



St. Edward's NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER TO ST EDWARD'S FAMILY

Dear Parents/ Carers and the St Edward's Family,

It is always a pleasure to write my message to you for our newsletter and to introduce all the wonderful things that our children have been doing. Indeed, this newsletter has some fantastic examples of the online work being produced by our children across all of the year groups.

Every time I write to you, I use the word 'unprecedented'. I think that word still applies to us and the whole country at present. Who could have predicted in January last year that our whole school would be delivering the complete curriculum online in January 2021? Indeed, I have looked through some of our historical documents and I can confirm that, prior to Spring 2020, St Edward's Catholic Primary School has only ever had to close on one occasion. That was World War II in 1939, when our school was called Castle Road Catholic School and the children were evacuated. So the word 'unprecedented' seems very appropriate.

The amazing part of this whole experience for me is the most incredible way in which everyone has responded to keep the vibrant and interesting learning happening.

St. Edward's is truly a family, which has undoubtedly come together at this time to support everyone to achieve this.

The staff have been brilliant. We have our 'online team' delivering the learning each day and I am delighted that we have received so many positive reports from yourselves about the lessons and the interactions with the children. Indeed, I am very aware that our 'online live experience' is so much better than many other schools. In addition, we have our 'in-school team' of staff, who have been equally brilliant, ensuring that our key worker children are able to access the lessons, while their parents continue to carry out their vital work.

I also have to mention you, the parents and carers. Your dedication to this new way of learning has been amazing and we are truly grateful for your continued support.

Finally, I have to mention our children. I have been a teacher and a Headteacher for many years, but I am still amazed at the St Edward's children. They have shown the most incredible ability to adapt and engage, which has been brilliant for us all. At the moment, we are looking at how we can reward our children for their continued efforts and achievements at this time. Possibly we will be sending home Golden letters and postcards.

I am delighted to send this newsletter to you, showcasing some of the wonderful work from our children. Going forward, we will continue to include work from all of our children and also start to upload this to our website.

We are obviously sad as we do miss our children in school every day. We are looking forward to the possibility of them returning soon. The date of 8th March has been confirmed as the earliest return date, however, once we receive specific confirmation from the DfE then we will inform you immediately.

We hope and pray that you are keeping well. Some of us at school have been unwell, but are gradually starting to return to our duties.

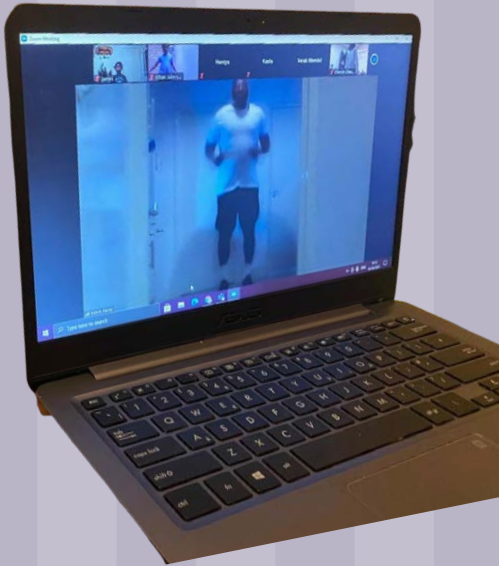
I know you will join me as the St Edward's Family in thinking about dear friend Anna Aidoo and her family this week. As you are aware, there is a Requiem Mass scheduled for Thursday lunchtime, where we will have the opportunity to join together to show our respects.

