



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th February 2023

## This Weeks Spotlight!

### Year One & Two

What a lovely first week back after half term! In Year 1&2 we have been doing some really great addition work adding two 2-digit numbers and three 1-digit numbers together. The children have shown great resilience and a positive attitude to learning during all of our Maths lessons this week. In Geography, we have begun learning about the seven continents and five oceans. The children firstly used a globe and then an atlas to locate the continents and oceans of the world. In RE, we have been learning all about Lent. We had some special assemblies on Tuesday and Wednesday discussing Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Then in class we enjoyed discussing why as Catholics and Christians we celebrate these special days. We were even lucky enough to enjoy eating some yummy pancakes and decorating some eggs for our Easter Tree. In English, we have started our new topic on a traditional fairy tale: Hansel and Gretel, the children enjoyed looking at several other fairy tale books, answering some comprehension questions about the story and thinking about how the children would feel. In Science, we have been super scientists investigating what animals we could see around the school grounds. Another fantastic week from all the children in Year 1&2. Well done!



## Classroom News!

### EYFS

In EYFS this week we have been looking at our books 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and talking about Mr Wolf turning over a new leaf. Then on Tuesday the children had pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, then we discussed what our favourite pancake topping was and made a bar chart to show our results. The children have been writing their Lenten Promises this week and talking about them in class.

### Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been exploring measurement. We have been using rulers of all different lengths and sizes to measure a variety of different concrete objects. We've then been using our mathematical skills to convert between the different units of measurement. In PSHE we have been looking at what makes a modern-day hero special. The children have been looking at everyday heroes, that we might see in our day-to-day lives, and identifying what characteristics they all share. While in computing, we have been practicing composing short e-mail messages to fictional people. Well done on a brilliant first week back team!

### Year Five & Six

The children have had a fantastic week in Year 5/6. We celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes for the whole school and we received ashes on Wednesday for Ash Wednesday. We also completed our Lenten Promises to start us off on the right foot for the beginning of Lent.

In English, the children have been investigating how to blend action, dialogue and description into their writing, as well as developing a setting for a rainforest dilemma. In Maths, the children have been learning to add and subtract mixed number fractions. Unfortunately, the children had no swimming this week due to illness, but they are all looking forward to World Book Day on Wednesday.



**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

Katerina Kotelnikova

Adin Kamran

Max Lawrenson

Lili Gluz

### Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Madison Evie Lawrenson

Aida Ryan

Talia McLoughlin

Kamsiyochi Agim

### Attendance Award

**This weeks winners are: Year One and Two**

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance:

This week's overall attendance: 90.2%

**This week 60 have had 100% attendance. Their names will be in the draw at the end of the term.**

**Well done children.**

**25 pupils achieved 100% attendance in the first part of the Spring Term.**

**Our attendance has gone down, I know we do have some children who are unwell, please remind your children to wash their hands and use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' when they using a tissue.**

FSU	90.8%
Year One & Two	96.8%
Year Three & Four	90%
Year Five & Six	87.1%

### 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

The behaviour in school this week has been excellent, there has been lots of wonderful learning taking place and all children are showing their understanding of the importance of listening and learning.

We have been talking to the children about the importance of Lent and how is a time of turning a new leaf by either giving something up or doing something nice. Each child has written a Lenten promise which they will try to keep till Easter. Ask your child what their promise is, they may have promised to help their parents by doing the dishes, so it would be good if you knew. During this time of Lent, we will be raising money to send our old education books, which we do not need anymore, to Africa. We will do this by having our weekly cake sales. The children from one class will bring in cakes and the other classes will bring money in to buy them. This will pay for a postage to send the books to a company in England who then send the books to Africa. Our Student Council has made this decision.

There are now lots of clubs taking place after school, such as dance, arts and crafts and SATs booster classes. The children are really enjoying them. I thank the staff members for putting these clubs on.

World Book Day will be taking place next week, so please make sure that you the section about World Book Day.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Mrs Birmingham

## World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**, at St Edmund's Catholic Primary School. This year the emphasis is on making it **YOUR** World Book Day. **Therefore, we are asking the children to dress up as their favourite book character or bring their favourite book to school.**

During the day, the children will enjoy a number of activities relating to books which have been written by up and coming authors. The school has brought the books so the children can choose to read them.



# Easter Celebrations



Date	Event	Who
Wednesday 22nd March 2023	Easter Dinner	Children
Wednesday 29th March 2023 2.00 pm	Year Three and Four Easter Play	Parents
Thursday 30th March 2023	Easter Bonnet Competition	EYFS/KS1
	Easter Egg Decorating Competition	KS2
Friday 31st March 2023	Celebration Assembly— Attendance/ Raffle Draw//House Points	Children
	Reward Afternoon—Lunch at ei- ther MacDonalds, KFC or Domi- noes	Two children from each class who have behaved above and be- yond in class will be chosen.

### 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.

### Cake Sale

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

**All proceeds will be given to Books2Africa, so that we can send our unwanted education books to help children in Africa learn to read and write.**



# Our Reading Celebration Wall 2022/23

## Gold Award (21/30 books)

**Anaya Kai**

## Silver Award (14/20 books)

## Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

**Michael David B Henry David F Ria Zak Matthew Katerina  
Ksenia Penelope Zain Aron**

### 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.**

