

Pray for peace in Ukraine

# 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.

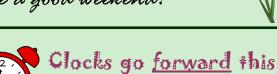
This week, we had 'open-door' mornings for parents, where classrooms were open and children's work was on display. This has become a popular fixture in the school calendar, especially since most of our parent-teacher meetings are now online. In addition, we had a coffee morning and uniform 'sale' which were very well attended. In the hall, parents heard about the best ways to support children with their learning at home (the slideshow has been emailed to parents); while in the playground, they could pick up second-hand uniform in return for a donation towards relief for people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine (over £280 was raised on the day!). Our thanks go to Alex and the team of parents who gave up their time (and washing powder) to help.

The fine weather has made an appearance and **next** term children will be wearing summer uniform. We will be having another uniform event the second Wednesday back, **27 April**; we have plenty of summer dresses and yellow polo shirts in all sizes.

This **Sunday is Mothers' Day**, a time to express our appreciation to all those who care tirelessly for children, putting care and nurture before their own needs. To all mums, grandmas, nanas, aunts, foster carers and anyone who has a parenting role:

#### **THANK YOU!**

Have a good weekend!



# KEY DATES

28 Mar-1 Apr Year 6 School Journey
Fri 1 April 2pm END OF TERM

weekend!





## **Royal Commonwealth Day Service**

Sixteen of our children were able to attend the Royal Commonwealth day Service in Westminster Abbey last week, in the presence of senior royals (Prince Charles and Camilla; Prince William and Kate) and top politicians including Boris Johnson, Sir Keir Starmer and diplomats from all the Commonwealth nations. Senior religious and cultural figures were also present, including Archbishop John Sentamu, Mica Paris and David Walliams.

It was a day that those of us who attended will remember for a very long time. The service can be watched on **BBC iPlayer**.



#### **Helen Hayes MP**

Last week we welcomed Helen Hayes, MP for Dulwich and West Norwood, to our school to speak at assembly and meet the School Council. She told the children about parliamentary life and the honour she feels in being able to help local people. *picture: Helen Hayes with the School Council* 



# Faith Life

- This Sunday will be the 4th Sunday in Lent; Gospel Luke 15:1-3.11-32 (the Prodigal Son)
- The Wednesday Word this week is FORGIVENESS
- Next Wednesday, Year 5 will join the parish for the 09:30 Mass at St Thomas More Church; Year 6 will go the first week back.
- We are offering Stations of the Cross for children (and parents) in the hall every Friday (08:35-08:45) during Lent, following three stations every week—all are welcome!

Dear Lord

Please guide us through the pilgramage to the cross. Help us to understance
this time of prayer during lent. We pray that you help Ukraine during
this time of destruction, and let there be peace.

Thanks to Sarah (Y6) for this lovely prayer.

## St Thomas More Parish

## News

Saturday Mass times: after Easter we plan on going back to having one Mass on Saturday evenings. As attendance is greater at the 17.00 Mass, we would like to hear whether a 17.30 or 18.00 Mass is preferable. Please could all who regularly attend the Saturday Masses let Fr Bart or the parish office know your thoughts.

Current mass times for Sunday: Vigil 5pm, 6.30pm (Saturday); 8.30am, 10.00am, 12 noon & 5.30pm

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## Good news!

Congratulations to Michelle and Nicole on the birth of their baby brother, Jude.

We send our prayers and good wishes to the family.

### **Attendance**

School attendance this week is 94%

## 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.

## **Lent Appeal**

We only have a few weeks left to contribute to our Lent appeal. Your child should be completing 'thirty things for Lent' and be sponsored by their family to support the Mizen Foundation.

Please contribute through our **justgiving** page.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-anthony-s-catholic-primary-school1?

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school1&utm\_campaign=pfp-

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Thank you for your generosity



Year 5 retold the Passion (Luke Ch22) in our Lent liturgy at St Thomas More Church this week. There were readings, songs and acting, and they were joined by Years 3 to 6, parents and Fr Peter.



### **Invitation from Pope Francis**

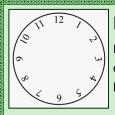
The war in Ukraine has touched hearts and minds across the world and Pope Francis is inviting all the faithful to join in an **Act of** 

Consecration to the Immaculate heart of Mary today at 4pm.

https://www.cbcew.org.uk/consecration-immaculate-heart -of-mary/



School closes for the Easter break at 2pm next Friday. We reopen at 08:30 Tuesday 19 April.



## **Puzzle Corner**

Draw one straight line through the centre of the clock, so that in each half the sum of the hours are equal.

Solution to last puzzle: In Roman numerals: take I from IX and you are left with X