



~ Newsletter for the St. Scholastica's School Community

Another very busy & Successful term

The children have learnt so much and had so much fun with our specialist weeks Spirituality, History and STEM.

There have been so many visitors the police and forensic scientists, inventors and theatre groups. The children have visited museums, zoos, Houses of Parliament, been ice skating and to the cinema to name but a few places.

We have been through a very successful Ofsted Inspection and the report was wonderful.

We saw great talent in the St Scholastica's Got Talent Show, and have celebrated the children taking part in winning many local competitions such as the Glyn Williams Football trophy, the Bountiful Barrow and even a European Award for being the Best Performing School in England from the STARS.

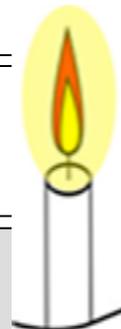
Thank you all so much for helping to make this school so wonderful.

We wish you all a very happy and Holy Easter.



Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:36



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 21st March – JRSO STARS Award Assembly

Washing of the Feet & Last Supper

Tuesday 22nd March – Easter Bonnet competition 9 am & Stations of the Cross at 2.30 pm

Wednesday 23rd March – Veneration of the cross at 9am in Church & Music Celebration Assembly at 2.30pm

Thursday 24th March – Maundy Thursday and last day of term, school finishes at 1.30pm

Monday 11th April – INSET DAY school closed for children

Tuesday 12th April – School starts for summer term at 8.50 am

Wednesday 13th April – Cycle training starts for Yr. 5

Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th April – Hi-Impact Computer people working with children

Friday 15th April – Easter Mass 2pm in church

Monday 18th April – Meetings for children going to Spain 8am and 5 pm and start of two week cycle training for Yr. 5 pupils

Tuesday 19th April – Class Photographs (sold to parents)

Friday 22nd April – Yr. 4 Assembly

Friday 29th April – Yr. 3 Assembly

Tuesday 3rd May – Yr. 1 to Clissold Park am

Crowning of Our Lady 2pm

Thursday 5th May – Yr.4 to St Anne's Home

Friday 6th May - Ascension Assembly

Monday 9th to Friday 13th May - YR. 6 SATS Week

Friday 13th May – Pentecost Mass at 2pm in Church

Monday 16th to Friday 20th May – Yr. 5 trip to Spain

Wednesday 18th May – Yr. 6 to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Friday 20th May - Yr. 1 Assembly

Monday 23rd May – Personal Best

Friday 27th May – Reception assembly and end of half term

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – Half term school closed

Monday 6th June – first day of second half of summer term

All the school community are welcome to join us at all Masses and assemblies at 2.45pm we love to share these special occasions with you.

Stars Award Assembly

Mr Healy

On Monday 21st March at the morning assembly we are going to be presented with a STARS travel award for being the **Best Performing School in England** from members of the Hackney Council Sustainable Travel Team. We would really like to have as many parents there as possible to celebrate this with us.

Jobs of the Future!

By Princess and Adam

In Year 2 we are always looking forwards to what the future might be. Last week we thought about what jobs we could do when we are older, in particular we looked at S.T.E.M jobs. S.T.E.M stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We had a visit from some neuroscientists who told us all about the brain. The brain is the boss of the body and controls everything we do. In addition, we spent an afternoon pretending to be physiotherapists. If you are hurt and need help getting better, they will work with you. If you want to do this job you will have to be very patient and comforting!

Water Filter.

By Year 3.

Imagine this: You wake up in the morning, and there's no current water for you to drink, brush your teeth, or wash your face at home. You must walk for two hours to the nearest well, in order to get some; and you have to walk two hours back (carrying a bucket full of water) to bring it back. Unfortunately, this experience is real in many different villages around the world. Doesn't it make you feel upset? As part of our STEM week activities, we had a special visitor in our class: a humanitarian engineer. This very friendly lady, told us about the issues some children experience, when they don't have access to clean, drinkable water. We discussed the different solutions, and we tried to design a filter to tackle these problems. A water filter is a device to clean water that isn't drinkable. They are very common in England, but scarce in poorer areas. We used many different materials: on one hand, we used gravel and pebbles to stop the greatest objects floating in that water; on the other hand, we used a coffee filter and cotton wool to stop smaller particles. In the end, you could see that brown, dirty water came out of our filter as transparent, pure water. If you'd like to see some pictures of that fantastic experience, keep an eye on www.makewav.es!

5-a-side Football

Mr Blackham

Congratulations to the year 5 football team, who have made it through to the annual Hackney 5-a-side tournament. There were five teams that they played in their semi-final, and so they had to play 4 teams. As we always do, for some reason, we started off slowly and lost the first match, against the eventual group winners, 1-0. We then found our shooting boots and won the next three matches 3-2, 3-0 and 3-1. This meant that we came second in the group and are through to the final. Hanzell Greenaway scored a magnificent hat-trick, in the third match including a penalty and he said: 'I didn't place it; I hit it as hard as I could.' The whole team battled like tigers and didn't allow the opposition a moment on the ball. The final is scheduled for Thursday 24th March but has not been confirmed yet. Can they go all the way and win?

SPANISH FIESTA!

This week we have received letters from all the Spanish children in Y1-Y6 in Alcanices with portraits of themselves and we will now be responding to them in Spanish. Also this week some of the Y5 and Y6 children took part on a Skype session and you will be able to see all the photos and some interviews about this experience on Makewave very soon.

STEM week in Nursery!

We had a truly 'magical' time exploring and discovering all things scientific, mathematical and technological last week. On Monday we discovered that our beloved 'Alan the Alien' had been stolen from our classroom. To solve the crime our young investigators taped off the crime scene in order to protect any evidence that was found. We then gathered the evidence at the scene using magnifying glasses to look for fingerprints, casting footprints and using microscopes to analyse hair found at the scene. We sent all our evidence to the police and on Friday a police officer came to reveal the culprit. The police officer revealed that Mr. George had taken Alan from our classroom. After questioning Mr George he explained that he had taken Alan to give him a wash. PHEW!

Lights! Cameras! Action

By David Bello

On Wednesday 9th March Year 4 went on a trip to the Pleasance Theatre in Camden to find out about what goes on behind the scenes in a theatre. The trip was linked to our topic this half term, which is light and sound.

When we arrived at the theatre we sat in the auditorium and the people who worked there introduced themselves to us. We met the production manager, the lighting engineer and the sound engineer.

We split up into groups. First I went to see what the lighting engineer does and how the lighting plays an important part in a play, setting the scene and effecting the mood on stage.

Then we went to see what the sound engineer does. He has a huge sound board that he uses to control the sound on stage. He can make the actors' voices really quiet or really loud and sometimes put on sound effects. We all had a go at talking on the microphone.

We had a chance to ask lots of questions then it was time for us to get the bus back to school, just in time for lunch!

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We need you Sainsbury's shopping vouchers please!!!

If you shop in any Sainsbury's store and spend £10 you are entitled to a voucher, we want any vouchers that you collect please. The vouchers are used to purchase items in school.