



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

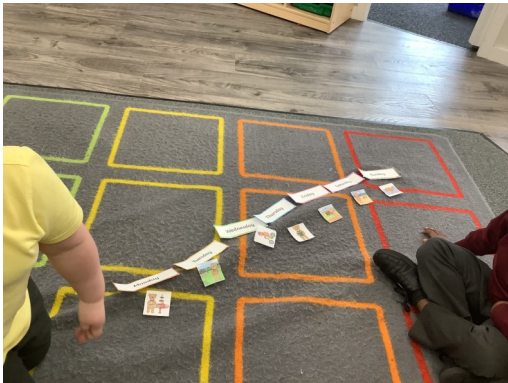
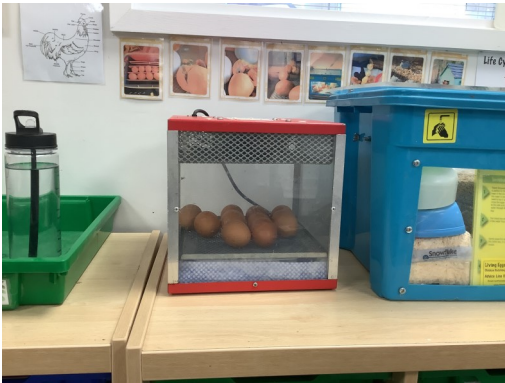
This Weeks Spotlight!

EYFS

It has been a very exciting week in EYFS. On Monday we had our delivery of eggs and by Wednesday we had 5 chicks! With more hatching throughout the week. The children have been checking on them and making sure they have enough food, water and that they are warm enough. We have been keeping a chick diary where a child writes in it each day and takes a photo of the chicks. As part of our growing topic the children have been linking the chicks with spring and everything that changes. As a class we have planted some cress and put in around different parts of the class to see where it grows the best

In Literacy we have been looking at non-fiction books around the chicks and talking about their life cycle and the difference between a chick and a hen. As a class we have labelled a picture of a chick and a hen then discussed different facts that the children have learned. In their writing, the children used new vocabulary to write fact cards about the different stages of the hatching process.

In Maths, we have been looking at time. The children have spoken about the days of the week and put them in order using our days of the week song. We then spoke about the words today, tomorrow and yesterday. As a class we discussed the different parts of the day; things we do at home and at school and created our own daily routine.



Classroom News!

Year One & Two

This week Year 1&2 have been learning about measuring length and height in maths. In PSHE we have been learning more about money. Thinking about the things we need to buy and the things we may want to buy. In English, we have been using all of our recently learnt grammar skills and applying them to our writing. We have been writing letters of apology in role as the Highway Rat, saying sorry to the animals for stealing their food. In RE, we have been learning more about Holy Week. We focused on the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. In computing, we thought about the differences between traditional books and e-books and we started to explore the tools of '2Create a Story'. Well done Year 1&2!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we have been exploring fractions greater than one. The children have been using a mixture of number lines, diagrams and counters to help them solve a variety of different mathematical problems. In English, we have been using our knowledge of direct speech to help create interesting and expressive narratives based around 101 Dalmatians. During our PE sessions, we've been practicing our long jump, quick bounce and hurdles. While in PSHE we have been looking at different jobs and ways to earn money. Well done team on another brilliant week!

Year Five & Six

Another busy week in Year 5/6, we have finally come to the end of our information texts and the children have written a very detailed non-chronological report on the Everglades in Florida, USA. We will be moving onto limericks next week, which will be fun. In Mathematics the children are now able to add, subtract, multiply AND divide in fractions - I am very proud of the effort that they have put in over the last couple of weeks with the tricky fractions.

Our Geography lessons have been supporting our work in English, as we have been learning about the imp[act for humans on the Everglades and what is being done to help restore this wonderful environment. Finally, we have remembered and celebrated the end of our Unity topic in RE.



**This week's house point winner is:
Nightingale
Well done!**



Classroom Rewards

Each week children are encouraged to complete their work to a high standard (St. Edmund's Standard). Children who have tried their best to try and reach this standard will be awarded the 'St. Edmund's Standard Award'. Children are also encouraged to follow the school mission statement and show 'Care, Consideration and Courtesy' towards each other, children who show acts of kindness which follow the mission statement will be awarded the 'Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award'.

St. Edmund's Standard Award

Max L
Kinga
Ria
Maycie

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Alicja
Jeremiah
Lilliana
Matthew

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year Five and Six

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 90.5%

This week's overall attendance: 88%

Just under 90%, lets try and get it back to 90% or above.

