



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been exploring the character of Cruella DeVil in Dodie Smith's *The Hundred and One Dalmatians*. The children have been using the text to help them create a visual interpretation of what Cruella looks like. The children then compared that against the Disney live action remake - identifying the similarities and differences. In PE, we have been learning how to pass the baton in relay races.

The children worked in groups of fives to form a relay team. They've all shown lots of teamwork, good listening and focus during this activity. While in Geography, we have been using maps to help us identify the four-figure grid reference of different settlements in the Lake District. We then used the compass points to identify and locate nearby settlements. Well done on another brilliant week team!



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Classroom News!

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have continued to look at celebrations from around the world. We have learned all about Burns night and Scotland. Then we made short-bread biscuits and listened to bagpipes. In Literacy, we children have been learning about poetry and rhyming words. In our writing books we have started to write simple sentences about characters from the books we know. The children's handwriting is fantastic! In Maths we have explored capacity and mass; using classroom objects to compare the amount we can fit into containers and cups to see how much water we can fit in them.

Year One & Two

Another fantastic week in Year 1&2! The children have been learning more about subtraction. They have been using manipulatives to support their understanding and some of them have been mastering more formal methods. In English, we have been using conjunctions, writing more questions and have started to plan our posters which will tell everyone about all the rat facts that we have learnt. In geography, the children now understand the difference between human and physical geographical features and are beginning to look at the Tawd Valley Country Park to find these features. In RE, we have been learning about the Eucharist and the 4 parts of a Mass. Well done Year 1&2!

Year Five & Six

Another busy week in Year 5/6 . We have been exploring fractions, particularly equivalent fractions and ordering fractions on a number line. In English, we continue to read our novel of Good Night Mr. Tom, and the children have explored using modal verbs, questioning tags and colloquial language. In RE, the children have looked at the Old Testament and the Dead Sea Scrolls and investigated Bible references. In Geography we identified the hemispheres, the Tropics, as well as locating the Arctic and the Antarctic.

On Tuesday night, some of the children attended the swimming gala and we had individual winners, as well as an overall third place - what a fantastic achievement. We also say goodbye to Miss Woodruff this week; she has been with the class since September, whilst completing her teacher training and she is moving on to another school to finish this off. All the children will miss her, and we wish her good luck.



**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

Reuben

Aron

Charley-Lea

Coral

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Poppy

Lila-Rae

Ksenia

Harper

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year Five & Six

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 90.1%

This week's overall attendance: 88.3%

A slight drop this week in attendance, let's see if we can improve it next week.

53% children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

FSU	87%
Year One & Two	86.2%
Year Three & Four	89.6%
Year Five & Six	90.5%

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

We have had a great week. Some of children have taken part in the SHARES Swimming Gala. They were excellent competitors who cheered for each other and congratulated each other whether they won or not. I think we should have won an award for being the loudest school when cheering. Mrs Nickson and myself were very proud because our children came third overall. Well done children and well done to all the other children who attend their swimming lessons every week.

We say good bye to Miss Woodruff this week. She is a trainee teacher who has been with us since September. She has certainly has been an asset to the school and we will certainly miss her. She moves to Woodlands Primary School where I know she will be looked after as well as we have. Miss Woodruff, has commented to us about how welcome the children, staff and families have made her feel. She has felt as if she has been part of St. Edmund's family and I thank you for that.

Next week, our building work will begin. I, myself, are delighted that we can make changes to our school building so that the atmosphere in school is warm and comfortable so that our children can learn.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Blue Peter Badge

One of our parents has made us aware of the following information concerning activities during the school holidays. By applying for a purple Blue Peter Badge you can have access to a discount at a number of attractions in the area, please see below:

The children can join the online fan club for the Purple Badge, with parental approval to gain the discounts, they can apply for it on the Blue Peter website:

Apply for a Purple Fan Club Badge - Blue Peter - Send - BBC

upon completion of the online questionnaire, badges are issued after 6 weeks, followed by an ID card after an additional 6 weeks. This program is designed for children aged 5-15.

Once obtained, these badges and ID cards grant children access to over 200 free attractions across the UK. Mr James' family has personally benefited from this, as they visited Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Martin Mere, and Knowsley Safari Park, with only adult admission fees to cover.

Mr James, Skyler and Ava-Jo's Dad, has said if any parents need help applying for the badge please let him know and he will support you.

Thank you Mr James for the advice.

SWIMMING TEAM

Well done to the children who took part in the SHARES swimming gala on Tuesday. They did an excellent job and came third. We were very proud of them. I do think the children were also the best at cheering for their team members and congratulating them when they finish their race.

An excellent competition. Mrs Nickson and I were very proud of them.



5 WEEK COOKING AND FAMILY FUN PROGRAMME

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO:

- Families with children aged 5-12
- Residents of Skelmersdale and UpHolland

FREE GIFTS INCLUDE:

- Family swim voucher
- Recipe book

TO BOOK CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL DIRECT:

- **Where:** St Edmunds primary school
- **Starting:** Monday 19th February
- **Time:** 3.15pm- 4.30pm



Lancashire
County Council



Cooking Club

If you are interested in taking part in the programme please phone Mrs Wild or see Mrs Birmingham or Mrs Hall.

If you attend you will receive a
FAMILY SWIM VOUCHER
RECIPE BOOK



CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

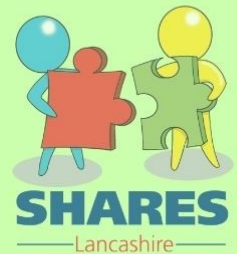


**FIRST SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH**



10am until 2pm

**@ The Concourse Market
(downstairs)**



**10am - 2pm on February 3rd, March 2nd,
April 6th, May 4th, June 1st**



Drop off donations at the stall or just choose some pre-loved books to take home!

Thanks to the children at SHARES Lancashire schools for their donations.

**If you would like to volunteer to support us please email
gemma@barton.co.uk**



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.

