



What a busy week! Science was the focus this week, with the planetarium and special space-themed picnic lunch on Friday taking centre-stage. Next week we have Year 2 out on their London Zoo trip on Thursday and St Therese class having their class assembly on Friday at 10am. Have a lovely bank-holiday weekend (hopefully the weather will cheer up!).

Science Week

Our children have had a fun and engaging science week, coordinated by our science lead, Mr Bonnar. On Monday we had a special assembly where some of our pupils shared their scientific enquiry skills, and we even had a special guest, Mrs Tambini (one of our governors) who shared her amazing 'eggsellent' experiment.



Later in the week our pupils all got to visit a huge mobile planetarium that had been set up in our hall. Children got to investigate space travel, star constellations and other aspects of space. The cost of the planetarium was covered by the STBSA – many thanks for giving the children this amazing experience.



Author Visit

On Wednesday we had a visit from award-winning author Mitch Johnson, who spent the afternoon doing a workshop with KS2 pupils. Mitch discussed how he comes up with ideas for his characters, settings and themes, which will hopefully have inspired some of our young writers. Many of our pupils also pre-ordered signed copies of his book. Mitch was very complimentary about the levels of engagement and behaviour of our pupils.



Uniform

We are aware that some uniform suppliers are low or out of stock with the striped blue dresses. Please don't worry if you are unable to get hold of the correct uniform just yet – it's not a problem to keep wearing winter uniform for another week until it hopefully comes back into stock.

Shooting Stars



Butterflies	Laurence Jones	St Bernadette	Oceana Benjamin
Ladybirds	Chimamanda Onumonu	St Paul	Melvin Sackey
St Joseph	Ayden Pergjoka	St Therese	Arya Abbott
St Elizabeth	Joshua Odey-Konan	St Martin	Harper Cunningham-Fenyves
St Francis	Jeremy D'Souza	St Cecilia	Ethan Gomes
St Anne	Agnes Selles	St Benedict	Georgina Leiper-Taylor
St Peter	Elijah Imobio-Williams	St Brigid	Isabella Nakiganda

Ladybirds Trip to Ashburton Library

'We had a lovely time at the library. We listened to 2 stories and we learned about how to use our library card and what it can enable us to do. We had some time to look at the books and share some stories with our friends. We were also amazed to learn that there are close to 10,000 books that can be borrowed from the library! The children were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their time in the library as well as the walk there and back. We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who gave up their time to come with us.'



Parent Fundraiser

Ines Castello (mum of Luca in St Joseph) has asked us to share details of a funding page in aid of her brother Marcos who has recently passed away R.I.P. Please click on the link for details on how you can donate

<https://gofund.me/3aab51d1>

Wellbeing Wednesday

Mrs Kiely-Harden and some of our pupils (led by Edith in Yr5) have been instrumental in Croydon council setting up a new initiative called Wellbeing Wednesday. You can read more about it here: **Families take part in Croydon's first annual Wellbeing Wednesday event – Newsroom**
Reception and Year 3 pupils also received a copy of '5 a day, the wellbeing way'.



Mr Nourish School Visit

We were unable to have assembly in the hall today because our planetarium was using all of the hall space. Instead, Mr Nourish (the mascot of our new caterers Nourish) came to hand out shooting star awards in each class and sing our special Becket birthday song to those children who celebrated their big day in the past week.



Achievement

We had lots of pupils showing off their out-of-school gifts and talents this week. We had Hania (swimming), Liam (kung-fu), Christopher (scouting badges), Avery (football), Isabella (kung fu), Nicola (STEM) and Crystal (Mathletics), all being celebrated for their various certificates, medals, belts & trophies. Well done to all of you.



Feedback from our new caterers has, so far, been very positive. However, there have been a small number of occasions where not all menu options have been available to those being served last on a given day. Nourish and St Thomas Becket are committed to ensuring that all pupils are able to select from a full menu every day, even at the end of service – however, we are also balancing this against ensuring that we don't generate excessive waste through leftovers. As we finish the first rotation of the menu next week, Nourish have been keeping track of average demand for each dish and will adjust the number of portions prepared accordingly so that all pupils have a full menu to choose from every day.