



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

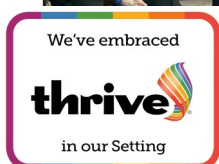
Friday 22nd March 2024

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year One & Two

What a great week in Year 1&2! We have started to write our own versions of The Highway Rat. The children have been working hard on their sentence structure and applying all of the grammar skills we have learnt over the last 6 weeks to make their writing more interesting. In maths, we have begun our new topic on shape. We have been checking our knowledge of both 3D and 2D shapes and next week we will start to look at their properties. As we are coming to the end of our geography topic on Skelmersdale and Port Douglas we have been learning about maps. What they are used for and how we can sketch our own. The children have enjoyed mapping around the school grounds and learning about compass directions. We have been learning about Lent in our RE lessons and the children have been enthralled with the

story of Holy Week. We were even lucky enough to visit St Paul's Church on Thursday to have the story retold to us through the 'Stations of the Cross'. It was an engaging, fun and informative session led by the vicar and his team. In PE, the children were throwing, kicking and passing to each other and in science, we have been learning about how to keep healthy. Using good hygiene, keeping fit and eating a balanced diet. Well done Year 1&2, you have all worked incredibly hard!



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Classroom News!

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have continued to look at non-fiction books and what makes it a non-fiction book. The children looked at page numbers, contents pages and discussed how it is different from a story. In Maths the children have started to explore the numbers 9 and 10. They started with the formation of these and then compared the numbers to other numbers, using the language fewer and more than. In class we have also been looking at the forces push and pull, sinking and floating then explored how magnets work. Today we had to say goodbye to our chicks. We have really enjoyed looking after them and watching them grow!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been learning about the Water Cycle and how the water we have on our planet is constantly changing state thanks to the process of evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection. On Thursday, we had a wonderful trip to St Paul's church. During our visit, we explored the different stations of the cross - retelling the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. In Maths, we have been using a number line to count in fractions greater than one. While in English, we have been writing and editing our own stories based on 101 Dalmatians. Well done on a brilliant week team!

Year Five & Six

This week in Year 5/6, we have begun our new English unit of Limericks. We identified the structure and the language used within a limerick. The children had a lot of laughs reading and making up their own limericks. In Geography, the children have been using Digimaps for Schools program to look at our locality and begin to recognise four and six-digit grid references.

In RE, we have come to the end of our Unity unit, and we have begun to look at and discuss death and new life. This unit reflects the Easter session and how Jesus was crucified and then rose again. Year 5/6 had a very enjoyable PE lesson also yesterday, as the children played a game of dodgeball and you could hear their laughter inside the building.



**This week's house point winner is:
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

Michael S

Nikolas

Daisy

Lylah

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Ignacy

Patrick

Madison Evie L

Emmanuel

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: FSU

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 88%

This week's overall attendance: 89.2%

Nearly there! Just under 90%, lets try and get it back to 90% or above.

58 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

FSU	98.7%
Year One & Two	87%
Year Three & Four	87.4%
Year Five & Six	90%

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

This week our refurbishment of Year Three/Four and Year Five/Six classrooms has been completed. The end result is amazing and I am sure our children will enjoy using their new classrooms. We will begin the process of moving the furniture back into the classrooms this week and the children will begin using the classrooms after the Easter holidays.

We were invited to St. Paul's church to hear about the story of Easter through the stations of the cross. The children enjoyed learning the story and taking part in the activities. Thank you to the volunteers at St. Paul's, they were very engaging.

We will be having a whole school collective worship on Wednesday at 9.15. Year Three and Four will be leading the worship. All members of the school community are invited.

On Thursday, we will be having our celebration assembly which includes the drawing of the Easter raffle. All parents are welcome.

School will be finishing on Thursday at 3.25 pm for Easter, we will be returning on Monday 15th April 2024.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Attendance Drive

We have a challenge for the children. We really need to encourage all children to be in school every day and on time for the last three weeks of the term –this is a total of 14 days.

All those children who manage to do this will receive an Easter egg to bring home on the last day.

Attending school is very important , if children are in school they will learn and be the very best they can be. Mrs Hall has sent out emails informing you of your child's attendance. Full attendance reports will be sent out after Easter. If your child's attendance is low there is still time to improve it.





Easter Celebrations



Date	Event	Who
Wednesday 27th March 2023 9.15 am	Easter Collective Worship led by Year Three and Four	Whole School Community
Thursday 28th March 2024	Easter Bonnet Competition	EYFS/KS1
Thursday 28th March 2024	Easter Egg Decorating Competition	KS2
Thursday 28th March 2024 9.15 am	Celebration Assembly— Attendance/ Raffle	Whole School Community

Easter Bonnet Competition for EYFS/KS1

The children in EYFS and KS1 will be encouraged to decorate an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it into school. The children will take part in an Easter Bonnet parade and a winner from each year group will be chosen. The winners will receive an Easter Egg.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition for KS2

The children in KS2 will be encouraged to decorate a hard boiled egg at home and bring it into school. The children will present their egg and a winner from each year group will be chosen. The winners will receive an Easter Egg.

Easter Raffle

Tickets will be available shortly for our Easter Raffle. Children will be able to buy a strip for £1 and if they win they will be able to select an Easter Egg. Proceeds will go towards our trip fund.

Bake Sale

The children will take part in a weekly bake sale. One class will bring in some cakes and other sweet treats, which will be sold to the other children.

All proceeds will be given to the Children of Gaza and the Holyland and CAFOD.

Lenten Bake Sale

The Student Council would like to raise money for the following charities during this time of Lent.

CAFOD

And

The Children of Gaza and the Holy Land

The children have asked that rather than having a weekly cake sale were a year group each week brings in cakes, can they have a weekly 'Bake sale' because not everyone likes cakes.

The children are suggesting that families can donate any of the below items:

Cakes

Doughnuts

Biscuits

Croissants

Or any other sweet baked item.

The children will then be able to buy the items at breaktime. The baked items will be 50p each.

Please see the timetable below for the Bake sale.

Class to bring in 'baked' items	Date
Year Five/Six	Wednesday 27th March

The money raised so far is:

£88.65

Thank you



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Adin Zain Kai

Silver Award (14/20 books)

**Isak Madison Poppy Daniel Danny Michael Roza Lili
Charley—Lea Benjamin Tia'Leigh Ria Aida Anaya Marty**

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Madison-Evie Zak

**Lexi May Grace Aron David Max Hayley Emmanuel Katerina
Ksenia Lilliana Michael Kaine Maycie Lexi
Dimitrinka Peneolpe Coral Lylah Ava-Jo Skyler Kinga Tiana Catalin
David Bobby Ella-Rose**

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.

