



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

3rd July 2020

INTRODUCTION

As I am sure you are aware, the Department for Education has announced new guidance for schools to reopen in September. We are now reviewing this guidance and the implications for the school.

This week all year groups have had online lessons via Microsoft Teams. It is very important that all the children log on to their lessons on time. A reminder that if your child has any issues with logging on to Microsoft Teams or if you have any other issues please contact us by email to: parents@sthomasmoreschool.org.uk

Next Monday, and the last Monday of term (13th July) there will be a session online, similar to Registration, for Form classes so that pupils can come together with their Form class and Form Tutor before the start of the summer holidays. Information on these sessions will be available on Microsoft Teams.

During the first two weeks of the summer holidays, the school will be holding a summer school for Year 7 & 8 pupils. Thank you to all those who have applied for a place. Ms Warriner, Deputy Headteacher, is now working on this and parents will be notified in the coming days if they have been allocated a place.

Mark Rowland
Head of School



AMAZON VOUCHER WINNERS

The winners of £10 Amazon vouchers for this week are:

Year 7: Francesco Amato, Maksymillian Dymek, Alyssa Parry

Year 8: Imani Monrose, Patryk Rojecki, Oluwatoba Ayanbadejo, Daniel Ogunya, Maja Grzybek

Year 9: Celine Offiah, Ross Bondoc, Kevin Crosspulle, Fiona Arthur

Year 10: Heitey Yankson, Mark Ibekwe

Year 12: Ishita Deb, Demoy Morrison

Well done to all the nominees. Congratulations to the winners! Vouchers will be emailed.

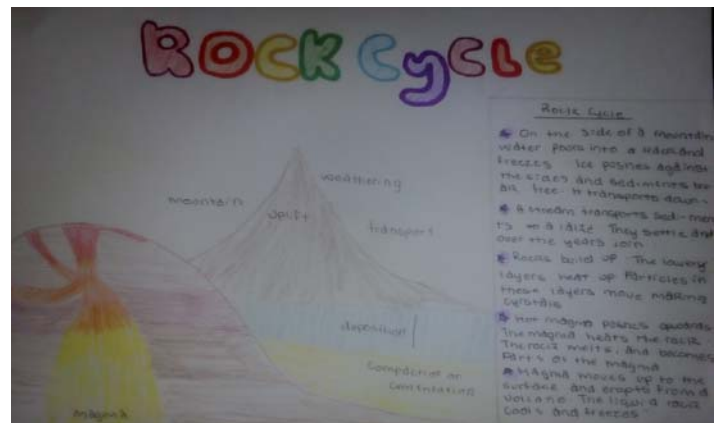
A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Below is an image from a postcard found on the Hornsey Historical Society website, which has a number of articles and publications about Wood Green, Hornsey, Bounds Green and the surrounding areas. Go to: <https://hornseyhistorical.org.uk/>



ROCK LIFE CYCLE

Below is the work of Joyce Esegibe 8MCI



DRAMA

Below is Daniel Ogunya's set design for A Monster Calls. (8BK1)



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Week Beginning 5.7.20

Gospel Reading: (Matthew 11 Verse 25:30): Be Like Children:

At that time Jesus said, "Father, Lord of heaven and earth! I thank you because you have shown to the unlearned what you have hidden from the wise and learned. Yes, Father, this was how you wanted it to happen. My Father has given me all things. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. He said, "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light."

Jesus knows that we all have times when we find life difficult. We all have times when even though we try hard, we can't do something. We all have times when we are tired, fed up and would like to give up.

Jesus says his yoke is easy. He does not mean an egg yolk! This yoke is a wooden bar put on animals to help them pull heavy ploughs or loads. So Jesus is saying that he will help us. Jesus says in the Gospel reading that he is always there to comfort and support us; that when we are tired or finding things difficult, we can turn to him and find rest.

Just knowing that we are not alone can make a big difference when we are finding life hard. God is with us always, when we are alone, but also in the people who help and support us.

So, this week, let's remember we can turn to God when things are hard. But also, let's look after others who are finding things difficult and do our best to help them. We can show them that they are not alone by the way we treat them.

Prayer:

Caring God, you are there with us in the most difficult times. Help us when we find things hard. Help us to be there for others when they are struggling. God of all, be with us when we find things hopeless. Strengthen us as we help each other, so that all people may have hope for the future. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The God who speaks 'The Year of the Word'

Listen to me little ones, and you will please God. If your lives are to be filled with happiness and joy, turn away from wickedness and lies; surround yourselves with goodness and try with all your hearts to share the peace of God with others. (Psalm 34: 11-14)

Thought for the Week

**Allow yourself to ask for help if you need it.
Accept the truth that you are not alone.
The world is a much better place
when it's not all on your shoulders.**

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9. Good luck!

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SUMMER PROJECT

Alexandra Palace Creative Learning Team have put together a range of online resources, challenges and competitions on wildlife, art, books and more. Take a look at what they have to offer and delve into a mini project over the summer:

<https://www.alexandrapalace.com/creative-learning/overview/>

RUGBY CLUB

Attached is a link for a conditioning circuit to try at home:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny5_sFjaR6E

DRAMA CLUB

JL Circus upload three sessions a week to youtube ranging from juggling to magic tricks. If you learn a new skill, send us a recording of you completing it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQnH7GJyMe4&list=PLwpjcMmHeSZPbmX6POz7X0C4jMeXdJcAQ>

COMPETITION

The One Show is launching an exciting new playwriting competition giving young people the chance to see their ideas come to life on stage. More information can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1SCKS8VmFFGvyggKbqGGyds/as-you-write-it-your-play->

Words of the Week

Monday- Inculcate - (Verb) - Instil or teach (an idea, attitude, or habit) by persistent instruction.

Tuesday- Stalwart - (Adjective) - Loyal, reliable, and hard-working.

Wednesday- Abeyance - (Noun) - A state of temporary disuse or suspension.

Thursday- Inveterate - (Adjective) - Having a particular habit, activity, or interest that is long-established and unlikely to change.

Friday- Arrears - (Noun) - Money that is owed and should have been paid earlier.