



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

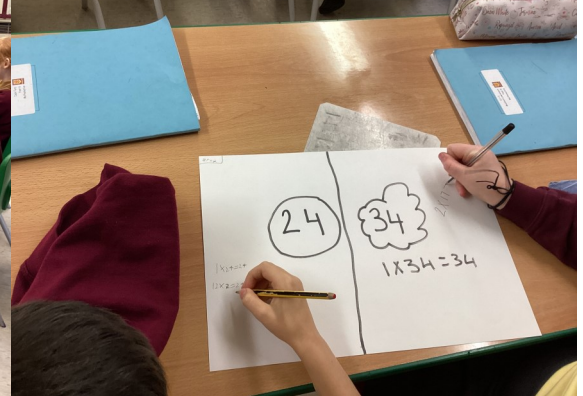
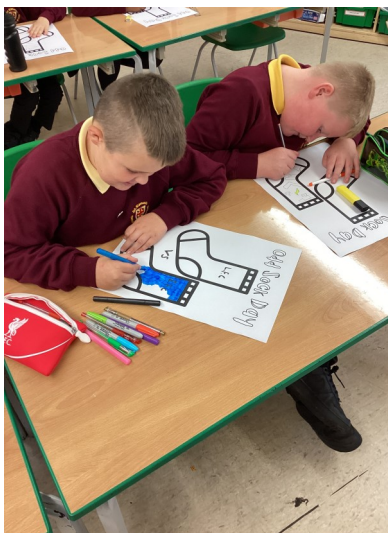
Friday 24th November 2023

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Five & Six

Another extremely busy week in Year 5/6. We began our week with some fantastic work for anti-bullying week. The children designed 'odd socks' to show that we are all unique and special in our own way. In mathematics, we have been investigating factors and identifying some multiples that have a common factor between them. The children have been supporting this by rehearsing their timetables throughout the week - these are vitally important in all classes but especially in the upper juniors. In English, the children have now completed their wonderful explanation texts - I have learnt some fascinating facts this week about spiders and frogs...

For our Pre-loved sale, some of the Year 6 children done a fantastic job running a stall - one or two were complete naturals! In PE, the children have been developing their skills in striking and fielding in Cricket - their skills are really developing in this area. Finally, this week has been Judaism week - the children in Year 5/6 have looked at scripture to understand the importance of some of the Jewish festivals, such as Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah and we have recorded this within a story board, as well as looking a symbols and foods for each celebration.



Classroom News!

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have continued to look at nursery rhymes. This weeks nursery rhyme was Baa Baa Black Sheep. The children have made up their own actions to the rhyme, thought bout questions to ask the sheep and how they would respond and finally we rewrote the nursey rhyme about a rainbow sheep. In Maths this week we have looked at the numbers 4 and 5. The children have practiced writing their numbers and finding different ways to make them. This week we have looked at Judaism and the celebration of Hannukah. The children have made their own menorah, learnt the dreidel song and looked at traditional Jewish clothing.

Year One & Two

This week we have been planning our persuasive posters in English. We have been thinking about catchy slogans, persuasive language and interesting pictures or images to persuade people to come to Skelmersdale. In history, we discussed why Skelmersdale needed a needed a new town. The children were able to discuss the over population in Liverpool and how the new town addressed this, providing people with modern accommodation with lots of local amenities. In RE, we have been learning about Judaism. In particular, the sabbath of Shabbat. We learnt about the traditions and why Jewish people celebrate it each week. In maths, we have been counting, adding and subtracting in tens and learning our number bonds to ten. Well done Year 1&2, super work as usual!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we have been exploring what it would be like to be a miner in Victorian Britain. The children have each wrote a letter, in the role of the miner, to their friends and family. They spoke about the dangers of working in the mines, their daily routines and how they were feeling - the outcomes are brilliant! In Maths, we have been exploring formal addition and subtraction. While in Science, we have looked at the different roles our teeth play in the digestive system. In RE, we have been exploring Judaism. We have learnt about the Jewish Holy Book - the Torah - and why it is so sacred. Well done team on another brilliant week!



**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

Lili
Jeremiah
Skyler
Isabella

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Reuben
Melissa
Alicja
Matthew

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: FSU

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 89.2%

This week's overall attendance: 88.7%

Most classes have made improvements in relation to their attendance, well done children.

52 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

FSU	95.6%
Year One & Two	83%
Year Three & Four	91.2%
Year Five & Six	88.9%

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

What a fantastic week we have had this week. One of our pupils Adin has won the Diocese's Christmas Card competition. We thank those who voted for her, her card will now be printed and will be used as the Diocesan Christmas Card for 2023. Well done Adin!

We are also delighted to announce that Lylah in Year 3/4 has had her work selected by Campaign for Justice. Her poster explained how poorer countries are being affected by climate change. Her work will be part of an exhibition showing at the Houses of Parliament. Well done Lylah!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our School Council and Mrs Hall for organising the Pre-loved Sale. They worked hard producing posters, sorting out the things they were selling and setting up the hall. Please take the time to read the below letter from the student council.

We have the most amazing children who really do care for each other and others. I am very proud of them all. Thank you children for being the best.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Birmingham

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your generosity, helping St Edmund's with our first pre-loved sale.

Your donations helped us raise £148! Give yourselves a pat on the back!

The money raised will go to CAFOD and St Edmund's school fund, to help towards the cost of future school trips.

We have left over donations of clothes, shoes and toys that we will be giving to SVP (a local charity) who are based in Skelmersdale. These will be distributed to families in need.

Thanks for all your help,

All behalf of the school council.



Parent's Coffee Morning

On Tuesday morning's parent coffee morning with COMPASS Bloom. Parents said they found the information useful and were able to discuss with Lizzie and Hayley their individual concerns regarding their children's mental health. They were then given advice and signposted to relevant agencies for further support.

Mrs Hall has had queries from parents who were unable to attend the session and is hoping to hold another after Christmas in the afternoon/possibly after



school (depending on interest).

Please get in touch if this is something you would be interested in.

Mrs Hall



Christmas Dates



Date	Event	Description	Groups
5 th December	Christmas Tree Festival at St. Paul's	To visit the church and see the festival and have drink/biscuit, if time an activity.	1.15-1.45: EYFS/KS1 1.45 – 2.15: Y3/4 2.15 – 2.45: Y5/6
12 th December 2023 @2.30 pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity		Parents and all family members
13 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day	To raise money for Alder Hey	All children and staff
14 th December 2023	OLQP – Winter Wonderland Show	Dance club to dance in OLQP show	Dance Club
18 th December 2023 @ 2.30 pm	Christmas Crafts Café	Parents can come into school and buy products that the children have made and have a tea/coffee and mince pie.	Children Parents
19 th December	OLQP – Pantomime-Dress Rehearsal	To watch children from OLQP in Pantomime	Year Five children
20 th December	MacDonald Treat	Children who have won St. Edmund's Stars to go to MacDonald's.	HT/HH and 8 children.
20 th December @3.25 pm till 4.45 pm	Supper with Santa	Children to stay for supper, have a hotdog and present from Santa.	Children
21 st December 9.10 am—10.00 am	Celebration Assembly	Awards, Attendance and Raffle	Children Parents
21 st December	Class Christmas Parties	Children to have a party with their class friends.	Children
22 nd December 9.10 am—9.40 am	Christmas Collective Worship	The story of Christmas	Children Parents



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Madison-Evie Zain Zak Ria Kai

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.

