

St Anthony's Newsletter

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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.



Keeping children safe is a priority that is shared by teachers and parents across the country. Too often, we hear statistics about children being hurt or abused in person or

online, but it is not always supported with practical ways in which we can help children. The school staff and governors have been looking at this and making positive changes within school to empower children.

We have over the past number of weeks had visitors speaking to children about keeping safe including the **police, Kooth and The Mizen Foundation**. Next week all children will be taking part in **Safer Internet Day** - again empowering the children to use technology safely and to be able to report any concerns that they have.

Parents frequently ask us about ways in which they can keep their children safe and we have organised a coffee morning for parents to stay, listen to some staff from school and see some useful books and resources. The **coffee morning** will be on **Wednesday 23rd February from 9am**. (If there is enough interest, we are also happy to run a Zoom Webinar one evening to share information with parents who cannot attend the coffee morning.)

Kooth (mental wellbeing community) <https://www.koothplc.com/our-products/young-people>

The Mizen Foundation <http://mizenfoundation.org/>

Safer Internet Day <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

Safeguarding

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

Additional information can be found here:

<https://safeguarding.southwark.gov.uk/asking-for-help/>

Margaret Mizen

We were pleased to welcome Margaret Mizen to St Anthony's this week. Margaret, whose son, Jimmy, was murdered in South London in 2008, came to school to talk to our Year 5 and 6 pupils about her faith and her commitment to helping young people make communities better places to live.



"Thank you to all the year 5 and 6 of St Anthony's Dulwich for listening to Jimmy's story and your very insightful questions that brought a tear God bless you all."

Air Filters

One of our Y3 mums has organised a fundraiser for HEPA air filters for classrooms and school hall. As the government have only promised 7,000 for over 300,000 classrooms in the UK this is fast becoming an urgent issue.

The aim is for cleaner air in the school. HEPA filters remove a high percentage of virus, dust, road traffic and other pollutants from the air, which is especially beneficial for children and teachers with asthma or other health issues).

Should you wish to support this initiative please go to <https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/917662/> to contribute.

£300 has been raised so far. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance this week is **96%**.

Congratulations to St Clare Class for **100% attendance** this week!

Your child should be in school by **08:45** for registration at 08:50

KEY DATES

Tues 8 Feb: Safer Internet Day

14-18 Feb HALF TERM BREAK

Tues 22 Feb: Class group photographs

Wed 2 Mar: Ash Wednesday

Wed 2/Thurs 3 Mar: Parent-Teacher meetings

Thurs 3 Mar: World Book Day

Tues 8 Mar: International Women's Day

Fri 1 April 2pm: END OF TERM

Faith Life



- This Sunday will be the **fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**; Gospel Luke 5: 1-11 "From now on you will be fishers of people."
- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **FOLLOW**
- Year 3 will join the parish for the 09:30 Mass at St Thomas More Church on Wednesday next week; Year 4 will go the first week back after half-term; parents are invited to join them.

Dear Jimmy,
Rest in peace and
remember that everyone
is listening about your
story. We will never
forget about you &
your smile we will fol-
low your peace, hope and
joy you had in you.
Amen.



Thanks to Sofia (Y5) for
this lovely prayer, inspired
by Margaret Mizen's visit.

St Thomas More Parish News

Mass Times

- Sunday: Vigil 5pm, 6.30pm (Saturday); 8.30am, 10.00am, 12 noon & 5.30pm
- Monday–Friday: 9.30am

Confirmations

52 young people, many of them former pupils at St Anthony's, will be confirmed at St Thomas More this weekend –please keep them in your prayers.

Archbishop John Wilson to visit St Thomas More

Archbishop John will be coming to visit the parish on Sunday 6 March. More details to follow soon.

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Sad news

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Sophia, James, Eleanor and their family, following a recent bereavement.



Our Y5 children took school candles to be blessed at St Thomas More Church this week as part of the celebration of **Candlemas** (feast of the Presentation of the Lord).

Talk to a link worker

NHS Social Prescribing works with you to explore areas in your life where you feel you need support. Specially trained Link Workers will help identify 'what matters to you' and support you to develop a plan towards the life changes you want. They can connect you to services, activities, social groups and advice over one or several sessions. It is **free** and **confidential**.

Drop-in Sessions:

Dawson Heights on **Mon 10:00-12:30, Fri 10:00-12:00**
Community Hall, Ladlands, Dawson Heights, Overhill Road,
East Dulwich, SE22 0PW.

Our areas of support include:

- Housing, debt and benefit issues
- Finding a club, activity, or group
- Lonely, isolated, lacking direction, low confidence
- Depression, anxiety, stress, low mood
- Managing long-term health conditions
- Low level addiction and recovery
- Learning or employment opportunities
- Lifestyle (e.g. Moving more and making diet changes)
- Bereaved and struggling to cope
- Supporting victims of domestic abuse



Art Club (advertisement)

Art Classes for Children aged 6–11 yrs

Wednesdays 4–5pm

St Clement with St Peter Church Hall (off Barry Rd)

Tutor: Sally Cutler (printmaker and Dulwich Picture Gallery Tutor)

Email sallytheprintmaker@gmail.com for more information

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.

Puzzle Corner

In the year 74 BC, Antonius was half the age of Brutus. Twenty-two years later, Antonius was three quarters the age of Brutus. In what year was Antonius born?



Solution to last puzzle: 40 days