



## **St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School**

### ***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **6<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, our youngest children in school led their first assembly on 'Growing'. Our Reception children spoke so clearly and with such confidence; we are so proud of them.

In assembly on Tuesday, the children learnt about Eid al-Fitr. More information about Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr to share at home can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/61290621>

In our School Values assembly on Fridays, we are encouraging children to take a role in leading these for us. Today, Dawid and Max in Y6 spoke about the Polish celebration of 'Śmigus-Dyngus' which happens on Easter Monday. The boys presented a slide show about Smigus-Dyngus and how as a sign of purification, water is thrown over one another on this day. The children really enjoy hearing from each other and we invite all pupils to take part in our Friday assemblies and share their stories of heritage, culture or talk about their inspirational role models.

On Wednesday, as part of Design & Technology, our Y5 pupils participated in a 'Bridges, Maths and Design' workshop and constructed some amazing bridges out of bamboo poles! This was a fantastic workshop that really encouraged ingenuity and teamwork.

*Sports highlights this week ..* On Tuesday, children from Y4 and Y5 played a friendly game of Rounders against LEH Junior School. This was the first time that the children from both schools had played a full game of Rounders and together they learnt a lot about the rules and tactics! We are looking forward to a re-match with LEH next week!

This week in PE with Y2, the children were organised in to their new house groups and played a mini inter-house football tournament. The children had great fun in their new teams .. and well done to St Josephine Bakhita for winning this time!

#### **Next Week**

Next week, it is National Curriculum Test Week for Y6 pupils and they will complete tests in the areas of Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Maths. These assessments are a chance for children to demonstrate how hard they have worked and what they have learnt in their time in KS2. We wish them well next week.

## **Upcoming Dates**

Summer Term dates were sent to parents earlier this week. We are so happy to see the return of many of our Summer Term school events and we hope that you will be able to join us for these. A few dates are still being finalised and we will confirm these on ParentMail shortly.

9th – 13th May Y6 National Curriculum Test Week (SATs)

10th May Science – Hatching Chicks arrive in Reception

13th May Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear their own clothes for a donation of a bottle for the May Fair)

13th May PTA Sponsored Cycle to Amsterdam– cyclists leave school

15th May 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. PTA May Fair

16th -18th May Y5D School Journey: Sayers Croft

16th May Y3 EV to British Museum

17th May Reception EV to Bocketts Farm Park

18th – 20th May Y5BC School Journey: Sayers Croft

18th May Y6 EV to Globe Theatre 'Macbeth' workshop

18th May Y2 Assembly

20th May Y1 EV Richmond Theatre: 'The Tiger who came to tea'

## **School May Fair on Sunday 15th May – Do come along!**

We are very excited about our School May Fair on Sunday 15th May – it promises to be a fun filled day! We have sent home various ParentMails regarding activities, stalls and sponsorship and we hope that many will get involved as much as they can.

## **PTA Sponsored Cycle Ride 2022 to Amsterdam**

Our PTA Cyclists are getting ready once again for their PTA Sponsored Cycle Ride 2022! There are just under two weeks to go until our team of cyclists set off on their ride to Amsterdam on a fantastic journey that will see them cycle 230km to the Netherlands.

Please do show your support by sponsoring our dedicated cyclists. With costs currently rising, the fundraising of our PTA is more important now than ever. Any donation, big or small, will be very gratefully received and go directly towards their fundraising target, and of course will help to motivate our riders with this amazing challenge.

Please make your donation via the PTA Sponsored Cycle JustGiving webpage: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cyclettoamsterdam2022>

We look forward to cheering our cyclists off from school on Friday 13th May and welcoming them back after their tremendous achievement during the May Fair on Sunday 15th May.

### **Values Awards**

This week, congratulations to our children who have received a 'Values Award'.

Well done to Lois in Reception, Luca in Y1, Mia in Y2, Jude and Naomi in Y3, Wiktor in Y4, Mattia in Y5BC, Annie in Y5D, Matthew in Y6A and Pia in Y6T for receiving a Values Award this week.

### **Million Word Readers**

Many congratulations to Elizabeth Rose in Y4 for becoming a 1 Million Word Reader and to Lily in Y6T for becoming a 5 Million Word Reader. Well done for this achievement.

### **Message from our Pupil Chaplains**

Please can children return the collection boxes for the children's acts of service during Lent as our Pupil Chaplains will be collecting these next week?

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines