

Growing together as children of God



At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting each other and acknowledging that we are stronger when we work together.
- ✓we are growing together as **children of God**, strengthening our faith, secure in the knowledge we are unique, loved and cherished.

Dear Parents and Carers

Only one more week until half term; it doesn't seem possible! Another busy week at HT, as well as all the fabulous learning, work on the new trim trail has started; there have been visits to Wimbledon Bookfest and it was wonderful to see so many pupils celebrating all their hard work with their parents in Share My Learning this morning.

We are thinking of all the people affected by the conflict in Gaza and Israel at this time and praying that a peaceful resolution can be found quickly.

Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war.

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Bookfest



Year 3 visited New Wimbledon Theatre as part of Wimbledon BookFest to see Stephen Mulhern talk to us about his new book 'Max Magic' which is inspired by his love for magic growing up. He spoke about his career, answered some questions and performed some exciting magic tricks, even getting the audience involved! Finished by an audience game of heads and tails. All Year 3 pupils walked away with their very own copy of his new Max Magic book.

Class Gardens



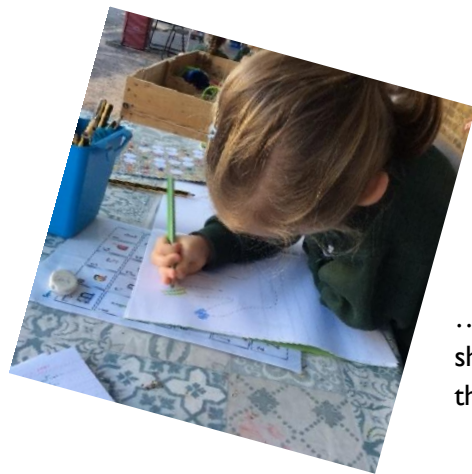
The children are continuing their work on their class gardens. Y5 have donned their gardening gloves this week to develop their space. One class is being very ambitious with talk of a water feature or pond – we cannot to see it! You can tell it has been hard work!



Also, this week:

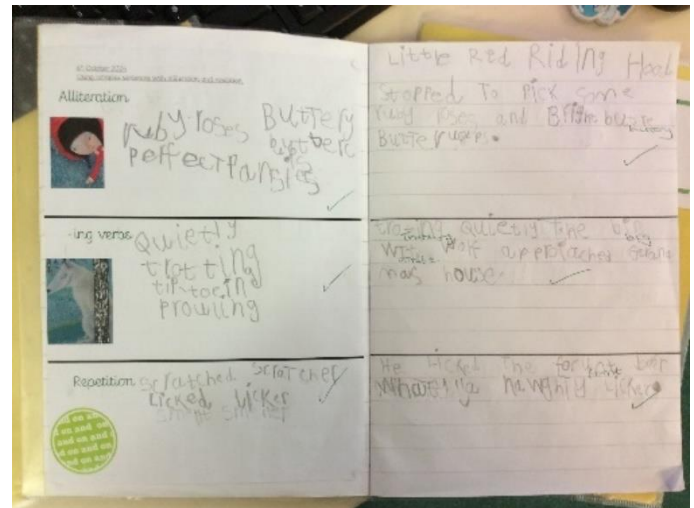
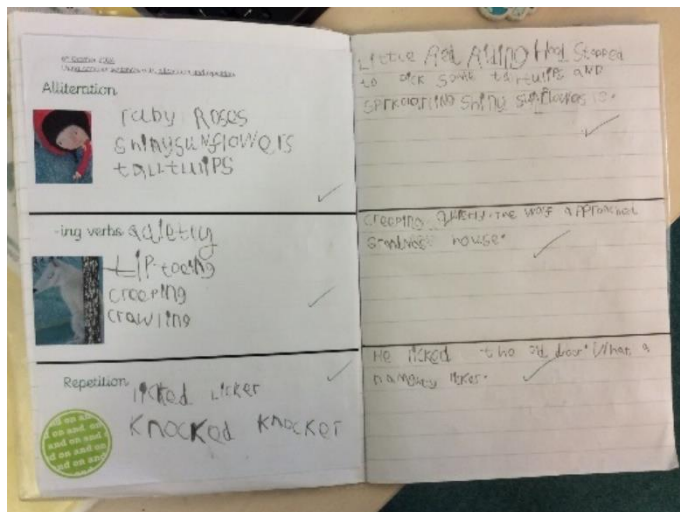


Reception have been weighing fruit and vegetables...



