightly different as every activity has been Covid-19 risk-assessed and adapted. What has not changed, however, is the sense of enjoyment and achievement felt by the pupils. Over the last 4 weeks they have built up their stamina and resilience and there is already visible progress in all areas across the school.

The school website continues to be updated so please regularly check the interactive section, where teachers are loading additional resources should children need to learn from home.

Autumn is now well under way, the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. If you get an opportunity, go outside with your child and look at the changes that are happening in nature at this time of year.

Have a good weekend!

Lost Property

Please ensure that all children's clothing is clearly labelled with their name. Check also that your child has brought home the correct jumper!

Safeguarding – safer internet

Children have been learning this term about staying safe online and what to do if they are worried about anything they see online. **Thinkuknow** offers a lot of age appropriate advice as well as advice for parents and carers.

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

If you are concerned about a child's well being or you have a question about safeguarding, please contact **Mrs Macdonald, Mr Croft or Mrs Hawthorne.**

Black History Month

On Thursday this week, we began our month long celebration of Black History. Children will be finding out about the cultural and scientific impact on society of people of colour. Year 3 have been looking at the art of Edward Tingatinga from Tanzania (just look at Anna's drawing of a giraffe!).



During assembly, children heard about the black pillarbox (one of only four in the UK) in Brixton. Children have been asked to look for it if they are in Brixton and to tweet a photo of themselves beside it.

@StAnthonysSE22



National Poetry day

Thursday was also National Poetry Day and children listened to, read and composed poems. The theme was Black Lives Matter and hopes for a better, fairer world. Examples of children's poems are on the back pages of this newsletter and will also be shown on the class galleries in the interactive part of our website.

Reading Books

If your child borrowed any school reading books during lockdown, please return them. Your child can take them to their current teacher and we will find the correct room for them.

Please note that younger children currently receive a new reading book on a Monday and are expected to return it to school on a Thursday.



**COVID SYMPTOMS?
GET TESTED NOW.**

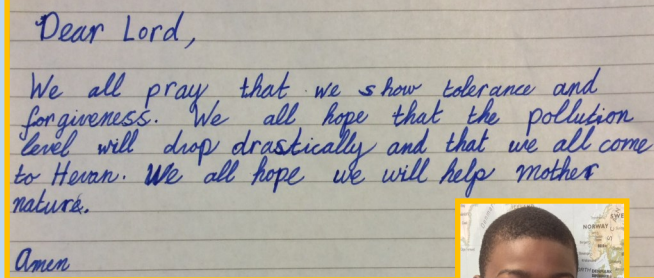
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Faith Life



- October is traditionally a month of devotion to Our Lady and children have started learning how to pray the **rosary** this week
- **The Wednesday Word** this week is **MESSENGER**
- This Sunday is the **26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A**: Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43 (*The parable of the tenants*)
- You can meet **Fr Bart** on our website, where there is a video of him introducing himself and sharing a prayer



Thanks to Sean in Year 4 for this lovely prayer.



St Thomas More Parish News

Mass Times

- Sunday: (Vigil Saturday 6.30pm) 8.30am, 10.00am, 12 noon & 5.30pm
- Monday-Friday: 9.30am (no Saturday morning Mass)
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9-10am and by arrangement

Masses are restricted to 60 people and face coverings must be worn while inside the church.

Secondary Transfer – parents looking to have school reference forms signed need to bring them to the Parish Office on Mondays before 16.00 at the latest. Fr Gerry has kindly agreed to countersign them. Signed forms can be collected on Wednesdays or Fridays. Please make sure the Priest's Reference Form is included. If asked for a Certificate of Catholic Practice, this can be found online. Please print it out and add to the pack. Other supporting letters will not be issued.

Parish Priest: Fr Bart Dudek

Tel: 020 8693 5070

<http://www.stthomasmorechurch.co.uk/>

Year of the Word



"I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:3

Girls' Football

Wildcats girl's football is organised by the London PE and School Sports Network. It is held every Tuesday from 15:45 - 17:00 at Marlborough Sports Gardens, 27 Union St, London SE1 1SD.

No need to book, just turn up and play (for free)

For further info please email Wilson Frimpong (wilson@lpessn.org.uk)

Birthday Cards



Isabella, Anthony and Olivia designed three new birthday cards this week. Children may submit their designs as an email attachment to the school office.

