



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

## This Weeks Spotlight!

### Year One & Two

What a fantastic first week back we have had in Year 1&2! In English, we have started reading the 'Highway Rat' by Julia Donaldson. The children have been making predictions, learning lots of new vocabulary and then using this in their writing. In Maths, we have started our new topic on division. The children have been grouping and sorting objects and learning how to share equally.

In Geography, we have started to look at the town of Port Douglas in Australia. We have been exploring to see if there is a forest, settlement and coast there and if so what are the geographical physical and human features. In PE, the children have been practising their throwing skills,

they have been aiming, using the correct stance and then throwing with accuracy and power. In Science, the children have been learning about how humans grow and change. They have completed an investigation to see if age correlates with size. In RE, we have started our topic on Lent, this week the children have been thinking about the choices they make and whether they are good or bad choices. Well done Year 1&2, a fabulous week of learning and exploration!



### Classroom News!

#### EYFS

The children have had a great first week back in school! In Literacy the children have been looking at the Nursery Rhyme; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, once I caught a fish alive. They have sequenced the rhyme and then created new actions for it. In Maths the children continued to look at the numbers; 6, 7, and 8, then we had a challenge to learn about pairs and how they are made. They worked really hard and used socks to help them. This week we had a special delivery! We are growing our own potatoes! We have put them in an egg box and on a windowsill to start chitting. The children are very excited to watch them grow!

#### Year One & Two

This week in Year 3/4, we have been exploring how the Lake District's economy works. We uncovered that a lot of the money made in the Lake District comes from tourism. The children explored the different factors that encourage tourists to visit the Lake District as well as the impact that has on the surrounding area. In English, we have been looking at text mapping an opening of a story. The children created images, actions and movements to help them orally rehearse the opening paragraph of our focus task. While in Maths, we've been exploring multiplication and division involving the 6 and 9 times table! Well done team on another brilliant week

#### Year Five & Six

Welcome back to school for Spring 2! This week Year 5/6 have begun a new English unit by researching the Everglades. This unit will be based upon information from the Everglades and the children will produce an information leaflet for their writing outcome. The Everglades is also our topic of research in Geography. This week the children have been looking at climate zones around the world and identify the specific features of each zone.

In mathematics, the children are subtracting mixed and improper fractions and beginning to develop their skills in problems solving using fractions. Within RE, we have begun a new topic of Unity, where the children will be discussing relationships with each other and relating them to the relationships Jesus had with his disciples and ours with Jesus.



**This week's house point winner is:  
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

Zoey  
  
Emmie Rose  
  
Katerina  
  
Grace

### Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Hughie  
  
Michael S  
  
Simie  
  
Skyler

### Attendance Award

**This weeks winners are: FSU**

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 88.3%

This week's overall attendance: 90.6%

**A massive improvement by FSU and Y1/2. Well done. Let's carry this on for the rest of the term.**

**54 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.**

<b>FSU</b>	<b>95.6%</b>
<b>Year One &amp; Two</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Year Three &amp; Four</b>	<b>91.5%</b>
<b>Year Five &amp; Six</b>	<b>88%</b>

### 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.

## Pupil Parliament



Before the school holidays, our pupil parliament children took part in a debate with other schools within the Skelmersdale area. The children were discussing dangerous dogs and their place in our society.

Mrs Hall was very impressed with our children's speeches and with the way they delivered their ideas and views.

Well done children

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a lovely half term, although the weather was not as good as it could have been, it was nice not to have to rush anywhere.

Our building work within the classrooms is coming along beautifully. The walls have all been plastered and the second fix of electrics and heating has been completed. The painting of the walls will begin next week. The children continue to adapt well to their temporary classrooms and have certainly shown me how responsible and grown up they can be. Well done children.

We are still in the process of completing the outside area for EYFS, the weather is hindering the progress but we hope that it will be completed shortly.

This term, we have started to think about Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter. The children have been thinking about their Lenten promises and about what they could either give up, change or improve. We hope the children will be able to keep their promises until Easter. The school council has discussed what they will be doing over Lent in terms of collecting for charity, information concerning this will be released next week.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

# Young Voices

On Wednesday 7th February, our children from Key Stage Two travelled to the O2 Arena, Manchester and took part in a concert. The children had learnt the songs in school and then sang with numerous of other schools performing for their family and friends. The children behaved well and had an excellent time. I would like to thank Mrs Wild and Mr Fitzpatrick for organising the event and to all the staff who gave their time up to travel to the event. It certainly took a lot of planning and organisation and was a very late night.





## **Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24**

### **Gold Award (21/30 books)**

**Adin Zain**

### **Silver Award (14/20 books)**

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

### **Bronze Award— (7/10 books)**

**Madison-Evie Kai Ria Zak Aida  
Lexi May Grace Aron David Max Hayley Emmanuel Katerina  
Ksenia Lilliana Michael Kaine Maycie Lexi  
Dimitrinka Peneolpe Coral Lylah Ava-Jo**

### **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.**

