



English Martyrs CVA

We grow and learn with the gifts we have been given, following in the footsteps of Jesus



ST THOMAS
AQUINAS
CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Coming Up

Newsletter Issue 14 - W/c 9th January 2023

Monday 16th Jan	Flute lessons	Y5 Swimming
	Drama Club 3.15-4.15pm	Tennis Club 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 17th Jan	Y5 Oakham Museum Trip	Y1 Swimming
	Y2&3 Spotlight Club 3.15-4pm	Y4-6 Spotlight Club 4-4.45pm
Wednesday 18th Jan	Piano lessons	Drum lessons
	Y1-3 Coding Club 3.15-4.15pm	Multisports Club 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 19th Jan	Guitar lessons	Y6 Forest School
	Gymnastics Club—3.15-4.15pm	Boccia—selected children
Friday 20th Jan	2.30pm Celebration	

Notices

• Telephone issues

We are having some technical issues with our telephones and sometimes it is difficult to get through. Please bear with us until this is fixed.

• Reporting Absence

If you can't get through on the phone—please email the school office to report your child's absence by 9.30am.

• Wraparound and dinner balances

Please make sure lunch and wraparound care balances are topped up regularly so they run in credit. Thank you.



Virtue of the week

The virtue next week is: **Confidence**

Please take time to discuss this at home with your child/ren.

Young Voices

Some of the Y4-6 children had an amazing time in Birmingham on Monday for this year's Young Voices concert. Over 6,000 children came together to sing for an audience—they also sang a song with guest star Heather Small from M People! It is such an amazing experience for the children, which they will never forget.





Head Teacher Awards



Congratulations to all the children who have received awards this week.



Birthdays



Happy Birthday to all the children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.

Y2— Grace

Y6—Ali

Boccia

Well done to the boccia team of Harvey, Hermione, Lottie and Przemyslaw who played at Langham on Thursday. They were superb and won their first game against Langham A 7-1, they then lost to Langham B 7-4. Fingers crossed for even better results next week.

Maths Challenge

Well done to the Maths Challenge team of David, Ben Sofia, Jaden and Charlie who competed on Wednesday in the final qualifying round of this year's competition. They did incredibly well and won their tie by 256 to 253 meaning that they go through to the final, next Tuesday hoping to defend the title that was won by last year's team. Fingers crossed for a good result!



This term we welcome to school Aleksii in EYFS, Poppy in Y4 and Emily in Y5!

We sadly say goodbye to Ava in EYFS and wish her well in her new school.



Forest School

Year 6 have had a fantastic couple of sessions at Forest School this term. Last week they had a session of free play with den building and this week they made medallions with wood, peeled and chopped vegetables and enjoyed den building and games. It was great, muddy fun!



Trim Trail Fun!

The children have been enjoying using the new trim trail!



Please note that in our new trim trail rules, children are not permitted to be on it without supervision of an adult in school. Please bear this in mind at pick up time. Thank you.

Y3 Oakham Museum Trip—WWII

The children had a fantastic trip to Oakham Museum to start their WWII topic. They learnt about shelters, gas masks and even heard an air raid siren!



Amelie donates her hair for the Little Princess Trust!

Well done to Amelie who donated 10" of her hair to the Little Princess Trust, who make wigs for children that have lost their hair to cancer or other health treatments. She has also raised £634 so far for the Trust! Click [here](#) if you would like to donate.



Parent Questionnaires and Parents Forum

Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete the recent parent's questionnaires on the Catholic life of the school and also the trust survey. The responses were very positive and if any parent feels that they would like a discussion around any of the points raised then please make an appointment through the school office to do this.

Please can I also draw your attention to the next parents forum meeting on **Wednesday 22nd February at 7pm** on Teams. We are keen to involve as many parents as possible, and this is a great opportunity to find out about strategies being run in school and input your ideas as parents. Please [click here](#) to see the recent set of minutes from the last meeting.

FEM News

Cake raffle

The winner last week was Victor and the winner this week is Grace F!

EYFS Create Amazing Artwork!

As part of their Space topic, the children in EYFS have been experimenting with the marbling technique to create the planets in the solar system. The results were amazing! They then moved their planets around the sun on the playground. They have also been making models of the Mars Rover!



Cross-Curricular Orienteering

Last week we had a new orienteering course installed across the school site, funded by our Sports Premium funding. This will be used to encourage all our children to be as active as possible during break and lunch times, led by Sports Leaders. It will also be used in lessons for all areas of the curriculum, helping children to be active in their learning and reinforcing key knowledge across all subjects. Y6 have already started using it this morning!



Y3 & Y5 Scooter Sessions

As part of a transport project run by Rutland County Council, Y3 and Y5 children were offered scooter sessions which taught them important skills around movement and safety.



Hambleton Bakery Visit

Y4 were very lucky to have a workshop in school run by Hambleton Bakery for the Design and Technology project. They found out about different breads available, testing some too and they had a go at making dough. Hambleton Bakery kindly provided goody bags for the children too! A huge thank you to Hambleton Bakery for this opportunity.



New Books!

Last week we took delivery of some fantastic new Usborne books from the Rutland Book Nook. The fiction books were funded by the Tesco blue token money!



Epiphany

Our Mini Chaplains held a beautiful whole school liturgy today to celebrate Epiphany. They re-enacted the story of the Magi through drama and read confidently and clearly. The children reflected on joyful journeys and journeys that were difficult to make.



Children's Mental Health Week

Children's mental health week is Monday 6th February to Friday 10th February. The national theme is connecting with others but as a school we will be using this week to re engage with the NHS 5 steps to mental health and wellbeing.

1. **Connect with other people. Good relationships are important for your mental wellbeing.**
2. **Be physically active.**
3. **Learn new skills.**
4. **Give to others.**
5. **Pay attention to the present moment (mindfulness)**

The mental health and wellbeing staff and governor group have planned various activities during the week. We would like to involve parents too.

Sarah Bennetts and our two school ELSAs will be available on **Wednesday 8th February** in the school hall at **9.15 am** for coffee with parents. This is an informal opportunity to talk to these members of staff about their roles and to find out how they can suggest ideas to support parents with their children's mental health and wellbeing. Please make use of this great opportunity.

There will also be cooking activities on Wednesday 8th February for the classes if parents want to get involved as we are connecting together through food on this day and in KS1 and EYFS a sewing activity on Friday 10th February in the morning, more information to follow.

All children will be involved in an art day on Thursday 9th February, they will be using art pieces from an Ukrainian artist Maria Oksentiyvna Prymachenko as a stimulus. There will be an opportunity for you to come in after school during the week to look at the children's art work and purchase your child's picture. The monies raised will go towards the Ukrainian appeal.

If any parents have A4 frames they could donate for this piece of work that would be great.

Melanie McDonald

Please join us in praying for Melanie, mum of past pupil Annabelle, who sadly passed away before Christmas and was laid to rest this week. We are thinking of Annabelle and her family at this difficult time.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.*



Tuck Shop fundraising

The profits from tuck shop have recently paid for some new welly holders for EYFS! With your support we are able to buy some great resources for the children, keep an eye out in next week's newsletter for an exciting recent purchase!

St Joseph's Church

Keep up to date with the Parish news [here](#).

