



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Three & Four

Time flies when you are having fun and wow this half term has flown by! Year 3 & 4 have been working hard all term and this week has been no different.

We have completed our English unit on Paddington and created some fabulous and funny calamity stories in true Paddington bear style which we can't wait to sit and read to the younger classes when we get back after half term. The past two weeks we have dipped into non-fiction writing, recognising key features of leaflet design and finished this week by creating our own tourist leaflets having researched our favourite London landmarks.

In maths we have looked at value of numbers, compared numbers and this week we have finished off rounded numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Our mastering number journey continues with our new fluency lessons which are helping us embed those critical mathematic foundations. This week the focus has been on doubling. We have been doing daily times table challenges and weekly class battles and the enthusiasm the children have shown has been wonderful. They have earned extra house points & certificates - keep this up over the half term everyone!

Guided reading and Reading Plus have also been a highlight this term and I am thrilled with the children who have taken this on. You can really see the positive influences their reading has on their work in English but also in other subjects too.

This week our Prehistory topic came to an end, culminating in a huge class debate this week on whether they would rather have been a child in the Stone or Iron Ages. It was wonderful seeing everyone participating and listening to them support their arguments with evidence and new vocabulary they have learnt this term.

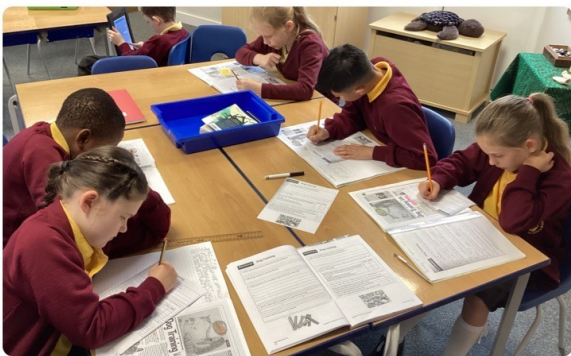
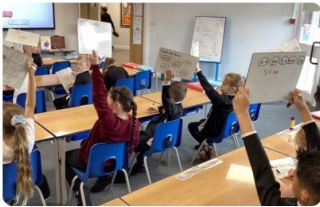
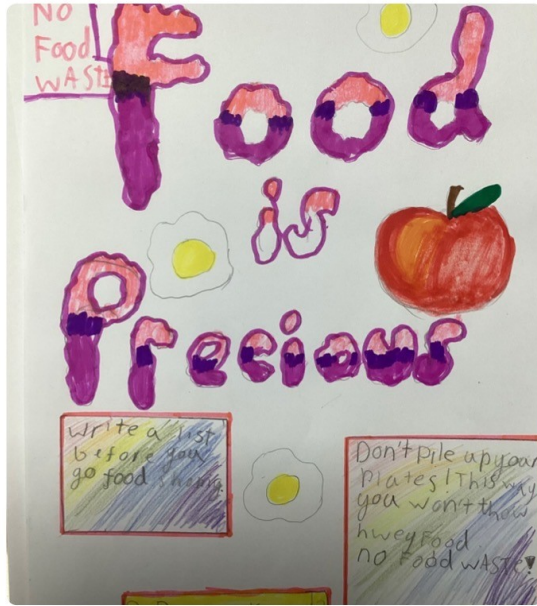
As part of World Food Day, our class thought about 'No Food Waste' and what we could do to avoid wasting food. The children brainstormed lots of ideas and created posters to promote this key message.

Finally, in Swimming and PE we are seeing confidence, resilience and skills develop each week which is incredible. Now it's time to enjoy our well deserved Pizza Party for all our efforts in the classroom and superb attendance this half term.

Enjoy your half term break everyone – I can't wait to see what we can achieve next half term.

Please take a look at our photographs on the next page.





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Classroom News!

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have continued to look at our non-fiction book; A Place Called Home. We wrote a class fact file about a house using vocabulary we have learnt and then we used the book You Choose to choose a home we would love to live in and why. In Maths the we are looking at the numbers 1,2 and 3; how they are represented, how we write them and how they are subitised. For World Food Day we discussed what food we liked and how we should share what we have with others that don't have as much as us. Then the children painted their favourite foods.

Year One & Two

This week Year 1&2 have been writing their own version of the story 'Harry the Happy Mouse'. In history, we have learnt all about the Great Fire of London. We learnt about how and where it started and the reasons it spread so quickly through the city. We completed our jumping, running and balancing unit in PE. In RE, we learnt more about the important people and symbols at a Baptism. Have a lovely half term break Year 1&2, you deserve it!

