St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School



26th January 2024 Newsletter

We had lots of sporting and enrichment activities on the go this week, with the re-commencement of after-school clubs, swimming heats and girls football all taking place. Next week we have St Anne class assembly on Friday morning at 10am. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

St Therese Class Assembly

St Therese class delivered a lovely assembly this morning about books. They shared their love of books and asked some of the adults to share our favourite books too. They took us on their reading journey and told us about some of the books they have read in class since reception. They also talked to us about our most special and holy book -The Bible. Well done to all of the children who took part and thank you to Mrs McFeat and Mrs Mulira for preparing the children.





Swimming Heats at South Norwood Pool

Our swimming team competed in the Croydon swimming area heats last Monday. All children competed enthusiastically and cheered each other on. The races were timed and there are two more heats involving other schools to come. The fastest 6 children/teams from across the heats will qualify for the finals so the children have a few weeks to wait to find out whether they have qualified for the next round. Well done to all who took part and thank you to parents and carers who came along to support the children!



Farewell Chef Andy

Today we are saying farewell to our chef Andy. He has been with us for nearly two years now and has prepared delicious meals for us. He has got to know all of the children really well and in assembly he told us he would miss them all as this has been his best job ever. We wish Andy well in his new job – they are very





Shooting Stars



Butterflies Ladybirds St Joseph St Elizabeth St Francis

St Anne

St Peter

Adam Rana Khan Poppy McCartney **Emilia Verhelst** Kazakeviciute Justin Loubao Musa Uddin

Manus Linehan Biggs Joshua Kandeh Hubbard **St Bernadette** St Paul St Therese St Martin St Cecilia

St Benedict St Brigid

Esme Windlev **Maxwell Freeman Clara Czajor Caroline Da Silva** Aine Richardson

Max Jerome Udonna Ezekwueme

Reception Visit to Brickfield Meadow

In Reception our book of the week this week was Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see? by Eric Carle. On Weds both Reception classes went on a trip to Brickfield Meadow to carry out our own version of the book: Reception, Reception, What do you see? The children made binoculars or a telescope and we took them along so they could use them to help look for things. We saw so many things including trees, worms, dogs, a flag and aeroplanes. We were very lucky as the sun shone down on us and the children were very excited. Thank you to the parents who came along on the trip with us.



Life Space Visit Y1-6

This week we have had our annual visit form the Life Space Team. Children took part in a range of age specific workshops designed to provide them with an understanding of themselves, how their bodies function and how to keep them safe and healthy. The workshops focussed on the acquisition of decision-making skills regarding their health and on building their self-esteem. The children really enjoyed the workshops and the trainers were very complementary about the children's participation.



Eco-Schools News

Thank you to School Council for enthusiastically completing the Big Schools' Birdwatch 2024, to see which birds visit our school gardens. We were very lucky to spot gulls, crows, black birds, magpies, amongst other birds! Our results will be submitted to the RSPB to help monitor the national numbers of birds and to protect them. Should you wish to participate at home, please visit <u>https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-</u> <u>involved/activities/birdwatch/</u>.

Girls Football

Our girls football team had another great win in the league last Friday against South Norwood, maintaining their position as league leaders. It was a hard-fought victory on a bitterly cold afternoon with Becket emerging as 2-0 winners, courtesy of goals from Dylann and Abilene. Our girls are also playing in the regional finals of the Crystal Palace competition today – more news on that next week!



Achievement

Well done to Maia (Yr2) for her blue award with Shirley Gymnastics club, Joseph (Yr 4) for his football trophy and Taye (Yr 3) for his football awards.

Congratulations!







