



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th November 2022

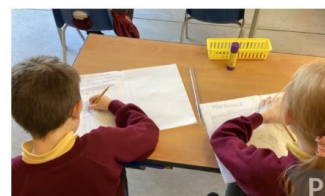
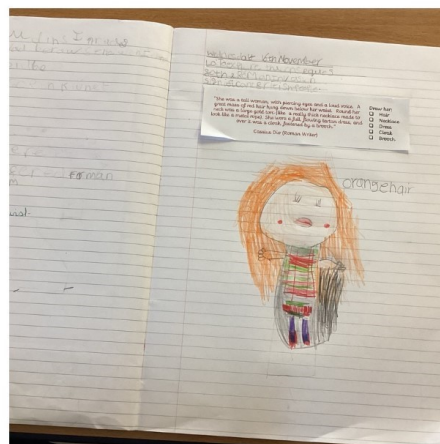
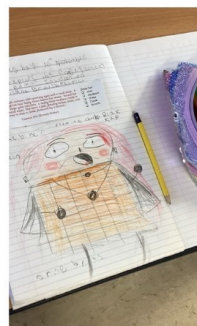
This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been learning all about anti-bullying week. On Monday, we came in wearing odd socks. That was to show that all of us are different and unique - it was great seeing all the different types of socks! We then spent the afternoon looking at the different types of bullying; social, cyber, physical and verbal. The children were really mature and came up with lots of different ways in which we could help/advise someone who was being bullied. We followed this up on Tuesday by looking at the difference between a bully and someone who is just being mean or a little bit rude.

In English we have been reading the historical narrative, Queen of Darkness. The story is based on real events and is about Boudica, the leader of the Iceni tribe. The children have been writing descriptions and action openings about the battles Boudica fought. We followed this up in History by looking at a primary source - an article from a Roman Soldier - that described what Boudica looked like. The children used this description to help them to draw their own pictures of Boudica. As you can see by the pictures - they were brilliant!

Well done on another brilliant week, Year 3/4!



Classroom News!

Year EYFS

This week, we have been exploring different ways of making 4. We watched a Numberblock video called 'Stampolines' where number 4 made himself into different lots shapes. We then explored this by doing our own number 4 sponge paintings. In P.E, the children loved doing yoga. We went on a yoga bear hunt adventure. It was so much fun! We have also enjoyed reading lots of stories, singing songs and playing with the playdough.

Year One & Two

Year 1&2 have had a fantastic week. We have planned and started to write our very own 'Zog' stories, I am really looking forward to reading them when they are finished. In Maths, we have started our new topic on addition and subtraction and we have begun to look at money and what coins we use to pay for things. In History, we looked at some toys that our grandparents and great grandparents might have played with and compared them to toys we play with today. In Design and Technology we explored different types of puppets. Well done Year 1&2 for a super week of learning!

Year Five & Six

This week has involved a lot of strategical and methodical thinking, as we have been investigating division. Many of our children have never used this method before and some children found this quite challenging, but they did not give up and showed super resilience. In English, the children have now finally completed their Alfred the Great biographies and they are super!!!!. They include lots of facts and they have successfully used: subheadings, passive voice and third person pronouns. On Friday, we began our new unit that will lead us up to Christmas. We are studying films and playscripts, the children will discover how to write a playscript from a film clip, as well as predict events and generate character descriptions.

This week, we have also begun our new vocabulary scheme. The children will be introduced to 3 words a week and look at how they can use this word within their writing and speech. They will also generate synonyms and antonyms for the words; we are even representing the word pictorially! Next week, we are investigating Judaism, as a part of our whole school Faith week - I know the children will create some outstanding work. Have a lovely weekend.



**This week's house point winner is:
Anderson and 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

Madison Lawrenson

Aida Ryan

Reuben Campbell

Katerina Kotelnikova

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Kyla Fury

Penelope Lawrenson

Noah Brown

Isaac Singleton

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year One and Two

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 91.5%

This week's overall attendance: 88.1%

Well done Year One and Two your attendance is excellent this week. Please remember unless your child is unwell they must attend school. We must have them in school so that they can learn and be the best that they can be. Please encourage your children to wash their hands and use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' if they have a cold.

