



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th May 2021

## This Weeks Spotlight!

### FSU

What another busy and fun week we have had in FSU!

We have been minibeast hunting and building habitats, taking care of our class caterpillars and learning about ways in which we can look after our outdoor environments both in and out of school.

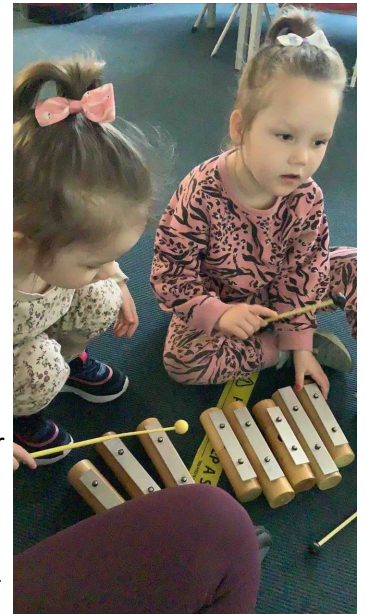
Reception have had their second week of guided reading sessions and they are fast becoming confident little readers. We are really enjoying our new

Big Cat Books, there are some really funny stories. This week we read 'Wow Cow!'

We have also been mini musicians, learning how to play notes on the glockenspiels as part of our Changa Music scheme. We played along to the Big Bear Funk and have been introduced to lots of 70's funk music. Our teachers loved it!

Our bucket school started up again this week once the rain stopped. We have been taking our writing, reading and maths sessions outside and Nursery have enjoyed our garden story times, learning the Little Red Hen story and creating actions to perform it. We are now ready for a well-earned week off!

**Have a lovely week off everyone!**



## Classroom News!

### Year One & Two

Year 1&2 have had such a busy and exciting last week before half term! We started with Art & Design on Monday adding printing ink to our foam board designs and then using rollers to press the print onto our canvas bags. On Tuesday we completed our whole class Minibeast booklet, which is proudly on display in our classroom. Then our brilliant football team went to Holland Moor school to compete in a football tournament. On Wednesday we went around the school on a tree hunt as part of our science topic on plants and in Maths our Year 1 children have been learning about fractions and our Year 2 children have been consolidating their recent learning.

### Year Three & Four

As part of our History learning in year 3 4 we have researched the local area around school. We discovered when the church and St. Edmund's school were built and found who the first head teacher was. In P.E. we enjoyed learning new map reading skills and practiced them whilst orienteering around the school field. In our fitness sessions, we tested ourselves by standing on one leg as part of a balance challenge. Some of us managed over a minute! In Science lessons, we have enjoyed learning about food chains in different environments and which animals eat other animals to survive.

### Year Five & Six

Year 5/6 have been very busy designing, planning, making and evaluating our Greek chitons this week - it was a very busy affair; with lots of noise and a lot of fun. The outcome was fantastic, as I'm sure you noticed on our Seesaw photographs.

In English, we have been exploring figurative poems, discussing the language and the metaphors used to paint a picture in the mind.

In Maths, we have been investigating, measuring and drawing angles. Some were very tricky - but the children showed great resilience. Well done everyone, a very productive week in Team 5/6.

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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to announce that we are able to start some after school sports clubs for the final half term. This is wonderful and certainly marks our way back to normality. Please look out for the letters because places will be limited.

In collaboration with the student council, the children have decided that we should have half termly winners for attendance and house points. The half termly winners for best attendance will receive a double play and biscuit. The children who are house team of the half term will have an ice cream and a play on the field. This is one way of encouraging our young people to always try and be their very best. This half term Year Five and Six have won the extra play time and biscuits. Our house teams Nightingale and Anderson have won the ice cream and extra time on the field.

I think this term has been particularly difficult in terms of getting back into school life and routine. It will be good to have a break and then come back to school fresh ready for learning. We do have six weeks of learning to complete, but we do hope we can have some celebrations to finish our school year off successfully. Look out for our plans.

I hope you have a lovely week off and hope the weather is good to us all.

Mrs Birmingham

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## 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**

Kinga Nolbert

Matthew Galligan

Olivia Lawrenson

Madison Lawrenson.

### **Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award**

Talia McLoughlin

Kayden Lewin

Charley-Lea Pennington

Kyla Fury

### **Attendance Award**

#### **This weeks winners are:**

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 94.7%

This week's overall attendance: 85.75%

#### **Reminder: Attendance and Lateness**

**Attendance has been low this week, but we have had a number of children who have been ill. Let's hope the holidays refresh us ready for learning in June.**

FSU	84.2%
Year One & Two	80.4%
Year Three & Four	85.2%
Year Five & Six	93.2%

## ***School Uniform***

*Uniform plays a very important part of our identity and makes us feel part of the school family. We will begin to start changing for PE in school after the May half term therefore there will be the expectation that children will bring their full PE uniform to school. The children will no longer be able to come to school in their PE clothes.*

*This is a great thing, as we are beginning the process of returning to normal school life.*

School Closes:  
**Friday 28th May**  
And re-opens  
**Monday 7th June**

## **Good Bye**

I am sad to announce that we are losing two of our long standing members of staff.

Mrs Watts has been working at the school for 9 years and has been a fantastic Welfare Assistant. She has looked after our children well and has shown great care towards them ensuring they have had enough to eat at lunch time and they are enjoy playing games and having fun. Mrs Watts will be sadly missed but we wish her well in her new job.

Mrs Beeley has been working at the school for 28 years and has been a fantastic Teaching Assistant. I believe 'Mrs Beeley's Magic Water' has healed many children in school. Mrs Beeley has supported children in their learning and we are grateful to her. Mrs Beeley has made the decision to retire and we wish her well and hope she enjoys this special time.

**Thank you and Good Luck**

### Water Bottles

Just a gentle reminder that children should not be bringing juice to school in their water bottles. Juice should be a nice treat at home, once all the children have completed all their learning from the day. Children should be bringing in water, this will make them more alert and 'Ready' for learning. Sugar from the juice stops children from being able to concentration therefore stopping them from learning.

## Congratulations

Our Year One and Two Football Team made us very proud this week when they took part in the Football Tournament at Holland Moor School. They were very enthusiastic about attending the event and tried their best when playing football. Mrs Nickson and myself were delighted with their performance.

Great ambassadors for our school!

Well done!

### Beacon Country Park

Four girls from Key Stage Two won a place in the next round of the Beacon Country Park Glasswork competition. They went to Beacon Country Park to work with an artist. They revised their previous designs which gained them a place at the event and made it appropriate to being made out of glass. The children's revised designs will be placed on the internet for public consultation with four other schools. The public vote for their favourite design and the four with the most votes will have their designs made out of glass and placed at the Beacon Park.

**The children were a credit to the school and made me very proud.**

When the consultation is open, it would be great if we could vote for the school's designs and then hopefully one of our designs will be created out of glass.