St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School



Friday 1st March 2024 Newsletter

It's been a very busy week in school, with lots of extra-curricular activities and the start of our extended book week activities. Next week is even busier with curriculum evening taking place on Wednesday, several sporting activities across the week and also our Butterflies class assembly. Have a lovely weekend.

Brickfields Meadow Regeneration Project

On Thursday we hosted an initail meeting regarding regenerating Brickfields Meadow, a sadly underused but potentially fantastic asset to our school and local community. Our head boy, Nathan, and head girl, Hania, shared their thoughts on why the project should be supported with members of the local council and Sarah Jones MP. Please watch out for more news on how you will be able to support this exciting initiative.



Curriculum Evening

A reminder that our curriculum evening takes place next Wednesday evening. Please arrive at 5.45pm for a 5.50pm start. There will be workshops in the hall and nearby classrooms for parents. A full timetable will be sent on Monday. A reminder that children are also invited to attend that evening (if their parents and carers are also attending) for a story at bedtime. Children are invited to attend in PJs or with a favourite cuddly toy, for the story at bedtime sessions. This is not compulsory.

School uniform should be worn as normal on Wednesday daytime.

Ladybirds Class Assembly

Our lovely Ladybirds class performed their first assembly this morning and it was full of joy and sweetness. The class did a great job of celebrating the learning they have done since they joined STB. We got to hear all about their phonics, number work and busy learning. Well done to all the children involved, and thanks to Mrs Clarke and Ms White for preparing them.



Book Week

A reminder that next Friday is dress-up day for Book Week, where children are invited to come to school dressed as a favorite character from a book.

Shooting Stars



Butterflies
Ladybirds
St Joseph
St Elizabeth
St Francis
St Anne
St Peter

Ella Thomas
Damian Santos Ward
Rafael Aguiar
Preston Ho
Alec Jones
Karina Lovaszi
Emy Obukohwo

St Bernadette
St Paul
St Therese
St Martin
St Cecilia
St Benedict

St Brigid

Enzo Ndjoli
Nieve Lambe
Jabez Mukiibi
Amuche Ginigeme
Amara Bedlow
Mason Bussette
Flaviana Sequino

Helen Peters' Author Visit

We had a visit from children's author Helen Peters on Wednesday. She delivered workshops for all year groups and signed over 100 books for enthusiastic readers. After her visit, she sent us this lovely message.

What a great school! From the moment I arrived, everyone was so welcoming, and the whole school has a palpable sense of purpose and positivity. The teachers were all so warm and friendly, and the children were a delight: interested, engaged, thoughtful and fun. They listened beautifully and also contributed excellent questions and answers. It was heartening, too, to see how many parents bought books for their children, both in advance and after school; you are clearly doing a great job of engaging the children with readina.



Fire Station Trip

Some of our younger pupils enjoyed a trip to the fire station on Wednesday. They got to sit in the fire truck, use the firehose and meet the firefighters. The children enjoyed it very much, almost as much as the adults who accompanied them!



Boys' Football

After a quiet first half to the spring term, our boys' football team were back in action this week with a league and cup double-header against Oasis Shirley Park. In the cup game, it finished 2-2 after a ding-dong battle and we needed a winner on the day, so the game went to penalties. Our boys displayed nerves of steel to dispatch all of our penalties and win the tie.

In the league game that followed, it was a similarly closely contested game but we fought back from a 1-0 defect to draw 1-1, with Linus scoring the equaliser for Becket. We have another 2 games next week, where we will hope to consolidate our position



Achievement

Well done to Delilah (Yr 3) for her 200m distance swimming badge, Conall (Yr 1) for his Tae Kwon Do certificate, Hettie (Reception) for being player of the week for her rugby team, and to Savannah (Yr4) for her multiple gymnastics certificates.

Great work everyone!