FSU	89.2%
Year One & Two	94.7%
Year Three & Four	83.6%
Year Five & Six	86.4%

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 started the week discussing what bullying was in assembly and how if we were being bullied we need to reach out. We have discussed who we would reach out to and if we were the bully what we would do. Each class then investigated the subject of bullying further. Year Six have made some great anti-bullying posters which you can see when you walk past their classroom.

We welcomed Joan McCarthy the Diocesan Director of Education to our school on Wednesday. We gave her a tour of the school and explained everything which we are working on. She was delighted to see the school and recognised all the hard work the teachers have done to begin moving towards good. She loved hearing about our lovely children.

Mrs Nickson started coaching our Year Five and Six children in terms of swimming, she certainly worked them hard.

It is important as a Catholic school that we have an understanding of other religions. This week we will be learning about the religion Judaism. Jesus was Jewish and Christianity has its origins within the Jewish religion. We will be having a special assembly at the end of the week so find out what the children have been learning about.

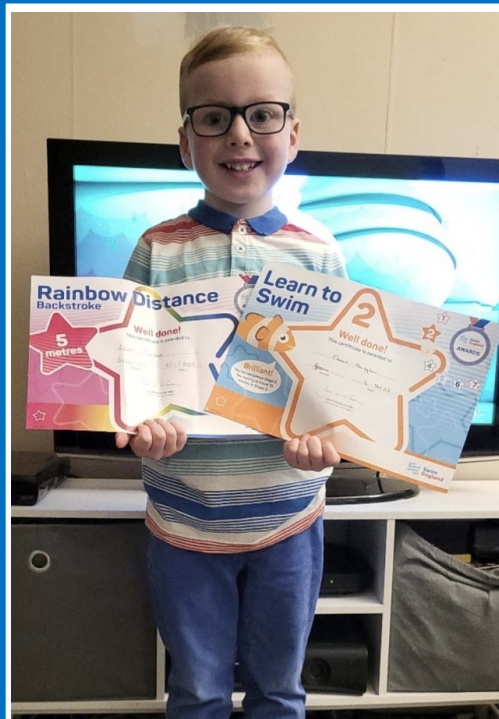
I am delighted to announce that Mrs Hall has become a certified Thrive Practitioner. Mrs Hall has been working really hard to achieve this goal. I thank her for her hard work and determination. This now means that we can help our children further in terms of their social and emotional being.

Just to remind you school will be closed on Friday 25th November, this will be an inset day.

Please see the dates for Christmas in this newsletter. There are some which are not quite confirmed so please do keep checking the list each week.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham



Pupil Corner

Well done to Edward in Year One!

He has achieved his 5 metre swimming award and received his certificate.

He has also passed stage 2 and will be starting stage 3 next week.

Excellent news Edward, hopefully if you carry on like this you will be able to represent the school at the SHARES swimmer gala when you are older.

If your child has done something special at home, please let me know so we can put it in the news-



Christmas Dates



Event	Date	Time	Place
Advent Mass	30.11.22	10.45 am	St. Richard's Catholic Church
KS2 Carol at the Concourse	W/B: 5.12.22 TBC	TBC	Concourse Shopping Centre
EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play	7.12.22	2.00 pm	School Hall
Christmas Crafts Cafe	12.12.22	2.30 pm	School Hall
School Christmas Lunch	13.12.22	12.00 pm	School Hall
Carol Singing with Trinity Primary School	14.12.22	10.00 pm	Trinity C of E Primary School
Tea with Santa	14.12.22	3.00 pm till 4.30 pm	School Hall
School Christmas Parties	15.12.22	1.00 pm till 3.00 pm	Classrooms

The Christmas Crafts Café will take place on Monday 12th December at 2.30 pm. Parents will be asked to come into school for a coffee/tea and a mince pie (there will be alternatives). During the coffee afternoon, parents will have the opportunity to buy Christmas decorations which the children have made and buy raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle.

On Wednesday 14th December at 3.00 pm (Date to be confirmed) all children will be invited to stay after school to have their tea with Santa. Santa will visit the school and hopefully bring some presents for the children.