God Bless

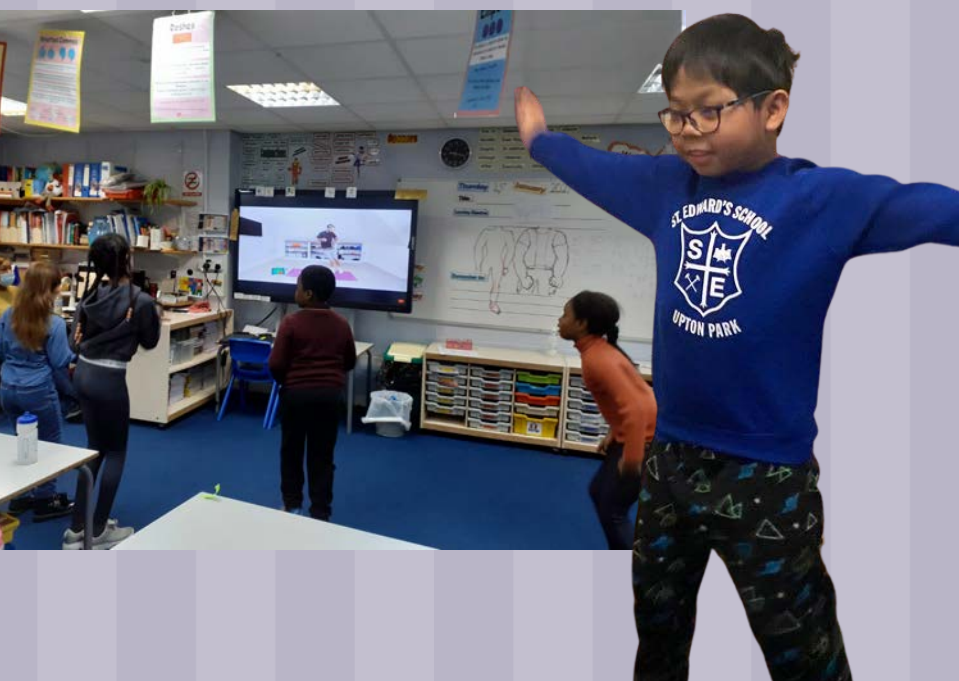
Paul Underwood
Headteacher

LEARNING FROM HOME

Online P.E. with Joe Wicks and Coach Chris!



As part of home online lessons, our children have enjoyed their PE sessions at the comfort of their home and in school!

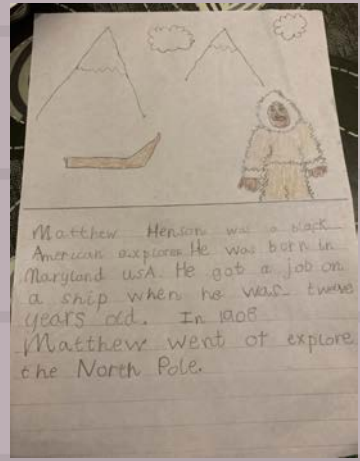


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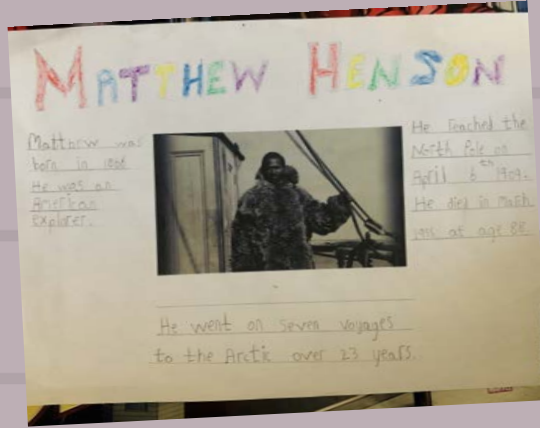


The children in Reception have been working incredibly hard and have produced some fantastic work! We have been looking at Goldilocks and the three bears, The three billy goats gruff, capacity, positional language



YEAR 1

'The children have been learning about great explorers and they created their own posters about Matthew Henson. He was the first man to reach the North Pole.'



NURSERY

More exceptional work from our Nursery children, Two thumbs up from us! Well done Nursery class!!



Lockdown creativity

YEAR 5 PROJECTS

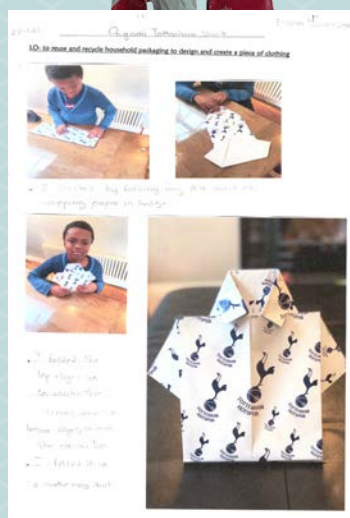
TO DESIGN OUTFIT/ARTWORK/TOYS USING ONLY RECYCLED MATERIALS!

Buena made her very fashionable dress using paper bags from a cake company The Hummingbird bakery! We wondered where all the cakes went!



Nelly made her stylish dress out of Disney shopping bag. She even created a guitar out of a cardboard box!

James did his version of Roman toga, using all accessible resources from home including a binliner, daddy's old socks for his sandals, mummy's decorative leaves (painted with gold) for his headgear and left-over Christmas wrappers and cardboard for his cuffs, belt and sword.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have started looking at modern styles of art and are currently looking at Cubism, studying the work of Picasso and Uzo Egonu. Here are some of the childrens studies of a picasso work.



Newham Workshops for Parents/Carers

Dear Newham Parents, Carers and Young People Need some support for yourself or your family during lockdown? Not sure where to start? Join us for our weekly workshops taking place every Thursday, 4pm-5pm on Zoom and we will inform you of the support that is available to you in Newham. We want to make sure that every family in Newham knows about the amazing support on offer, especially during this difficult time. This includes support for wellbeing and mental health, finances, housing, befriending and much more. Click the link below to join our workshop!

