



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd December 2023

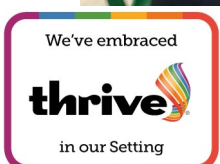
This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Five & Six

Year 5/6 have been working hard this week to complete our History unit, in our final week the children have been exploring the use of slaves in Ancient Greece and discussing how people became a slave. To complete the unit, the children held a whole class debate on the which city state would be the best place to be a slave.

In English, the children have completed the Greek myth and they have worked with a partner to edit and improve their final outcome. They have worked extremely hard on them and their characters are amazing.

Finally, the children have used their artistic skills this week and produced beautiful Christmas cards and amazing baubles. Thank you to all parents who came and supported our stall.



Classroom News!

EYFS

This week has been an exciting week for our EYFS children. In class we have worked hard at our phonics and reading. We have also been doing Christmas craft activities; making tree decorations, Christmas cards and Christmas bags hoping Santa will visit. The children have written letters to Santa, which our elf Sparkles has taken back to the North Pole. On Wednesday the children all loved supper with Santa and telling him what they wanted for Christmas. The children have worked super hard this term and we are so proud of them. We all hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a well-deserved rest.

Year One & Two

It has been a very exciting and busy last week of term. On Monday, we worked super hard making hot chocolate cones, reindeer food and tree decorations to sell at our craft café. On Wednesday, we had 'Supper with Santa' and on Thursday afternoon we had our Christmas class parties. We are also looking forward to starting our 3 weeks of Forest school this Friday. In English, we learnt more about recognising and using nouns and adjectives in our writing and we even wrote some wonderful letters to Father Christmas to tell him how good we have been and what we would like for Christmas. In History, we finished our topic on Skelmersdale. The children learnt about the architect who designed the 'new town' and we even wrote a newspaper article to tell everyone what Skelmersdale has to offer. In RE, we learnt more about the preparations Mary made for the birth of Jesus and thought about the things we do to prepare for Christmas. Have a lovely Christmas and New Year from all of Year 1&2!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been looking at the greatest gift of all - Jesus. The children have been exploring scripture relating to the Nativity and generating responses to a variety of different questions asking them to reflect on the readings. In History, we have been debating the sentence of Mary Hindle. Mary Hindle was part of the Accrington Mill riots. She was originally sentenced to death but was later transported to Australia. The children have been discussing if her punishment was fair or not. On Wednesday, we had a special visit from Santa Claus! It was amazing seeing the big man himself. The children all behaved exceptionally well - they must all be on the nice list! Well done team on a fabulous term. Have a lovely Christmas break and I will see you all in the New Year!



This week's house point winner is:

Nightingale

Well done!

Our overall winner for this term is:

Stephenson



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

Kamsiyochi

Benjamin

Emmanuel

Lily

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Roza

Harlem

Tiana

Hayley

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are:

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 86.8%

This week's overall attendance: 81%

54 children have achieved 100% attendance this week. Well done children.

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| FSU | 84.8% |
| Year One & Two | 72.9% |
| Year Three & Four | 81.9% |
| Year Five & Six | 87.3% |

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.

From the staff of St. Edmund's
we wish you all

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

School will re-open on
Monday 8th January 2024

Attendance Incentive

This week we will be encouraging our children to attend school every day on time (8.45 am). If your child is in before 8.55 am, they will receive a raffle ticket, this will be put into a raffle which will be drawn on Friday,

There will be two winners from each class.

It is important that your children still attend school during this time, lessons are still continuing and if they are off they will miss learning.

47 children have been in school every day and on time.

A chocolate bar for those children.

Supper with Santa

The children stayed after school to have their supper and a very special person turned up. All our children have been really good this year so they all received a present from Santa.



Pantomime

I am delighted to announce that we have organised a pantomime to come and perform Aladdin in school.

The pantomime will be performing on Monday 15th December 2024 at 2.00 pm.

Crow Orchard Primary School will be joining us to watch the pantomime.

After Christmas we will be asking for a £5 donation towards the show.



Thank you

For your support during the past three weeks in terms of Christmas events we have raised £503 which will be put in the school fund and used to subsidise school trips and other events.





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.

