



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year One & Two

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 1&2! We started the week on Monday afternoon by watching the pantomime Aladdin in our school hall. The production was amazing and all of the children had a wonderful time. Then on Tuesday the snow arrived and we had such a great time playing outside with our friends. We had snowball fights, built snowmen and embraced the cold but sunny weather together. In the classroom, we have been learning to add 2 digit and 1 digit numbers together. We have used base 10 to help us and even learnt how to draw it out ourselves to support us in our independent work. In English, we have continued using conjunctions, asking questions and writing facts. In RE, we have learnt about the different books that are used in church, the importance of them and how we treat them reverently. In music, we have been learning a new song called 'I wanna be a rockstar' the children have been drumming to the beat and finding the tempo. In geography, we have been looking at Skelmersdale in more detail. Talking about which county, country and continent it is in. We also thought more about the terms 'forest, settlement and coast' discussing if Skelmersdale has them and if not where the nearest one is to us. We even had a visit from the Fire Brigade, they came to talk to us about fire safety, how to make a fire plan with our families and what to do in an emergency. Well done Year 1&2 for another fantastic week!



Classroom News!

EYFS

This week we have continued looking at our book the Princess and the Pea. The children have sequenced the story and come up with actions. They thought about how the Prince was feeling without a friend and how the Princess felt when she was in the storm. In Maths the children have worked hard at identifying one more and one less of numbers up to five. They have also been looking at how number are made up of different parts. In class we have continued to look at celebrations and the different celebrations from around the world. We have looked at pictures and watched videos of carnivals, Christmas and easter, then spoke about what is the same and what is different.

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been exploring the story of 101 Dalmatians. We have been looking at how Pongo and Roger feel during different parts of the story. We've been generating key vocabulary, descriptive phrases and powerful adjectives. We then used all our skills to help us write a diary entry from the point of view of Roger - the outcomes were brilliant. In Geography, we've been exploring some of the human features of the Lake District. In Computing, we've been debugging software, while in PSHE we have been reflecting on people who help us. Well done team on another brilliant week!

Year Five & Six

A very cold and snowy week in Year 5/6, but a very productive one. The children have been investigating the characters incorporated within Good Night Mr Tom and they have been inferring how they would feel if they would have been evacuated and sent to an unknown home. In Mathematics the children have begun to develop their understanding of fractions; this week they have explored equivalent fractions, simplified fractions and ordering them on a number line.

In Geography the children have explored the whereabouts of the Equator, the Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer, the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, as well as the Arctic and Antarctic Circle. In RE, they children are exploring the sources we use to inform us of the life of Jesus and who we follow his mission. Finally, to help us be inclusive members of society we are also developing our understanding of prejudice and discrimination.



**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

Edward

Lila-Rae

Tiana

Maycie

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Lilliana

Abiah

Noah

Marty

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year Five & Six

The winning class receives an extra playtime. 90.1%

Last week's overall attendance: 89.4%

This week's overall attendance:

Well done children you have made a great improvement. Please keep up the good work.

58 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

FSU

74% - Stuck with illness

Year One & Two

90.8%

Year Three & Four

91.4%

Year Five & Six

95.8%

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

The weather has caused a few problems this week in terms of going swimming and playing outside on the playground. The floor was so slippery we did not want to chance any child becoming injured. Next week, it is supposed to be warmer so hopefully the ice will melt away.

We had a brilliant time at the beginning of the week when the Pantomime came to school. The children really enjoyed it and behaved very well. It was also lovely to welcome Crow Orchard Primary School. We have booked again for next year. It's a great experience for our children.

Mrs Buckley has completed a meeting for our Year Six parents, explaining to them what the Year Six SATs are all about. She will begin to run twice weekly sessions for the children to provide them with extra support. Those children who attend all sessions, unless they are ill, will receive a £5 voucher for Asda, so please encourage your children to come.

Mrs Hall sent out an email about a parenting course being run in the Summer Term by CFWBS. If you are interested please see or email Mrs Hall. I think being a parent is the hardest job in the world, so it is good to share stories and realise that we can all find it difficult and think of strategies together.

This week KS2 children will be moving into either the library or Sunflower room this week ready for the building work to start. I would like to say thank you to Mr Alderman who is working hard to prepare the rooms and move furniture ready for our refurbishments.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Blue Peter Badge

One of our parents has made us aware of the following information concerning activities during the school holidays. By applying for a purple Blue Peter Badge you can have access to a discount at a number of attractions in the area, please see below:

The children can join the online fan club for the Purple Badge, with parental approval to gain the discounts, they can apply for it on the Blue Peter website:

Apply for a Purple Fan Club Badge - Blue Peter - Send - BBC

upon completion of the online questionnaire, badges are issued after 6 weeks, followed by an ID card after an additional 6 weeks. This program is designed for children aged 5-15.

Once obtained, these badges and ID cards grant children access to over 200 free attractions across the UK. Mr James' family has personally benefited from this, as they visited Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Martin Mere, and Knowsley Safari Park, with only adult admission fees to cover.

Mr James, Skyler and Ava-Jo's Dad, has said if any parents need help applying for the badge please let him know and he will support you.

Thank you Mr James for the advice.



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

**Madison-Evie Zain Kai Ria Zak Aida
Adin Lexi May Grace Aron David Max**

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.

