

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Heritage week - family of April Y1

Our Heritage Week

This week we celebrated our heritage and today we gave thanksgiving to God for it too. We said a decade of the rosary, part our Catholic heritage and spent time



reflecting on the stories from our families that we shared during the week. Thank you Lord for always being with us on our journey.

We have heard some amazing tales and also some very humble and precious ones. Above all I hope we have marked the importance of remembering how special our history is

and how it can help us understand the present too. Please see over leaf for a small sample of the stories that we have been privileged to share.

Half Term - TODAY

Friday 23rd Oct.

School closes at 3:30pm
for one week. We open again on
Monday 2nd November

Clocks go back one hour

This Sunday 25th October

Remembrance - November - Poppies

Please note that poppies and other items will be on sale in the classes (only) during the first week after the half term holiday.

Year 6 Secondary School applications

Well done every family in Year 6. According to our records, everyone has now completed the application process for secondary school. You will hear the outcome next March. Good luck!

Applications for Reception Class 2021

If you are intending to send your child to our Reception class in the next academic year, please be mindful that you will need to complete our school's Supplementary Form as well as applying on line at Southwark Admissions. Please return the Supplementary Forms to school after half Term. If you know anyone who is interested

in a place at our school please advise them accordingly of these timings.

Attendance

This has been an unprecedented return to school by any imagination.



With your help and support we are delighted to say that our attendance for this last term has been over 95%. Given the world we live in that is a tremendous endorsement of the value that our community places on education. Thank you parents and thank you teaching and support staff who have worked tirelessly to make this term a success for the children.

Uniform sale

Next sale date will be Tuesday 10th November, the second week back.

Mass at Our Church

Saturday 6pm Sunday 8:30, 10:00 and 12:00 midday. Please try to go along. Bring a facemask and something warm to wear as the windows are open!

St James the Great, Pray for us.

Grampa Sammy Campbell (M.B.E)

This is my Grampa Sammy. He became blind at the age of 12. There was no school for the blind in



Sierra Leone so he went to Ghana to study and follow his dream of becoming a teacher. In 1958 his dream came true when, after graduating from teacher training in Ghana with the highest marks, he went back to Sierra Leone to take up a post as head teacher of the Milton Margai School for the Blind in Freetown. Students at his school learn to speak excellent English, learn to read Braille and touch type.

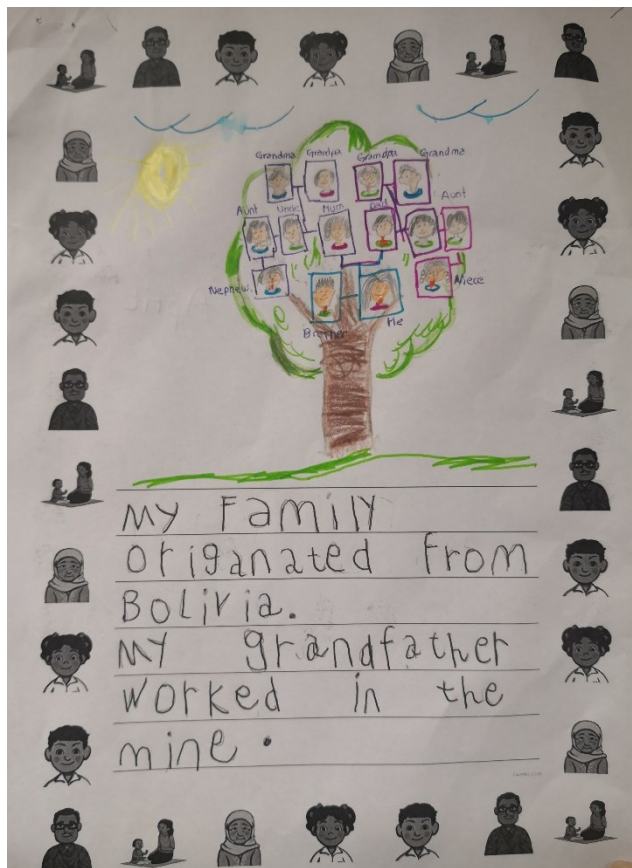
Mr Grampa's love for music has always played a very important part in the school. Every day the school choir sings in different churches and this led them to singing in Germany, Canada and the United Kingdom. My Grampa won an M.B. E award in 1970 and many more awards for his great work with the school.

My Grampa did not let his blindness get in the way of achieving things. He always said, "Disability is not an inability to achieve your dreams". My Grampa used to sing to me and I sang to him and he played the piano to me. We always played together.

By Eva, Year 2.

First my dad was born in Eritrea in 1981 and he studied. In 2003 he crossed the border to Ethiopia. For four months my dad lived in a refugee camp, then he went to Sudan for three weeks. Next he crossed the Sahara Desert to Libya where he stayed for another four months. He crossed the Mediterranean sea to reach Malta in 2011. Finally, he arrived in London by plane. In London he started to learn to drive a car and passed his driving test in 2012.

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April Year 1