51 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

FSU	85.6%
Year One & Two	83%
Year Three & Four	90%
Year Five & Six	92%

Announcement: Family Attendance Draw

At the end of each term, we are going to have an **attendance draw**. For every full week a child is in school they will receive a ticket which will be entered into the end of term attendance draw. Therefore the more full weeks your child is in school the greater chance you have at winning the draw. The prize will be a £25 voucher for Asda.

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to inform you that an ex-pupil has donated £10,000 to the school. We have been negotiating with the builders who are completing the refurbishment on Year Three/Four and Year Five/Six classroom and we have agreed to complete works on the resource area outside the Year One and Two class. The children from Year One and Two will be moving into the hall to have their lessons on Monday. They will enter the school through the gate near the shop and the door which leads to the school hall. I know we continue to have upheaval throughout school but as I have said before it will be worth it in the end because all the areas which the children use throughout school will then be refurbished making it a nicer place to learn.

Thank you to all parents who have attended parents evening this week. It has been lovely to see you all and I hope you found it helpful.

We do have some very special visitors in Reception, the children have loved watching the chicks hatch and will enjoy feeding them next week. Look out on Twitter for the up-dates on how they are doing.

Please note the messages about the bake sale and Easter activities.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Attendance Drive

We have a challenge for the children. We really need to encourage all children to be in school every day and on time for the last three weeks of the term –this is a total of 14 days.

All those children who manage to do this will receive an Easter egg to bring home on the last day.

Attending school is very important , if children are in school they will learn and be the very best they can be. Mrs Hall has sent out emails informing you of your child's attendance. Full attendance reports will be sent out after Easter. If your child's attendance is low there is still time to improve it.





Easter Celebrations



Date	Event	Who
Thursday 21st March am	Stations of the Cross St.Paul's Church	All children
Wednesday 27th March 2023 9.15 am	Easter Collective Worship led by Year Three and Four	Parents
Thursday 28th March 2024	Easter Bonnet Competition	EYFS/KS1
Thursday 28th March 2024	Easter Egg Decorating Competition	KS2
Thursday 28th March 2024 9.15 am	Celebration Assembly— Attendance/ Raffle Draw//House Points	Whole School Community

Easter Bonnet Competition for EYFS/KS1

The children in EYFS and KS1 will be encouraged to decorate an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it into school. The children will take part in an Easter Bonnet parade and a winner from each year group will be chosen. The winners will receive an Easter Egg.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition for KS2

The children in KS2 will be encouraged to decorate a hard boiled egg at home and bring it into school. The children will present their egg and a winner from each year group will be chosen. The winners will receive an Easter Egg.

Easter Raffle

Tickets will be available shortly for our Easter Raffle. Children will be able to buy a strip for £1 and if they win they will be able to select an Easter Egg. Proceeds will go towards our trip fund.

Bake Sale

The children will take part in a weekly bake sale. One class will bring in some

Lenten Bake Sale

The Student Council would like to raise money for the following charities during this time of Lent.

CAFOD

And

The Children of Gaza and the Holy Land

The children have asked that rather than having a weekly cake sale were a year group each week brings in cakes, can they have a weekly 'Bake sale' because not everyone likes cakes.

The children are suggesting that families can donate any of the below items:

Cakes

Doughnuts

Biscuits

Croissants

Or any other sweet baked item.

The children will then be able to buy the items at breaktime. The baked items will be 50p each.

Please see the timetable below for the Bake sale.

Class to bring in 'baked' items	Date
Year Three/Four	Wednesday 20th March
Year Five/Six	Wednesday 27th March

The money raised so far is:

£45.65

Thank you



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Adin Zain **Kai**

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Isak Madison Poppy Daniel Danny Michael Roza Lili
Charley—Lea Benjamin Tia'Leigh Ria **Aida Anaya Marty**

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Madison-Evie Zak

Lexi May Grace Aron David Max Hayley Emmanuel Katerina
Ksenia Lilliana Michael Kaine Maycie Lexi
Dimitrinka Peneolpe Coral Lylah Ava-Jo **Skyler Kinga Tiana Catalin**
David Bobby Ella-Rose

St. Edmund's Reading Awards

The children are encouraged to read their books at home. This will help the children to learn through repeated practice. Those children who read at home will be rewarded with the following rewards:

Bronze Award—Certificate

Silver Award —Book Mark and Sweet Treat

Gold Award —Reading Book

As children achieve the reward they will be added to the reading wall in red.