Reporting Absence

Please contact the school office on the first morning of absence. When your child returns to school please send in a note giving the reason for absence.

Children's attendance is closely monitored and currently stands at **96.3%** for the term so far.

Please note that the school circulates information on clubs and events from external providers from time to time. These are for information purposes and no recommendation is given or implied.

New baby!

Congratulations to Filippo, Michele, Mauro and Lorenzo on the birth of their baby sister and brother. Also to Xavier, on the recent birth of his baby sister. Our best wishes to both families

Key Dates

Fri 23 Oct: INSET (school closed to children)

26-30 Oct: HALF TERM

Fri 18 Dec 2pm: END OF TERM

Puzzle Corner

If a cheese and a half costs a half of a half of a pound, how many cheeses could you buy for a pound and a half?



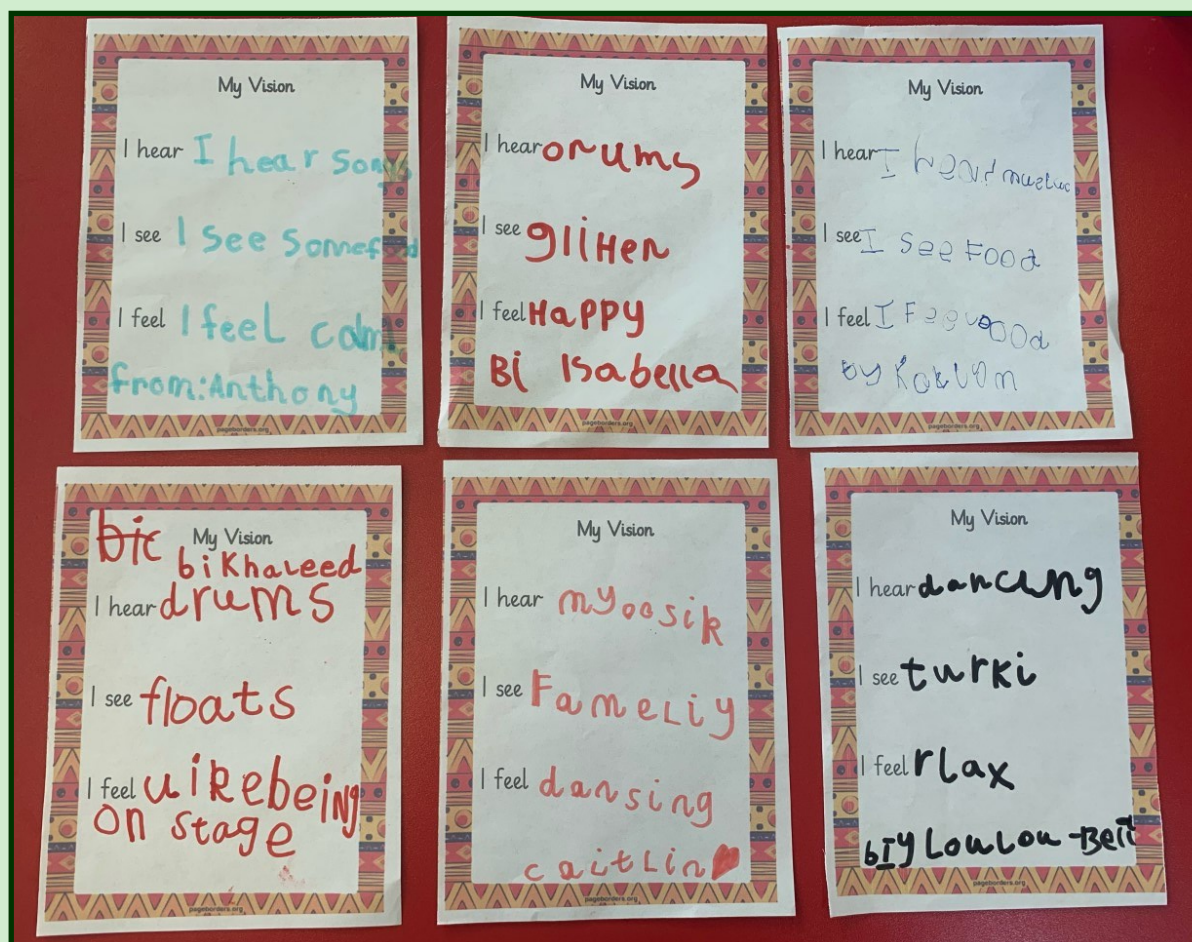
Answer to last week's puzzle: A = 8; B = 9;

