

St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Three & Four

What a busy week we've had in Year 3/4! In English, we've been exploring our new focus text -'Everything Volcanoes'. It is an information text full of different facts about volcanoes and earthquakes. The children have been using the text to identify a variety of different nouns and subordinate clauses that they have used in their own writing. In Maths, we've been exploring the 9 times table. We've been learning them through using a mixture of concrete and pictorial materials,

songs and playing lots of games. The children have tried very hard with this and have all made fantastic progress. During our DT sessions, we have been designing our own shadow puppets to create a show for a group of 5 year olds. The children have created some wonderful designs and have even begun to make mock-ups of their ideas (keep an eye on Twitter to see some of the fantastic work!)





Classroom News!

EYFS The children in FSU have had a fantastic week learning about China. We watched videos of Chinese cities and villages and then compared them where we live, talking about similarities and differences. The children were amazed by the Great Wall of China so they then went to the construction area to build their own Great Wall of St Edmunds. The children have also been practising Chinese writing and making lucky envelopes. In maths, we have been learning about number six. We have been counting six, recognising it and finding different ways of making it.

- Year One & Two This week in English, we have been learning about traditional rhymes. We listened to lots of different rhymes and then wrote some of our own versions by changing the nouns, verbs or adjectives. In Science, we learnt more about the seasons and in particular, autumn. The children discussed what the weather is typically like, what clothes they wear and how the days become shorter following the summer months. In Art, we used collage to make some abstract portraits based on Pablo Picasso and in Maths, we have been checking our calculations and practising our number bonds up to 100. Another great week from Year 1&2!
- Year Five & Six What an extremely busy week we have had in Year 5/6. The children really enjoyed their forest school session, as well as their fantastic PE session on Thursday, where they went on a hunt around the school grounds looking for items. In English, we have begun our new unit (stories from other cultures) and the children have enjoyed analysing the characters and comparing lots of tales from the Amazon rainforest. In Maths, we are investigating fractions, specifically equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting them. Finally, a big congratulations to our Year 5/6 children who attended the swimming gala. They did exceptionally well and made all their friends extremely proud.



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

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Lili Gluz	Reuben Campbell
Ignacy Niemiec	Aiden Lach
Billie Pike	Priya Pike
Ava-Grace Wilde	Evie Jordan

Attendance Award This weeks winners are:

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 93%

This week's overall attendance: 95.1%

This week 66 children have had 100% attendance. Their names will be in the draw at the end of the term. Well done children.

Our attendance this week is excellent! Over 95% which the expectation of the government.

FSU	95%
Year One & Two	95.8%
Year Three & Four	97.6%
Year Five & Six	92.5%

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**

What a week at St. Edmund's! There has been a lot of learning going on within the classes which has been good to see. Please read about what your children have been learning about under the class news section.

Just a reminder, school is closed on Wednesday for Year One, Two, Five and Six because of strike action. School will also be closed on Thursday 9th February instead of Friday 10th February because of the Byelection.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Swimming Gala

On Tuesday 24th January, we attend the SHARES swimming gala. We took seven children to the event and I am delighted to announce that out of 7 races we brought home four medals. We were particularly pleased with our girls relay team who achieved silver. It was a great occasion and the children who went certainly supported each other, if there had been a trophy for the team who cheered the loudest, we would have won it.

Mrs Nickson and myself were very proud of each and every one of the children. Well done children.



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Our Thrive Room

Our Pupil Support Manager Mrs Hall has been working really



hard to develop one of the classrooms into a 'Thrive' room. The room is not a classroom for academic learning but for developing children's social and emotional wellbeing. All children in Key Stage Two have been in the room and enjoyed socialising with each other and learning how to be friends. Please ask your children about their time in the 'Thrive' room.

If the children are worried about anything and Mrs Hall is not in the room. The children can fill in one of the special slips and post it in her worry box. Mrs Hall will then find the child later and support them with their worries.



Our Thrive Room

Other pictures of the room.



We use the room for our mental health sessions, thrive sessions and parent meetings. We hope to decorate the room soon.

