

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jesus chose to suffer and give up his life.
'Self-lessness'

Dear Families,

At this extraordinary time we reflect on the loss, challenges, growth and opportunities that have been made a year on from the pandemic. We are grateful for the sparkle and joy in the children's eyes, the love and commitment of the teachers and the partnerships and support we have received from all of our families.

It takes a community to educate a child and our school has never felt like more of a community than in this past year. As we reflect on all the precious moments and events which have taken place this term; from dressing up, always a pleasing sight to the ordinary gains in learning from Early Worlds with our youngest children to complicated algebra and concepts of evolution and inheritance in year 6.

We are grateful for the ordinary moments of learning that make up our day, for all the children who have made gains in their reading and have more challenging books, for all the children who in taking part in catch-up are allowing themselves to experience challenge and try that little bit more. The journey of Easter, aptly mirrors our own collective experience of isolation, loss and sadly for some bereavement. Matt, Laura and Lizzy came in this week for our Easter assembly and although within the wider bubbles, this and our prayer spaces provide us with a relief, a collective time to pause, accept the past and move forward with hope. Just like the daffodils planted as bulbs by Frances, time and love will be needed for all of us. I have been so impressed by the children's learning since their return and although it can sometimes feel like they are going up their own Golgotha, they have the strength and resilience to rise beyond it.

We know this is not over, as some of the restrictions lift from next week, please stay safe so we have you all back and school opening is sustained. Our children are our priority to ensure they continue at school, please continue to take precautions. The local authority is giving out Lateral Flow Tests or LFTs so you can have the quick tests we take in school and know if you are an asymptomatic carrier. The results are there in less than 30 minutes and so you know you are safe. Vaccinations continue locally at great speed.

We wish you all a lovely and safe Easter and look forward to seeing you once more on Tuesday 13th April!

Mrs Smith

Happy Birthday

Oscar	27 th March	Reception
Amy	27 th March	Yr6
Ryan	2 nd April	Yr1
Dulcie	5 th April	Yr1
Sonnie	6 th April	Yr6
Lillian	7 th April	Yr1
Daniel	8 th April	Yr1
James	8 th April	Yr2
Aarnan	9 th April	Yr4
Caris	10 th April	Yr3
Somachi	10 th April	Yr1
Nathen	11 th April	Yr4
Frankie	14 th April	Nursery
Emilia	16 th April	Yr6
Ella-Rose	18 th April	Nursery
Jessica	19 th April	Yr4
Zeyadul	20 th April	Yr5
April	20 th April	Yr3
Hilary	21 st April	Yr6
Mitchell	21 st April	Nursery
Kaira	22 nd April	Yr2
Ryan	26 th April	Yr6
David	27 th April	Nursery
Rebeca	27 th April	Yr6
Zaynab	30 th April	Yr2



Well done to all of our Stars of the Week!



**Happy Easter
from us all at St
Saviours!**

Easter Services

All Saints and St Nicholas churches are opening for public worship from Palm Sunday, 28 March.

Everyone is welcome to our services which are all Covid safe.

- Palm Sunday 10am All Saints 11am St Nicholas
- Maundy Thursday 1 April 7pm at both churches
- Good Friday 2 April 2pm at both churches.
- Easter Day 4 April dawn vigil at All Saints 5.30am, Easter day all age worship 10am All Saints and 11am St Nicholas.

Covid-19

Should anyone have a positive case of coronavirus from now until Monday 29th March please contact us on the below numbers between 10.00-11.00am or email fiona@st-saviours.towerhamlets.sch.uk (again, between 10.00am-11.00am).

This is important as it would mean that people in school would need to be notified as potential contacts and would need to isolate. We must adhere to public health advice in order to keep everyone safe.

Mrs Smith – 07458033926

Mr Hall – 07458033899

Ms Williams – 07458033927



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Nursery



Nursery children have continued their settling this term and making friends with other children. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the story we have been learning this half term which was Rosie's Walk. They loved going to the big playground to see our chickens and finding out about the worms they eat. We also made our own Rosie the hen which is in our art area. The children have continued to learn about numbers 1-5 and seeing if they can instantly recognise these numbers on a dice. We also enjoyed going to the hall to celebrate science week.

As Easter drew closer, we made and decorated our own Easter bonnets for an Easter parade. It has been great to see the progress the children are making in their name writing... please do keep practicing with your child at home, we want all the children be expert name writers by the end of the year. Please do remember that if your child is coming home covered in paint, mud and all sorts of other messy items then it is them showing you all the different learning they have been up to in the day!

For now, we wish you all a peaceful Easter and look forward to seeing you all in April!

From Mrs Simpson and the Nursery Team.

Reception

What a fabulous and busy half term we have had. Our topic 'Shark in the Park' was a huge success and the children produced amazing posters about their favourite sharks, made telescopes and even had a special visitor - Baby Shark! They wrote letters to Baby Shark to tell him about what they saw through their telescopes when they went for a deep sea dive.

In maths we continued deepening our understanding of numbers 1-10 and focused on learning to write our numbers the correct way around, counting as far as we can (accurately) and counting backwards also. We looked at 1 more/ 1 less and simple addition. We also looked at 3D shapes, learning their names and looking at the properties of shape.

The children have also been fortunate, to have had a coach in from West Ham coaching them in PE twice a week, and have really enjoyed experimenting with different ways of moving with controlled effort. They also started drumming lessons this term, and are becoming quite skilled at following simple drumming patterns.

"I have enjoyed writing and playing" - Ronee

"I have enjoyed reading books on Bug Club" - Amara

"I enjoyed drawing and making my telescope" - Ezekiel



We hope that you have a restful and enjoyable Easter break. See you next term.

Year 1

What a fantastic return to school it has been for all of the children! It has been lovely to see them all back, full of beans and ready to learn. We hope that you are as proud of them as we are!

In English the children learnt about tigers and wrote their own information texts including using a ruler to underline the subheadings. We also finished our story of 'Croc and Bird' that we started after the half term remotely, with the children writing their own versions of the story.

In maths we were learning about length and height and weight/mass of items. We have also been practising our number bonds to 10, along with counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children will continue to practise these after the holidays and we will be testing the children in a maths challenge to see if they can complete these in 90 seconds!

The children celebrated British Science Week on their return and they watched an experiment in the hall with Mr Ali and wrote all about it. The children made predictions and it was great to hear them starting to use scientific language. We also continued learning about the topic of mini-beasts and invertebrates. Hopefully the children are able to name a few of the animals that are invertebrates!

In R.E. the children learnt all about the story of Easter and how Jesus died on the cross and rose again on Easter Sunday. We also learnt about the events leading up to Easter Sunday during Holy Week.

Art with Mr Rowland has continued to produce some truly amazing pieces of work and the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different artists.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter and a nice rest ready for the start of the summer term.

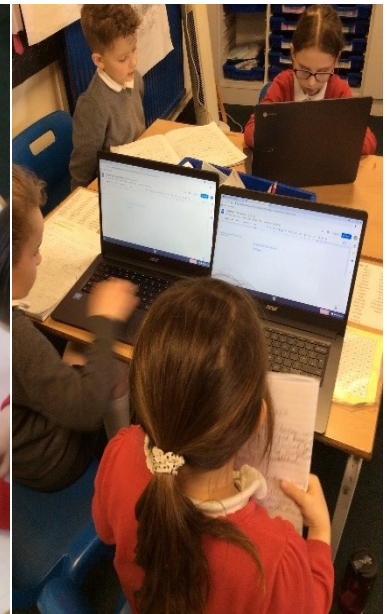
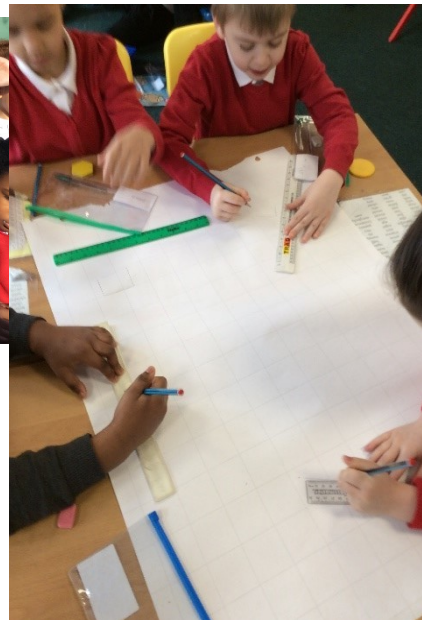


Year 2

What a wonderful end to the term we have had in Year 2! We started the term with remote learning and we finished in school, being able to see each other in class again! This half term we have been focusing on the story Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin. The traditional tale with a twist. We have had lots of fun putting our 'Rapunzel hats' on to write diary entries. Our writing was so fantastic, that we have even published them onto Google Classroom. So please log in at home to have a read!

In Maths, we have been focusing on Geometry. Not only brushing up on identifying and naming a range of 2D and 3D shapes but also practicing our problem solving skills! In Science, our investigation was, 'Where do Worms like to Live?' We tried a range of materials, sand, grass and of course soil! Ask us for the results at home... the answer wasn't as straight forward as we thought! In our Humanity subjects, we have been focusing on our Cornerstones topic, 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. It has been fascinating to learn about the evolution of different castle building as well as the amazing structures around the world! In RE we have been learning about the Easter story and Christianity with our key question being 'What do Christians believe God is like?' Finally, in PSHE we have been asking ourselves each week how can we keep our bodies and minds healthy.

Have a lovely Easter break! Miss McGonigle & Miss Salmon



Year 3

This term Year 3 have been Zooming from home and come back to school with a bang. They've explored new topics including Measurement in Maths- measuring pupils in the class, building dimensions for the new classroom at St Saviour's and even measuring time on the classroom timeline! The class went back to the Stone Age, creating a double page spread to show the lifestyles and culture in 'Tribal Tales'.

In Science Year 3 have enjoyed dissecting flowers, trying not to sneeze at all the pollen, dispersing seeds in the Secret Garden and investigating gases and explosions during Science Week!

Role-play and collaboration have played a big part in our English text, exploring the war between Boggis, Bunce and Bean and their nemesis Fantastic Mr Fox, laughing at their bungling attempts to hunt him and writing Fantastic Mr Fox's diary. Their learning concluded by producing a news report with humorous quotes, captions and headlines.

Friday afternoon's have ended with exploring Abstract Art, experimenting with Geometric Shapes and adding pieces made in class to our beautiful 'Lockdown Gallery' showcasing some of the wonderful work submitted during our Zoom sessions.

Have a lovely Easter! From Mr Lowson and Mrs Milton-White



Year 4

Dear Parents and Careers

This brief-term we have been studying the Demon Dentist by David Walliams. I am sure that the children will be caring for their teeth from now on. In science and in topic the children have been learning about teeth and digestion. Maths was all about fractions and decimals. The events of the Easter Story have been covered in R.E. and the idea of forgiveness and redemption. West Ham Academy have been supporting the children in developing their team skills.

Here are some quotes from the children.

Jessie "I have been excited and happy to be back!"

Mackenzie: "I like waking up to a fresh, new day."

Keira: "Through the three weeks it has been exciting and fun! More fun than sitting at home doing nothing. We even have break and football. You can actually meet your friends."

Georgie: "It's pretty cool to be back to school."

Alfie: "Happy to be back at because we don't have to do Zoom any more."

Riley "No more electronics in your face for the whole day."

Bobbi "Happy, because I get to meet my friend again!"

Daalya: "I need to get used to waking up at 7 a.m. and going to bed earlier."

"It's good to see your friends again."

Aneyah: "I don't feel nervous about school anymore because my friends make me feel better"

Stanley: "I'm enjoying the school dinners."



Year 5

Even though the first part of the half term was full of remote learning, Google Classroom, Zoom and a 'virtual' World Book Week, it ended with 'real' classrooms, face-to-face (masked) teaching and Easter bonnets. Year 5 should all be extremely proud of themselves, as we certainly are! Every day, the children arrive at school enthusiastic to learn despite the current climate.

Science week was full of plenty of fun experiments and we researched thrill engineer Brendan Walker! Some of our favourite Science activities over last 3 weeks were: exploding 'diet coke' rockets, Miss Daly nearly getting drenched in the bucket swing, creating parachutes to investigate air resistance and taking part in 'The Great egg drop' on the last day of the term.

Since being back at school, we have immersed ourselves in our topic 'Scream machine'. We have not only researched the history of roller coasters and compared old and new designs but we have also created our very own theme park. Over the last week, we have put our calculation skills to the test and designed our own theme park, which had a budget of £500,000.

In Maths, pupils have had a curriculum focus of Fractions. We have recapped some of the remote learning objectives and have built upon our previous fractions knowledge. We are now 'finding common denominator' experts! In English, we have loved reading our class book 'The Boy who swam with Piranhas' and all the pupils have written their own versions of the narrative, which are bursting with humour and direct speech.

Since returning to school after the lockdown, all of the children have blown us away with their resilience, maturity and respect for each other. They have all worked extremely hard and tried their best in all curriculum areas.

"I've enjoyed teachers always being helpful and seeing all my friends again!" - Aliana

"I've enjoyed not having Zoom calls every day!" - Finley

"I've enjoyed getting help in person instead of Google Classroom" - Jess

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter! Miss Daly, Miss Dooley and Mrs John J



Year 6

Year 6 have had an enjoyable and educational second half of the Spring-term. The children have had a challenging time with their learning being both online during the first half of the term and coming back to school for the last few weeks. Since the children came back to school they have coped remarkably well and have continued with all of the routines and procedures we have put in place to keep them safe. Our half term started with the introduction of our 'Darwin's Delight' topic, looking at different aspects of Evolution. During Maths we have been learning all about Percentages, Algebra and Units of Measurement. We have been enjoying R.J.Palacio's 'Wonder' as our model text and inspiration to our writing in English.

During our first week back in school, we had plenty of (Covid-friendly) Science learning and fun during British Science week.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter and a well-earned break, so everyone comes back refreshed and ready for the summer term. Thank you, Year 6 team.

"My favourite learning this term was during science week, learning about chemical reactions." Zina.

"I really enjoyed reading our class book Wonder and watching the film." Sonny.

