

### **Year of Mercy Mass**

By Kelvin

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Ms. Cousins, Miss Roisin and four of the six 'Apostles of Mercy' visited Westminster Cathedral. There was a special mass to celebrate this very special year, 'The Year of Mercy' held by Bishop Vincent Nichols. It was myself, Joshua, Chantell and Shiloh.

The cathedral was amazing! The ceiling was so high and the altar was very grand and impressive. The Bishop spoke to us about how the Pope has asked everyone to be more merciful this year. At home, in our schools and in our communities. And also to be more merciful to all of the people all around the world who need our help.

The mass really made me think of more things that I could do to show mercy and I am going to try really hard to do as much as I can. Even if it is something small. On the way home, Ms Cousins bought everyone a deliciously warm hot chocolate because it was so cold outside.

I hope everyone thinks about this 'Year of Mercy' and does just one small thing that would make a big difference.

### **History Week Fun**

On Tuesday the children saw a fantastic play called 'Timeline'. It showed children a snippet from each period in History dating back to the stone ages all the way through to modern day.

The children learnt some important facts about each period of time. E.g. During the Black Death of the Middle ages people believed that smelling sweet smells like a bunch of flowers would keep the disease away. Also, during the Victorian times it became compulsory for all children to attend school. Before this time many children had never been to school. Instead they helped their families by working on the land or in factories.

The children were encouraged to participate in the play. At one point 6 children were chosen to take part in a quiz to see who knew the most about the Tudors. The prizes were chopped off body parts, (all fake of course) including a foot, an eye and a hand. The children really enjoyed answering questions and sharing their ideas and knowledge.

### **JAMES 1- WHAT WAS HE LIKE?**

By Zofia & Ebube Yr2

Once again in Year 2 we have been true historians. We have been learning about James 1. We already knew about the gun powder plot by Guy Fawkes but knew nothing about James 1.

We have been investigating and have found other historians accounts of him.

A.G.R. Smith said "James was a weak King of England. He was clever, but did not know how to deal with people. James gave his friends too much power. He wasted money, and he argued with parliament. Some people said he was a coward."

Edwards said "James was lacking in self-respect and undignified. He had a big head, slobbering tongue, padded clothes and rickety legs."

Sir John Oglander knew James and said of him

"King James was the most cowardly man I knew.

He feared (scared) mischief and wore pistol padded clothes."

### **Future Engineers in Year 1?**

Last week in year 1 we learnt about engineers! There are all different types of engineers and we even got to meet some engineers in person. An engineer is a person who understands how things work and is able to make them better. We learnt about Robotics engineers; they work with Robots. We also learnt about Mechanical engineers; they work with machines.

Another type of engineer we learnt about was a civil engineer. They deal with large structures such as bridges, roads and large buildings. Learning about engineers has given us even more ideas for the jobs we could do in the future.

### **Mmm...Sweet House Treats!**

This half term Reception class have been reading fairy tales. This week we enjoyed learning about the traditional tale, Hansel and Gretel. We designed and created our own sweet houses with biscuits and icing. Following this, we decorated our houses with chocolates, jelly beans, marshmallows, sweets and treats. Scrumptious! If you were to create a house made from treats, what would you choose and why? We talked about whether eating lots of treats and sweets every day is good for our bodies. We learnt that to stay healthy we need to eat the right foods that give our bodies lots of energy and nutrition. We wrote healthy shopping lists and drew pictures of healthy eating plates. What healthy foods do you like to eat? What else do we need to keep our bodies fit and healthy?

### **Music Assembly**

Come and see Reception to year 5 perform a piece of music that they have been learning this term. Each class will sing, play recorders and have a percussion section. It promises to be an excellent afternoon, so come along on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2:30pm.



## IN SCHOOL HOLY WEEK Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Monday 2.45 pm school hall - the Washing of the Feet and the Last Supper

Tuesday 2.30 pm in the school hall – the Stations of the Cross and Reflections

Wednesday 9.00 am in the Church – Veneration of the Cross



At this special time in our Catholic Calendar we invite you once again to join us in school or the church for our very special celebrations that help us follow in Christ's footsteps at this difficult time in his life. "May we be merciful like the Father." Luke 6:36



### Holiday Playschemes Easter Playscheme

A fun place for kids aged 4 to 12 to play during the holidays

WHEN: Tuesday 29 March to Friday 8 April 2016, 8.45am to 5.45pm

WHERE: Baden Powell Primary School - Ferron Road, Hackney, London, E5 8DN (entrance to the playscheme is on Charnock Road, London E5)

ACTIVITIES: Arts & crafts, outdoor play, games, den building, sports, trips and much more

PRICE: Prices range from £6.50 to £17.50 per day. An optional free light breakfast is served from 8.45am to 9.30am.

HOW TO BOOK: Book your child's place by attending our booking session on Tuesday 15 March 2016, 8am to 7pm. Hackney Learning Trust, 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ.

•You can also complete a registration form in advance and bring it along to registration on 15 March  
Important information

•Parents need to complete a registration form for their child(ren) at the time of booking or in advance of the booking session

•All parents must bring proof of their address and of children's date of birth to the booking session

•Bookings must be paid in full at the booking session. We accept payments by cash, cheque and childcare vouchers

•Please bring current evidence of receipt of income support or income based job seekers allowance to Hackney Learning Trust if you are booking a concessionary place

•We do not give refunds on places that have been booked once the scheme has started, even if your child is unable to attend the session

•Trips will be offered to children over the course of the scheme – booking and fees will be coordinated by the scheme on site

•A late fee of £2 for every 5 minutes is payable if you are late in collecting your child

•The play scheme will take no responsibility for lost or damaged property including mobile phones.

Hand-held computer games and other electrical equipment will not be allowed at the play scheme