

Newsletter

Monday 19th March 2018

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

Quiz result

On Thursday 8th March two key stage 2 teams took part in the Quiz Club Interschool General Knowledge Quiz which was held at St Aidan's school in Coulsdon. All junior children had taken part in a practice quiz in their classes in order to choose the children who would represent our school and two children from each year group were picked. Each team of 4 was made up with a representative from each year group. The eight children chosen were very excited on the day and couldn't wait to take part. In total there were 12 teams in the competition from other local Catholic school. Some of the questions were really hard but the children were not daunted in any way. Team 1 came 6th and after a nail biting final two rounds Team 2 came 2nd. Both of our teams worked extremely well together, supporting each other in answering the questions and came 6th and 2nd overall.

Mrs Clarke

Sports Relief Dance – Friday 23 March

Year 6 children will lead a dance-along in the school hall on Friday morning starting at 8.30am. All parents and children are welcome to come and join in to get the day off to an energetic start.

MP Visit

Our school council recently met Sarah Jones, MP for Croydon Central. Sarah enjoyed answering the children's questions and even had time to pop into author, Ciaran Murtagh's, hilarious school assembly.

Book Week

A big thanks to all the parents and children who attended our book fair. Although we only had it on one afternoon this year, in total **£1060** worth of books was purchased, which means that the school gets **£635** in commission to spend on books for the library and class book corners. Thanks also to parents who sponsored a book for the library. This will give all our children even greater choice as they develop their love of reading. On dressing up day we collected **£210** and Mrs Lee has all this money to spend on books for our classes.

Yet again we enjoyed a most successful Book Week with storytellers, book fair, book buddies and our dressing up as book characters day on Friday. Virtually every child and adult in school arrived as a book character and our assembly was awash with Medusa's, St Georges and fantastic beasts.

Well done to children and parents for their creativity and hard work.

A special thanks to Mrs Lee who worked so hard to make the week such a great success

Art Shirts

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Art is an important cross curriculum subject, with a growing range of techniques and materials being introduced to your children. In order to experience and practise these new skills, the children inevitably get a little 'messy'. To protect their uniforms, it will be very helpful if you can provide an old shirt for the children to wear. It will be kept at the school and returned at the end of term. Please label the shirt with your child's name. The shirt should be a suitable size for your child to wear it over their uniform without it being too loose or too large. For the infants, maybe an older sibling's shirt will be ideal while an adult's shirt may be suitable for the older children.

Thank you, Mrs Pitts Art Co-Ordinator

Passion Play

Passion Play at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church (Juniors)- all are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 21 March 2018 (2.00pm)

Please note that, on this day, all KS2 children should be picked up from the church by parents carers at 3.00pm



Cycling Courses available over Easter holidays

Croydon Arena Book online at <http://bit.ly/eastercycle18>
Download info pack at <http://bit.ly/2mWXJJP>

More details about Bikeability

<https://bikeability.org.uk/>



Croydon Dance Festival

Big well done to all our Junior children who participated in the Croydon Dance Festival at Trinity School last Tuesday evening. They will be performing to the school as part of Sports Relief day.



School Trip Parent/ Carer Helper Procedures

We value the help and support that parents give for school trips. These trips could not be run if we didn't have this volunteer help.

To ensure the safety of the children during the trip please can you read the following procedures.

1. Once you have confirmed that you can help on the trip please inform the teacher immediately if you are no longer able to help. There are ratios for adults to children that have to be adhered to and in the event of you cancelling then a replacement parent helper will be needed or the trip will have to be cancelled.
2. All parent helpers must be given by the teacher before the group sets off: a list of the children in their group and any maps as needed, any details regarding times, workshops, toilets etc, details of any equipment or clothing needed specifically for this trip and lunch arrangement details.
3. Parents are not allowed to have their own child in their group (children with specific medical needs can be 1:1 with their parent in special agreed circumstances).
4. Parents are responsible for supervising the children in their group but they must always be within the same vicinity as a member of staff whilst they are supervising children
5. Parents are asked to bring their mobiles for trip emergency use only. Parents are asked not to use their mobiles for social / work calls for the duration of the trip. The parent needs to be always focussed on their responsibility for the children in their group.
6. **It is important that whatever happens on a school trip should remain confidential. Even positive comments can be misinterpreted.**
7. Children must be in a group to enter toilet areas. If the adult needs to use the facility, the children must be handed to another adult on the School trip prior to using them.
9. Photos taken during the trip must only be taken on the school cameras. Parents are not permitted to take photos on their own devices.
10. Parents are asked to support children to follow school expectations for behaviour. In the event of any concerns about a child's behaviour in their group, the parent must refer to the members of staff.

Thank you for volunteering to help at school trips - we value your support.

