# St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School



# 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 Newsletter

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of half-term already. A reminder that the half-term ends on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at the normal time (no early close). There is no school for pupils on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> as it is an INSET day for staff only. Next week we will be having a focus on online safety & behavior in all year groups. Have a lovely weekend.

# **Girls Football**

Our girls team had the honour of competing in the south-east of England finals of the Crystal Palace schools competition last Friday, having won the previous round of the competition. The tournament took place at the Palace training ground in Beckenham. Our girls got off to a cracking start, winning all the games in their pools and qualifying for the semi-fimals in top spot. Our semi-final finished in a 0-0 draw and sadly we were beaten 3-2 on penalties. It was a great achievement for our girls to reach the knockout stages of such a prestegious competition and we look forward to seeing them continue to excel in other competitions this year. Thks to Mrs Haywood-

White and Miss Memory for managing the team.



#### **St Anne Class Assembly**

St Anne class treated us to a lovely assembly this morning on the topic of their favourite books. They cleverly showcased their learning in several areas of the curriculum and the acting & singing was of a very high standard. Well done to all the children who took part and to Miss Barratt and Mrs Taylor for preparing the children.



## Save the Date

We will be running workshops on e-safety & supporting your child's reading on the evening of Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March, 6 – 7pm. There will also be fun activities on-site for children on that evening. More details to follow next week.



Butterflies Ladybirds St Joseph St Elizabeth St Francis St Anne St Peter Ethan Kudom Zander Mendoza Oliver Bandoo Josiah Victory-Rhodes Sophie Bobkiewicz Zachary Jakubowski Melo Michael Mvundji Meut

- St Bernadette St Paul St Therese St Martin St Cecilia St Benedict St Brigid
- Charlotte Ray-Walrod Godwin Muo Alexia N'Guessan Maya Dziedzic Sethi Annabelle Kendeck Rebekah Dua Liam Ray-Walrod

COLLAGE

Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Honey Bread Project Year 5 pupils creatively combined their learning in D&T and history this week to make their own Anglo-Saxon honey bread. Pupils enjoyed mixing & kneading the dough and the outcomes tasted and smelled delicious!







#### Wellbeing

Our group of Key Stage 2 ambassadors met the author of '5 A Day On Well-being Way' Elizabeth Spendlove. They participated in a focus group to develop her new resource that will be used across the Borough of Croydon to enhance the wellbeing of other children and adults. Well done to all the children who represented our school so well and for helping our community in such a valuable way.



E-Safety Week / National Safer internet Day

Next week is Online Safety Week where we will be focusing on the importance of communicating respectfully when using online technologies. Children in KS2 will take part in a National online safety assembly run by BBC Teach on Tuesday which is Safer Internet Day. The children in KS1 will be listening to stories and taking part in activities to help them understand the importance of respectful communication at all times. Please take this opportunity to discuss how we can express ourselves online whilst still regarding the opinions and feelings of others. The attached poster is a great starting

point for discussions.



## Achievement

Well done to Helena (Yr 2) for her gymnastics certificate, Norena (Yr 2) for receiving the headteachers award in assembly, Bernardo (Yr 1) for his swimming certificate, and to Fynley for achieving distinction in his piano theory exam. What great achievements.



The Canterbury room was transformed into a lost Egyptian tomb to launch Year 3's new topic. Our young archaeologists had to crawl through tunnels with torches to find artefacts and