... and writing shopping lists for their healthy meal.

Year 1 have been doing some 'sentence stacking' where they explore their language ideas and use them to write fantastic sentences. Incredible writing for the first half term in Year 1!



Year 3 have been studying brochures and learning about their features in preparation for writing their own.



Year 2 have been building strong structures for Baby Bear's Chair in design technology. I wonder which chair was the strongest!



Parent Teacher Consultations

This term's Parent Teacher Consultations meetings will be held on-line, over a 4-day period, between Monday 16th and Thursday 19th October. The consultations for different classes will be held on different days and at different times during the afternoon and early evening.

The booking window has now closed. Please do check your date/time so that you don't miss your session.

Year 1 Morning Drop and Go!

It would help us so much if Year 1 parents could drop their children in their class line, and then vacate the playground, rather than waiting for the class to go into school. It can be unsettling for some of our children if their parent is not able to wait. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Schools Sunday – Sunday 15th October, 10am @ Holy Trinity Church

We encourage as many children and families as possible to come to the special Schools' Sunday service at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 15th October at 10am. Children do not need to wear their school uniform. The choir will be singing, so we would certainly ask that as many choir members as possible attend. Even if your child is not in the choir, they would be welcome to sing along too. The children will be singing *Siya hamba*, which you can listen to by clicking on this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZQrrt72eps>

Poetry Competitions



The Holy Trinity poetry competition is back!

The theme is 'my FAVOURITE PLACE'

You could write about :

- Where you like to play or relax
- Where you feel happiest
- What does it look or feel like in your favourite place?

There will be prizes for the winners and the winning poems will be displayed in the school.

Your poem can be any style, any length and can be rhyming or non-rhyming.

Please submit your entries by **Friday the 20th of October** via the envelope in the school lobby.

Good luck and happy writing!

We have three Poetry Competitions open at present for all our budding poets!

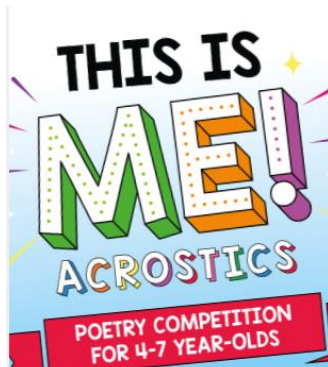


We would like you to enter the **National Black History Month Poetry Competition 2023** to honour the amazing achievements and contributions of black women in various fields – from literature, music, science, politics, and social care to campaigners, nurses, and everyday heroes who have made a difference to our lives.

Remember, the poems don't have to be about famous people; they can be about members of your family, women who have inspired you in your community, or even about you and your experiences as a young person. We want you to get creative and have fun with it!

You could choose to write a haiku poem, or an acrostic poem, or any other poetry format. It just has to celebrate a black woman and why she inspires you.

The best poems in each year group will win a prize and your poem may be published in a poetry book! Please give your teacher your poem by Friday 3rd November ☺ Good Luck!



Reception and Nursery Entry in September 2024/ Open Days

Please see our Reception and Nursery Admissions pages on the website for information about how and when to apply for places to start next Autumn:

https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/reception_admissions

https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/nursery_admissions

These pages also provide details of the open days we will be hosting this autumn. If your child is due to join us in September 2024, please do sign up for an event. We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what we can offer here at Holy Trinity.

HOTS NOTICES

HOTs Committee

We are looking for new committee members including a treasurer to join us. If you want to help shape the future of the school and join HOTS then please email us at hotsemail@gmail.com to find out more.

Pre-loved winter uniform sale

When? Monday 16th October after school in the playground

What? All winter stock will be available - PE kit, pinafore dresses, skirts, long trousers, jumpers, fleeces etc

Volunteers needed for set-up from 2pm. Please WhatsApp Veronica: +44 7977 186193

Donations of small hangers and uniform also welcome – please ensure this is clean and in good condition. Please hand to staff on the gate at drop off on Monday.

