



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been exploring the important work that Sean Devereux did in spreading the Good News. Sean was a missionary, who went to Africa to help build homes, protect young people and spread the word of Jesus. In English, we found an old envelope - it appeared to be hundreds of years old! When the children opened it up, they uncovered a diary entry from a young man called Henry. Henry was a miner in Tawd Vale Colliery. The children have spent much of this week exploring what life would have been like for Henry.

On Tuesday, we took part in some yoga in the hall. It was lots of fun and very relaxing. Wednesday was lots of fun, as we began to learn how to play 'Happy Birthday' on the uku-
lele! We then spent the rest of the afternoon looking at self-esteem and why we are all im-

portant. While on Thurs-
day, we had our Saint Ed-
mund of Abingdon day. The
day began with a mass del-
ivered by Father Kenny.
The children then came
back into class to learn
more about St Edmund

and create their own infor-
mation booklet. In the
afternoon, we looked at
some of the early depic-
tions of St Edmund and be-
gan to create our own out
of pastels and pencil. Well
done team on another fab-

ulous
week!



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Classroom News!

EYFS

This week we have started our poetry topic and we have been learning Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. The children started as nursery rhyme detectives looking for clues as to what our new nursery rhyme was. Then we learnt our nursery rhyme, making sure we knew where all the parts of the were. During the nursery rhyme we began to miss body parts out, replacing them with the 'm' sound. In Maths the children have been learning about circles and triangles; learning how to compare the two. Then we looked at the position of items and practiced with our small world animals, putting them on, under, in and behind the house we built. Today we had our 1st forest school session and the children loved exploring the area and using the mud kitchen!

Year One & Two

In Year 1&2 we have been learning about verbs and adjectives to help us write some persuasive posters in English. In maths, we have been learning to subtract using part whole models and number lines to support us. In history, we spent time learning about Skelmersdale, pre 1961. We looked at lots of old photographs and compared them to current ones to see how much streets and places had changed over the years. In RE, we celebrated the end of our 'Belonging' topic, remembering the symbols used in the first sacrament of Baptism. On Thursday, we enjoyed Father Kenny's Mass and learning more about our Patron Saint; St Edmund of Abingdon. Well done on a fantastic week Year 1&2!

Year Five & Six

Year 5/6 have been working extremely hard this week, especially in mathematics. The children have been working on long multiplication and they have been learning a variety of strategies to support this - I think their favourite is using the grid method. In English, the children have been gathering all the resources they need to write an explanation text. This week they have been completing their modelled write with Miss Woodruff and next week they will complete their final independent write.

In History, the children have begun to locate and discuss 'Where in the world was Ancient Greece?' We looked at a range of maps ranging over a period of time and discussed how the territory had changed. Our Advent topic in RE has had the children thinking about 'waiting', especially something that they are really looking forward to, eg. Christmas! We also celebrated St Edmund's Feast Day on Thursday and the children were exceptionally well behaved during our mass and the Year 5/6 readers done a fantastic job.



**This week's house point winner is:
Stephenson
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

Hayley
Charley Lea
Paddy
Aida

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Hughie
Blake
Coral
Michael

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: FSU

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 84.7%

This week's overall attendance: 89.2%

Most classes have made improvements in relation to their attendance, well done children.

52 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

FSU	93.3%
Year One & Two	83.9%
Year Three & Four	90.7%
Year Five & Six	91.6%

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

We have had a great this week. The children have been working very hard in class and learning lots of things.

We celebrated our Patron Saint, St. Edmund of Abingdon's Day. The day started with a mass and then the children learnt all about him and why he was important.

Well done to our dodgeball team who played on Tuesday. They played very well and Mrs Nickson was very proud of them.

There are lots of events on next week, so please come and support the school by attending.

I have also included the timetable of events running up to Christmas. Just be aware dates and times could change. There are lots of great things on, so we should have a lovely time.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Birmingham

Pre-loved Sale

Our School Council will be holding a 'Pre-loved' sale on **Wednesday 22nd November after school.** We will be selling items such as toys and books amongst other things. We would be grateful if you could come along to the sale and support our children, you may even find some Christmas presents. Funds raised from the event will be used for School Fund.

Parent's Coffee Morning

Tuesday 21st November 2023

9.15 am—9.45 am

Compass Bloom will be attending the coffee morning. Compass Bloom has been supporting our school for the last two years, proving those children with mental health needs with support. If you feel this is something you would like to know more about, please come and attend the coffee morning. The event will take place in our Thrive room.

All parents are welcome.



Christmas Dates



Date	Event	Description	Groups
5 th December	Christmas Tree Festival at St. Paul's	To visit the church and see the festival and have drink/biscuit, if time an activity.	1.15-1.45: EYFS/KS1 1.45 – 2.15: Y3/4 2.15 – 2.45: Y5/6
12 th December 2023 @2.30 pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity		Parents and all family members
13 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day	To raise money for Alder Hey	All children and staff
14 th December 2023	OLQP – Winter Wonderland Show	Dance club to dance in OLQP show	Dance Club
18 th December 2023 @ 2.30 pm	Christmas Crafts Café	Parents can come into school and buy products that the children have made and have a tea/coffee and mince pie.	Children Parents
19 th December	OLQP – Pantomime-Dress Rehearsal	To watch children from OLQP in Pantomime	Year Five children
20 th December	MacDonald Treat	Children who have won St. Edmund's Stars to go to MacDonald's.	HT/HH and 8 children.
20 th December @3.25 pm till 4.45 pm	Supper with Santa	Children to stay for supper, have a hotdog and present from Santa.	Children
21 st December 9.10 am—10.00 am	Celebration Assembly	Awards, Attendance and Raffle	Children Parents
21 st December	Class Christmas Parties	Children to have a party with their class friends.	Children
22 nd December 9.10 am—9.40 am	Christmas Collective Worship	The story of Christmas	Children Parents

Pupil Corner

We done to Daniel who is part of 42nd Ormskirk Scout Group. He and his fellow cubs and scout marched on Remembrance Sunday, remembering those who had fallen.



Well Done to Lila-Rae. Lila-Rae has recently started Morris Dancing, and although she has only just started has already won a medal.



In pupil's corner, we celebrate any achievements which children have completed at home.

If your children have achieved something at home, please send an email to me with a photograph.

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On Monday 20th November, we are asking all children to come into school in brightly coloured odd socks.

Please do not buy anything especially, it is whatever you have available in the house. The reason we are wearing odd socks, is to think about anti-bullying and to remind each other that we are all unique and special and deserve to be treated with respect, kindness and love.



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Madison-Evie Zain

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.