Year Five & Six

This week in Year 5/6, the children have been completing their independent non-chronological reports, They have designed a wide range of mythical creatures using a range of expanded noun phrase and parenthesis to add extra detail to their creation. In mathematics, the children began the week by investigating column addition. Here the children developed their skills in exchanging amounts of ones for tens or hundreds.

In RE, the children have been discussing the Sacrament of marriage and exploring the words that are used within the vows and what they mean. Our Science focus this week has been investigating separation. The children had a range of mixed materials and they had to decide which would be the best way to separate the two. Finally, we have completed our journey with the Anglo-Saxon children and we have discovered what it was like for a child during this period and how the changes that happened impacted each child.



**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

Anaya
Rory
Emmie Rose
Penelope

Growing Together in God's Family Award

Harlem
Tiana
Isaac
Michael

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year Three and Four

The winning class receives an extra playtime

Last week's overall attendance: 87.5%

This week's overall attendance: 89.1%

57 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

Congratulations to Year Three and Four, they have won the pizza party.

Excellent attendance this term Year Three and Four.

	This week's attendance	Pieces of pizza so far
FSU	88.6%	1
Year One & Two	90%	0
Year Three & Four	98.5%	2
Year Five & Six	80.4%	0

Reuben

has won the individual attendance award

Well Done for being in school every day and on time.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance Draw—If your child has been in school every day and on time during the week, their name will be entered into a weekly attendance draw and they could win a £5 voucher for Asda.

Class Reward—The classes with attendance over 92% each week, will gain a piece of pretend pizza and if they are the first class to collect five pieces of pizza they will win a pizza party for the class.

Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe it is the end of the first half term already—time has gone really quickly. The work on our roof will begin next Monday, the scaffolding will be going up and the work on the roof will start the week after. We are hoping that the works will be completed by the February half term, if the weather permits. So we will keep our finger crossed. We should still be able to use all gates and passages as normal, if this is any different I will let you know before we return to school.

A Parentmail letter has been sent out about the Halloween Disco, so if you want your child/children to attend please complete as soon as possible so that we know how many children will be attending.

There is information in this newsletter about photographs so please take the time read.

I have sent an additional letter today about attendance so please take the time to read letter. It has important information about holidays and unauthorised absences.

I would also like to take a moment to announce that Mrs Hall surprised us all last week by secretly getting married. It was a lovely surprise for us all and we are all delighted for her and her new husband Steven. We congratulate her and wish her well for the future.

School is now closed next week, we will reopen on Monday 28th October 2024.

I hope you have a lovely week.

Mrs Birmingham

School Lottery

Please support the school by taking part in the school lottery. The money raised from the lottery will help to support the purchase of new computers, trips and special events.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-edmunds-catholic-primary-school>

The next draw will be for a £25,000 jackpot.

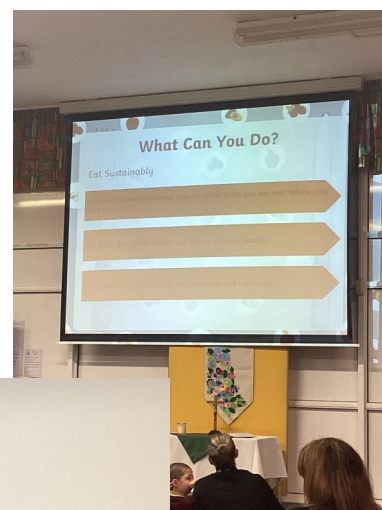
Pupil Corner

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

head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk

World Food Day

Thank you for your support this week in relation to World Food Day. Mrs Oates from the local food bank came to school today and picked up the food, she was very grateful for your kindness.



School Photographs

Tuesday 29th October 2024

Tempest will be in school on the date above to take individual/family/class pictures. If you would like to have a family photograph with children who are not in school please bring your family to the school hall at 8.30 am.



Halloween Disco

Tuesday 29th October 2024

4.30 pm till 6.00 pm

We will be having a fancy dress disco on Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 4.30 pm till 6.00 pm. The children will finish school at the normal time of 3.25 pm and they will then have time to go home get changed and return to school. Children are allowed to wear Halloween costumes but we would remind you that there will be young children in attendance so please be mindful that the costumes are not too frightening.

The cost of entry will be £2.00. Children will not be allowed to enter unless they are on the guest list. Children can bring extra money with them to buy drinks, crisps and sweets. There will be a disco and party games.



Please pay by Parentmail and confirm your child's attendance.



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2024/5

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

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.