Payment via the HOTs PTA website only - have your logins ready! **We cannot accept cash.**

Can't make it? Order via the HOTs PTA website and uniform will be delivered to your child's class:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots>



The Wimbledon Festive Light Trail
23rd November to 17th December, 5.00pm to last entry 9.00pm

Come along and get into the spirit of Christmas and make the most of the festivities by stepping into a magical world of light, colour and sound, as you explore the grounds of Cannizaro Park adorned with thousands of lights transforming the gardens into an enchanted winter wonderland. An unmissable event to start off the festive season! You cannot beat the magic of Christmas.

Cannizaro House,
West Side
Common, London
SW19 4UE

www.festivelightdisplay.co.uk

On Thursday 2nd November Caterlink will be cooking a special menu instead of the usual Thursday menu.



**BONFIRE NIGHT
MENU**
**2nd NOVEMBER
2023**

BANGIN' BEEF BURGER
WITH SIZZLING FRIED ONIONS

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FLAMIN' VEGGIE HOT DOG
WITH SIZZLING FRIED ONIONS

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CAMPFIRE SPICY WEDGES
BONFIRE SWEETCORN & PEPPERS
EXPLODING BBQ BEANS

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caterlink
feeding the imagination

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

**BAME VOICE WITH
MERTON CLIMATE ACTION GROUP**

Invite you to:



"BREAK EVERY CHAIN"



CHAINS OF HISTORICAL OPPRESSION, ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION, EMOTIONAL RECOVERY

DATE: SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023 11 am - 5 pm

FEATURING:

EXCITING CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVITIES

LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS & PERFORMING ARTISTS —

EMMANUEL THE MAGNIFICENT ACROBATIC DANCERS & DRUMMERS

STALLS—HEALTH & WELLBEING, YOUTH GROUPS

VENUE: NEW CENTRE COURT GROUND FLOOR

WIMBLEDON SW19 8YE

Buses 57,93,163,164,200

Tram, Train, Tube close by.







Attached Items:

New Lunch Menu – Autumn/ Winter 2023-24

Please find attached a copy of the new lunch menu which will take effect after half term. Special Diet menus will be sent out to those with agreed Special Diets as soon as we receive them from Caterlink.

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

- First day: Monday 4 September 2023
(INSETs Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September so children back Wednesday 6th September)
- Last day: Thursday 21st December
- Half term: Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023

Spring Term 2024

- First day: Monday 8th January 2024
(INSET Monday 8th January so children back Tuesday 9th January)
- Last day: Thursday 28th March 2024
- Half term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Summer Term 2024

- First day: Monday 15th April 2024
- Last day: Wednesday 24th July 2024
- Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
(INSETs Monday 3rd June and Wednesday 24th July, so children return after half term on Tuesday 4th June 2024 and term ends Tuesday 23rd July 2024)

Key Dates for the Term

Any new dates added will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 15 th October	10.00	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
16-19 th October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
20 th October		Break up for half term
30 th October		Autumn 2 begins
2 nd November	8.45-9.30	Parent/Carer Prayer Group
7 th November		School Eucharist @ school
9 th November	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2024

13 th – 17 th November		Anti-bullying week
17 th November	9.45-10.15	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2024
27 th November – 1 st December		Assessment week
1 st December	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
7 th December	8.45-9.30	Parent/Carer Prayer Group
12 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
13 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
14 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show TBC
15 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
18 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
18 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
21 st December	14.00	Break up
8 th January 2024		INSET Day – School closed
9 th January 2023		Term begins for all children
11 th January	9.45	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2024
9 th February		Break up for half term
19 th February		2 nd half of term begins
11 th – 22 nd March		Assessment weeks
18 th – 22 nd March		Year 6 in France
20 th March	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
25 th -27 th March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
15 th April		Summer term begins
19 th April	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 th – 10 th May		Year 4 PGL
13 th – 16 th May		Year 6 SATS
24 th May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 th May		Break up for half term
3 rd June		INSET Day – School closed
4 th June		2 nd half of term begins
4 th – 7 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
10 th – 14 th June		Assessment Week
10 th – 14 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
29 th June		Summer Fair
19 th July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning
23 rd July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
24 th July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a lovely, not too rainy, weekend.

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