



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th May 2023

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Five & Six

Year 5/6 have enjoyed a week of 'normality' this week and have been investigating lots of different things. In Science, we are developing our understanding of the animal kingdom and categorising all the animals in the world into groups. We also had a visit from Ms Cassidy, who is helping us with our personal, social and emotion skills.

In English, we have planned and are ready to write our exciting modern version of Macbeth. The children have come up with some hilarious ideas, changing horses to electric scooters. In Mathematics, the children have been solidifying their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and how they are linked together.

Finally, our topic of DT (protein bars) is also coming to an end, as the children are currently writing a set of instructions and they will finally make and package their product next week. In PE, the children have been working on their team building skills.



Classroom News!

Year EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been looking at the book *The Rainbow Fish* and talking about what makes a good friend. Then in our continuous provision we have been practicing how to be a good friend by sharing and using our marvelous manners. In Maths this week children have been practicing subitising and sorting items into groups.

Year One & Two

Year 1&2 have had a fantastic week! We have been writing more instructions, thinking about how we get ready for school and in what order we do each part of our routine. In Maths, we have continued our learning about fractions. We have looked at halves, quarters, thirds and unit fractions. The children have grown in confidence during the week and are now really good at recognising them. We started our new art topic on sculptures and the children have enjoyed looking at Antony Gormley's 'Another Place'. In RE, we have been learning about the Pentecost and in PE we have been developing our throwing skills. Well done Year 1&2!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've completed our DT project on Vivienne Westwood. The children have explored a brief; researched her existing products; designed a variety of different bags that would meet their design criteria; created and then evaluated their own bags. The children have all worked hard during this unit and I'm sure you'll agree the outcomes have been brilliant. Towards the end of the week, we have also enjoyed our swimming lessons and forest school session. Well done on a fab week team!



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

Harlem Miller-Keegan

Chloe Galligan

Bobby Berry

Isaac Singleton

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Kyla Fury

Aron Sorol

Max Lawrenson

Isak Fury

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are:

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 91.5%

This week's overall attendance: 91.3%

This week 71 have had 100% attendance. Their names will be in the draw at the end of the term. Well done children.

Our attendance has stayed the same this week, let's see if we can improve it further next week.

FSU	81.3%
Year One & Two	98.3%
Year Three & Four	89.1%
Year Five & Six	92.5%

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 very busy week in school. It has been lovely getting back to a normal five day week with no interruptions.

This week we with been interviewing for a new EYFS teacher. The process was very rigorous with each candidate having to complete an observation, presentation and interview. We were very lucky because we had a good selection of candidates to choose from. The governors made the decision to offer Mrs Mitchell the position and Mrs Mitchell has accepted. I am delighted with the governor's decision and congratulate Mrs Mitchell.

I have been a little concerned over the last few weeks of the amount of issues coming into school which have originated from friendship fall outs in the park the night before whilst children are unsupervised. It is stopping teachers from teaching and children from learning. I think we are in agreement that we all want the children to be the best that they can be and this means the children must be given opportunities to learn. These issues are stopping that from happening. The government's guidelines in terms of children being unsupervised and outside the house are as follows:

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The law on leaving your child on their own

The law does not say an age when you can leave a child on their own, but it's an offence to leave a child alone if it places them at risk.

Use your judgement on how mature your child is before you decide to leave them alone, for example at home or in a car.

The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](#) says:

- children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for a long period of time
- children under 16 should not be left alone overnight
- babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone

 **Parents can be prosecuted if they leave a child unsupervised 'in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health'.**

School will be closing at the normal time on Friday 26th May 2023. On Monday, in assembly we will be announcing those children who have been chosen by the teachers for the end of half term MacDonald's treat. So look out to see if it is your child. The children who are being considered are those who go above and beyond to do the right thing all of the time.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Mrs Birmingham

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Pupil Corner

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



Well done to Chloe and Lily for winning their Hightown Tournament. The girls played really well. Chloe scored one goal and Lily scored three.

We are really proud of the girls!

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

Girl's Football Team



Our girl's football team played Woodlands Primary School on Monday evening. The girls have been playing together for a while now, they have been building up their skills and ability. The girls have been getting stronger and stronger and on Monday they beat Woodlands 3—0. Mrs Nickson was absolutely delighted and was very proud of them.

Well Done St. Edmund's



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2022/23

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Anaya Kai

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Ria Zak Michael Zain Katerina David F

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

**David B Henry Matthew
Ksenia Penelope Zain Aron Maycie
Ava-Grace Grace Edward**

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.

