

# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2023

## **This Weeks Spotlight!**

## **Year Five & Six**

Year 5/6 have been exploring adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers this week in Maths. The children have been using their times tables knowledge to support their learning, as well as knowledge of equivalent fractions. In English, we have been looking at extracts of our class text, Journey to the River Sea, to identify aspects that are stated and implied, as well as locating and retrieving information. In Geography, we have also been exploring the climate zones and biomes within the Amazon basin. In science, the children have been developing their understanding about reproduction in plants and animals. Year 5 children have experienced Bikeability this week and the children enjoyed their fun-filled PE sessions.



#### Classroom News!

**EYFS** 

This week in FSU we have been talking about things that we like to do together with other people and why helping each other is important. We then read the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and talked about what her friends could have done to help her. In maths, we have been learning about number 7. We watched the number 7 song and then made towers of 7 different cubes using 7 different colours like a rainbow. We also sang the 7 days in a week song. The children started their next block of forest school today. They have been so excited for this all week.

Year One & Two

Year 1&2 have been learning more about number bonds to 100, adding numbers together and subtracting numbers in Maths. In English, we started the week talking about dogs and what they like to do. Then we started to read our new book, 'Dogs don't do Ballet'. The children have been writing sentences, paragraphs and adding prefixes to words. In RE, we have been learning more about the mass and how it is such an important ceremony for Catholics. In Geography, we have been looking at globes and maps, learning the names of the seas and oceans surrounding the UK.

Year Three & Four This week in Year 3/4 we've been gathering content for our information text on different types of volcanoes. The children have been using a variety of different sources to collate information to present next week. In DT, we have begun to construct our own shadow puppets. The children have all worked very hard on creating their own unique design - we can't wait to test the final outcomes. While in PE, we've been exploring orienteering and den building. The children used natural material and some tarp to create their own woodland dens in small groups. Well done team on another brilliant week!



This week's house point winner is: **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

#### Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Caroline-Catherine Oswell Billie Pike

Kirilo Kotelnikov Ava-Jo Davies

Michael Galligan Alicja Gluz

David Feraru Kai Gudimani

#### **Attendance Award**

#### This weeks winners are: Year Five/Six

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 95.1% This week's overall attendance: 88%

This week 53 children have had 100% attendance. Their names will be in the draw at the end of the term. Well done children.

FSU	80%
Year One & Two	90.8%
Year Three & Four	87.1%
Year Five & Six	91.7%

## 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 another busy week! The Year Five children have been completing Bike Ability sessions. They have been learning how to ride a bike safely on the roads around school. They have had excellent behaviour whilst taking part in the sessions.

We have also had the 'Yogi Group' in school teaching our children about the importance of yoga and breathing, this will help them with their mental health.

Mrs Hall continues to work with those children who need support with their social and emotional well-being, it certainly is providing our children with the support they need.

We have spent £1000 on new reading books in Key Stage Two which will support our children with their reading and phonics work. The books will be part of a new intervention called rapid phonics which will be delivered by Miss Hughes.

Just a reminder, school will be closed on Thursday 9th February instead of Friday 10th February because of the By-election. School is open on Friday 10th February.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham