

## St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a packed week we have had in school with lots of exciting Lenten activities.

Our Lenten Prayer Relay continued with our Year 4 children planning a liturgy to lead at St. Anthony's. They went along on Tuesday and the theme was Friendship. They reflected on the story of the Paralysed Man and discussed what makes a good friend. The children were amazing and should feel very proud of themselves. Members of staff at St. Anthony's commented on what a fantastic and prayerful time they experienced. Well done Year 4!

Our sponsored activities have continued in earnest this week with our Nursery enjoying their sponsored Trike Ride on Wednesday. Yesterday our Year 4 enjoyed a sponsored fun run around the mile track. Today we have Y2 sponsored dance, Y3 sponsored sing, Y5 sponsored times tables and a very quiet day for Year 6 as they attempt to complete a sponsored silence. Not for half an hour or even an hour but between the hours of 9 and 2! Gold Award was very strange with lots of hand gestures coming from Mr Knight and Year 6. I tried to catch a few of them out but they were not to be tempted and are determined to last the whole day. I'm sure they will achieve it.

Many thanks for the sponsored money that has already come in to school. Please try to send in any money before school closes on Wednesday. This Lent we are supporting Caritas, St. Anne's Hospice and the Ukraine appeal.

Yesterday our Y4, 5 and 6 gathered for Liturgical prayer focussing on the story of Palm Sunday. The children really enjoyed the special time out of class to pause, listen and reflect. Many of them had the opportunity to remain in stillness and prayer after the service was finished. Year 1, 2 and 3 will have the opportunity next week.

*Have a lovely weekend*  
*Mrs Kelly*

## Congratulations to our Gold Award winners!



## Reflection to share

*Lord God,  
I give you thanks,  
for you are good,  
and your mercy is  
endless.*



*Here I stand, at the start of this Holy Week,  
This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death,  
And I am distracted by many things.  
Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name*

*The one who opens the gates of righteousness  
The one who answers when we call.  
I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,  
And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.  
To walk the road we walk.*

*Open my eyes that I may see him coming,  
And may praise him with a pure heart.  
And may walk in the way of his suffering,  
And share also in his resurrection.  
Amen.*

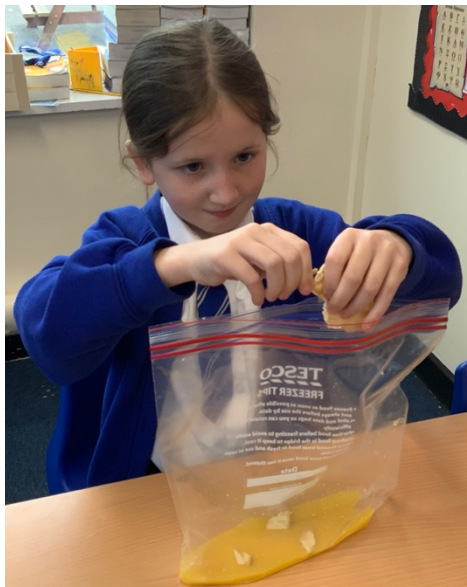


## In the Spotlight – Year 4

Our History topic 'Cry Freedom' has focussed on slavery throughout time. We revisited our topic on Ancient Greece by comparing the lives of slaves in Athens and Sparta. We learnt about the achievements of the abolitionist Harriet Tubman and designed symbols to be used by the Underground Railroad.

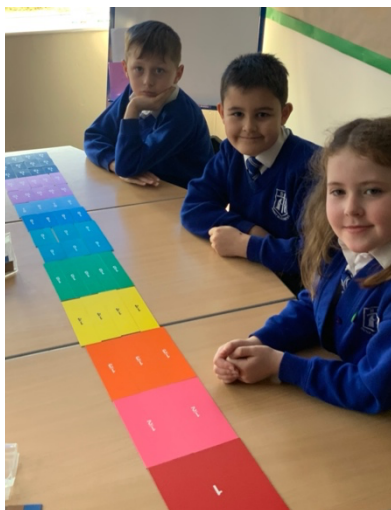


In Science, the children enjoyed learning about the digestive system and what happens to the food we eat as it travels through the body. We used orange juice and crackers to investigate what happens to food in the stomach – we found the results to be very unappetising!

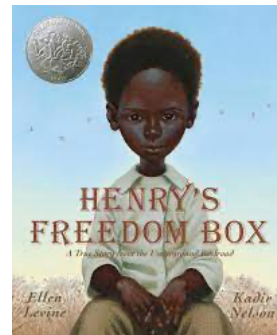


It was wonderful for the children to take part in the Lenten Prayer Relay. They led a Lenten Liturgy at St Anthony's based on the theme of friendship. In class we have been learning all about the Easter story as we prepare for Holy Week.

Our Maths this half term has focussed on fractions and we have been learning to find equivalent fractions, add and subtract and count on a number line. We have been using Time Tables Rockstars and lots of other games to help us improve our times tables.



The children enjoyed reading the fantastic story of 'Henry's Freedom Box' in Literacy – a book about a slave who mails himself to freedom. We wrote a diary entry about his experience in the box and a persuasive speech on abolition.



## Sporting News

On Tuesday we went to the Catholic Cluster netball tournament. After a few competitive games coming our team placed 3rd overall.

Brilliant, passing, defending and shooting by all the team. Well done!



## Coming Up

Rounders Excel, Thursday 5th May 2022  
Where: Manchester Health Academy  
Time: 3:30pm - 6:00pm





## Holy Week

Next week we will be marking Holy Week in a variety of ways:

Monday – Passover Assembly & Workshops throughout the day

Hunger Lunch starting at 11:30am

Tuesday – Triduum Assembly

Wednesday – Stations of the Cross led by Year 6 at 9:15am (parents welcome)



## Holy Week

### House Points

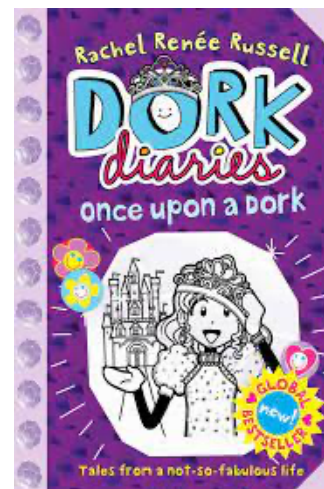
<b>St Maximillian Kolbe</b>  <b>1025 Points</b>	<b>St. Angela Merici</b>  <b>1008 Points</b>
<b>St Oscar Romero</b>  <b>1067 Points</b>	<b>St Josephine Bakhita</b>  <b>773 Points</b>

Congratulations to this week's winning house:  
Team Romero!

### Library Corner

This week Amelia in Year 6 recommends 'Dork Diaries, Once Upon a Dork' by Rachel Renee Russell.

This book is about a girl called Nikki, one day in PE she gets hit in the head and has a wild dream in which she and her best friends Chloe and Zoey become part of a well-known fairy tale with a very special Dorky twist!



### Attendance WC 4<sup>th</sup> April

Year	%
Nursery	78%
Reception	81%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%

There are 171 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

Congratulations to **Year 5** with the best punctuality!

Congratulations again to **Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5** with the best attendance this week. Whole school attendance this week was 89%

## Article of the Fortnight

**Article 5** (parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities): Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up, so that they fully enjoy their rights. This must be done in a way that recognises the child's increasing capacity to make their own choices.



**Article 18** (parental responsibilities and state assistance): Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child. Governments must support parents by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children.



## Top Tweets



Please look at the tweets below, they give a great sense of what St. Elizabeth's is all about! If you don't already follow us on Twitter you'll find us at @stelizabethsm22.

A live feed also appears on the front page of the website.



**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 12h  
What's that delicious smell coming from Nursery?

Our children are making bread just like the little red hen!  
We LOVE bringing stories to life and our bread tastes yummy!



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**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 5 Apr  
We've had a wonderful morning. Thank you for the warm welcome!

Our children loved leading Prayer and Liturgy. They were also delighted to make some new friends too!

#Lent2022  
#PrayerRelay  
Next stop @ssjftmprimary



**St Anthony's MCR** @stanthonysm22 · 5 Apr  
Thank you to @stelizabethsm22 for leading a beautiful Prayer and Liturgy session for our Year 4 children this morning on the theme of Friendship. Next week, the prayer relay moves on to @ssjftmprimary  
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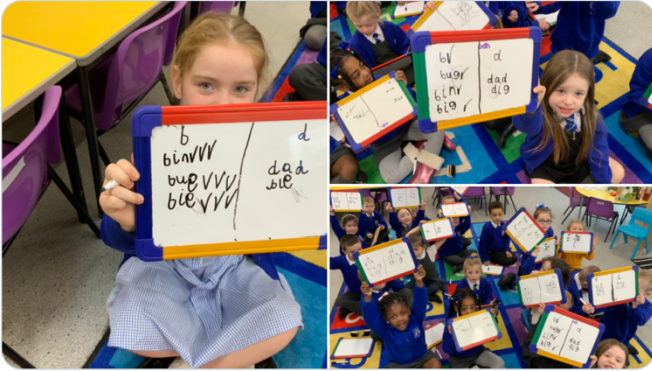
**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 7h

This afternoon, Year 4 had a wonderful time during their Lenten Fun Run



**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 4 Apr

Reception have been writing cvc words today. We looked at the similarities between writing a "b b boot" and a "d d dinosaur". Great work everyone!



**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 12h

What's that delicious smell coming from Nursery?

Our children are making bread just like the little red hen!  
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**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 10h

Year 4, 5 & 6 began their day with Liturgical Prayer. We listened to Matthew 21:1-11 Palm Sunday.

We thought about Jesus' journey into Jerusalem riding on a gentle, humble donkey. This animal chosen specially as a sign of peace.

Come Lord Jesus come, fill me with your peace



**Dates for your diary:**

**April**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Y6 Hunger Lunch, 11:30am -  
(Parents welcome)

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Sacramental Programme Parent  
Meeting 3.10pm Y6 classroom

**Wednesday** – Stations of the Cross - 9:15am  
(Parents welcome)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – School closes at 1:15pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** – School Reopens

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** – First Forgiveness at 2pm

**May**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** - First Holy Communion at 10am