I have a vision
 I say to you today school
 even though we face the difficulties
 oggi today and tomorrow,
 I still have a vision.
 It is a vision deeply rooted in Christ
 I have a vision that our school will rise
 up and live out the true meaning of its
 mission statement:
 We see Christ in everyone.
 I have a vision that everyone is equal.
 I have a vision that everyone is responsible
 to themselves and others.
 I have a vision that everyone will live
 in peace
 I have a vision today by Alex

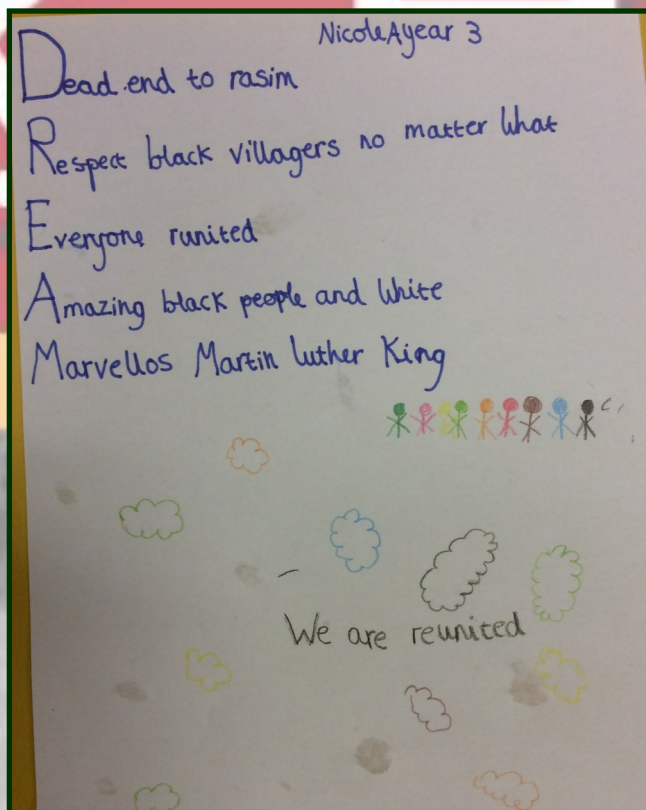
Alex, Y4

I Have a vision
 Bring our world peace because were all one big
 family tree,
 We are all different in so many ways we should
 all be treated in the same way.
 We will make a better place with love and
 acceptance,
 So lets believe for a happy dream.
 It does not matter what we look or come from
 because all lives matter,
 No freedom till were equal black lives matter.
 By Alexa

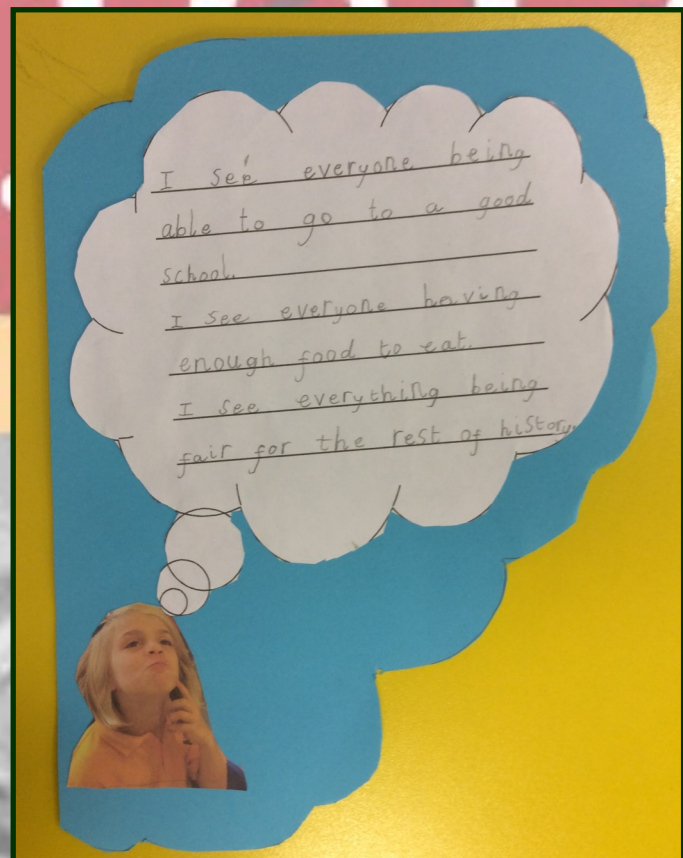
Alexa, Y4



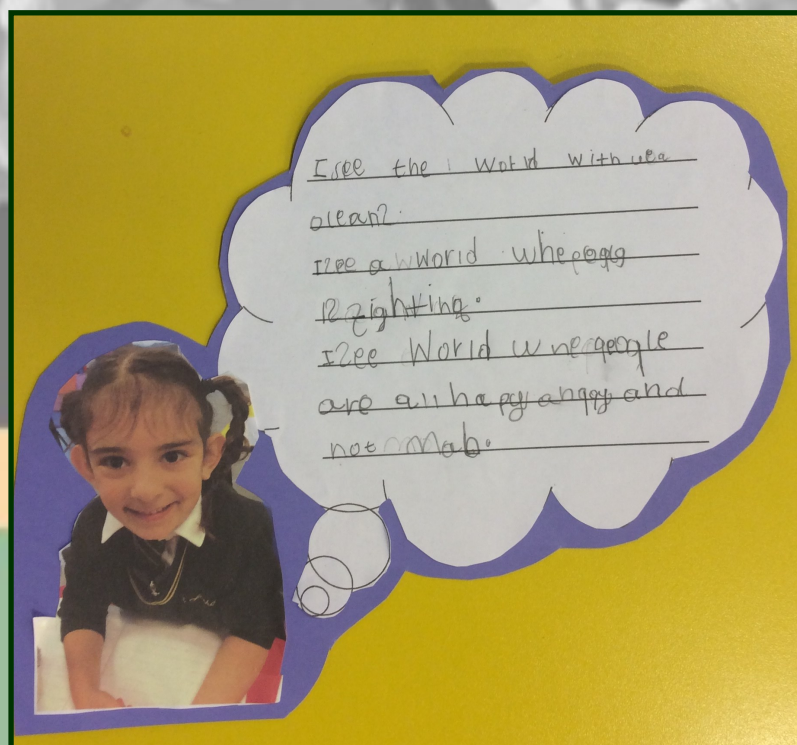
St Francis Class



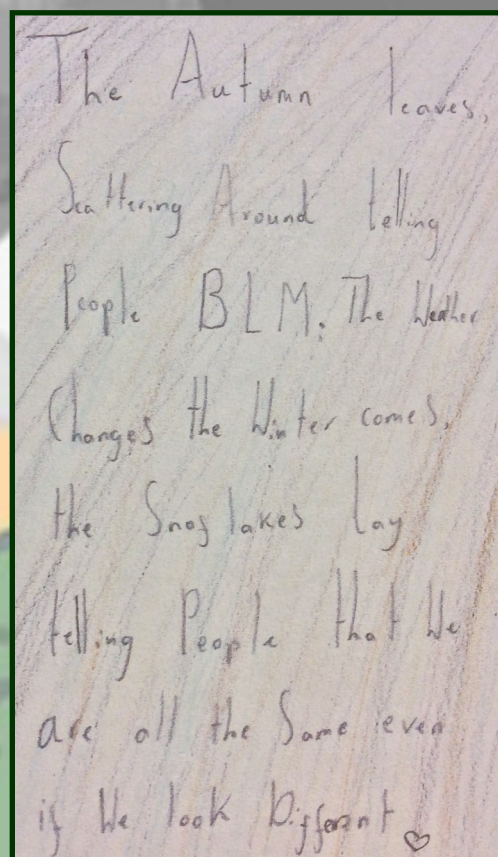
Nicole, Y3



Roberto, Y2



Zoe, Y2



Michelle, Y5