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Phone one-tap:

United Kingdom: +442034815240,,95579486838# or +442039017895,,95579486838#

Meeting URL:<https://zoom.us/j/95579486838>

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Supporting parents during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 28 th January 2021, 4-5pm
Supporting teenagers during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 4 th February 2021, 4-5pm
Supporting children during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 11 th February 2021, 4-5pm
Taking care of yourself during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 18 th February 2021, 4-5pm

Join by phone

If you do not have Zoom on your phone or computer, you can still join by phone.

1. Call the below number on your phone (if the first one does not work please try the next one along)
2. You will be instructed to key in the 'Meeting ID' (below)
3. Then press '#' and you will be let in to the meeting!

Dial: United Kingdom:
+44 203 481 5240 or +44 203 901 7895 or +44 131 460 1196 or +44 203 481 5237

Meeting ID: 955 7948 6838

Newham SEND Hub together with Mencap are delighted to launch an U5's remote / virtual SEND support offer for parent caregivers living in Newham who have a child with additional needs / SEND.

The following three options are available for parent caregivers to access:

Under 5's SEND Support Hotline Poster - This hotline will be available three times a week for families. Starts week beginning 18th Jan until the end of the 3rd C-19 lockdown

Virtual Peer Support Group for parents - Started on 11th Jan - will run twice a week during 3rd lockdown

Facebook Group for parent caregivers, Search for: 'Supporting each other - Newham' - Started during the 1st lockdown - ongoing support for families via social media



Under 5's SEND SUPPORT HOTLINE

For families who have children with SEND during the 3rd Covid-19 Lockdown

Contact us on:

- Tuesdays: 9:30am – 12:30
- Wednesdays: 9:30am – 12:30
- Fridays: 1pm – 4pm



Mobile: 07864 017 120

All calls are confidential

We can offer support by:

- Provide a listening ear to you
- Signposting you to local services
- Advice & ideas about how to support children at home

Email: fsnewham@mencap.org.uk

Strengthen, Empower, Nurture (SEN) in Newham

SEND Facebook group to connect families!

Do you have a child with SEND and live in Newham?

Mencap's closed Facebook Group is a virtual support network for families who have children with additional needs in Newham.

Connect with other families

Share tips, ideas and support

Find out more about what's on offer for families in Newham

To join us, please search for 'Supporting Each Other - Newham' on Facebook



For more information or if you need any help please contact raksha.patel@mencap.org.uk



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SEN IN NEWHAM - Virtual Coffee Catch-up



We are welcoming parents with children with SEND under 5 years old

Join us for a virtual chat to meet other parents and explore:

- How Mencap could support you during THIS lockdown
- parent champions in your local area
- a support group for parents of children with SEND

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Every Monday from the 11th Jan – 8th Feb @ 10am-11:30am
&
Every Thursday from the 14th Jan – 11th Feb @ 1pm - 2:30pm



Please [Click here to join the meeting](#)

NOTICE TO PARENTS

VISITING THE SCHOOL

Please be reminded that when dropping and collecting your child in school to make sure you maintain 2-meter distance as per government guidelines. You need to queue by the side of the fence and not block the entrance of the school.

Please help us protect our staff, children and each other.
Thank you for your co-operation.



REMOTE LEARNING ATTENDANCE

Your child is expected to attend their online lessons daily. Please encourage your child to log in before the registration time. Please see their schedule via our website under the [remote learning tab](#). If for any reason your child is unable to attend his/her class, please inform us of the reason of absence via email at info@st-edwards.newham.sch.uk
Thank you



CHILDREN'S WORK AT HOME

We encourage all children to send their work to the school so we can share them in our school community. Please email your work to info@st-edwards.newham.sch.uk

Thank you for all your hard work.





GOSPEL - MARK 1:21-28



21 They went as far as Capernaum, and at once on the Sabbath he went into the synagogue and began to teach.

22 And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

23 And at once in their synagogue there was a man with an unclean spirit, and he shouted,

24 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.'

25 But Jesus rebuked it saying, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!'

26 And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him.

27 The people were so astonished that they started asking one another what it all meant, saying, 'Here is a teaching that is new, and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.'

28 And his reputation at once spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Prayer for Everyone

Heavenly father,

*I am your humble servant, I come before you today in need of hope.
There are times when I feel helpless, There are times when I feel weak.*

I pray for hope. I need hope for a better future.

I need hope for a better life. I need hope for love and kindness.

Some say that the sky is at it's darkest just before the light.

I pray that this is true, for all seems dark. I need your light, Lord, in every way.

I pray to be filled with your light from head to toe. To bask in your glory.

To know that all is right in the world, as you have planned, and as you want it to be. Help me to walk in your light, and live my life in faith and glory.

In your name I pray,

Amen.