



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023

This Weeks Spotlight!

EYFS

In EYFS this week the children have started their new topic of Let Us Celebrate. This term we will be looking at the different celebrations we have and how we celebrate them. This week we have looked at our new book; All Are Welcome and have spoken about how we can welcome others to a celebration. We also have looked at the two different celebrations we have had this week and what we need. The children wrote a list as a class for all the items needed for Bonfire Night, then wrote a list independently and took it to our role play shop.

In Maths the children have continued to look at the numbers 1, 2 and 3. This week we have looked at how these numbers can be made on our fingers and the different ways of doing this. Then the children started to subitise with these numbers and working on their number fluency!

This week our theme has been Bonfire Night and the children have been very creative! They have looked at the history of the celebration and how we celebrate it. They have been creating fireworks with chalk on black paper and a small world bonfires scene. Today we had a very special visit from the Fire Service to speak to us about how to stay safe in Bonfire Night.



We've embraced

thrive

in our Setting

Classroom News!

Year One & Two

It has been a fantastic 1st week back in Year 1&2! We have been writing some Halloween poetry in our English lessons and creating some wonderful firework paintings in Art. In Maths, we have been learning about money. We have learnt about the coins and notes we use to buy our shopping and we have been comparing which are worth more than others. We have also started our new History topic on Skelmersdale. This week we spent time learning where Skelmersdale is in the UK and looking at some old photos to see if we could recognise anywhere. Well done Year 1&2!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been exploring the poem Colonel Fazackerley Butterworth-Toast. The poem is about the Colonel who bought a new house complete with its own ghost! The Colonel loves the ideas of having a ghostly friend, however, the ghost does not return the Colonel's endearment. The children have been unpicking the various features of the poem and identifying different rhyming couplets that they will be able to use in their own poetry. In Maths, we've been exploring addition and subtraction. The children have been using concrete and pictorial resources to help them transition into the formal methods. While in History, we began our unit on Skelmersdale mines. The children have enjoyed looking at primary sources to learn more about the mines. This week, we had a very special treat. Mr Bennett from Lancashire Music Services came in to begin our ukulele lessons. The children all absolutely loved learning how to play some basic chords on their ukuleles. Both Mrs Regan and I were very impressed with how the children all responded to the challenge with enthusiasm and persistence. They're all so excited for next week's lesson! Well done team on another fabulous week.

Year Five & Six

A busy week back after half term in Year 5/6. The children have begun a new English unit of explanation texts and they have been investigating the key features and the structure of this. In Mathematics, we have been exploring multiplication using a grid/ area method. The children have learnt to partition the amount and multiply the digits and then recombine together.

Our History topic begun this week with a curiosity task - the children had to become historians and detect clues to identify what the artefact was. They did come up with some excellent suggestions, as well as some future questions to research in the future. In Religious Education, we have begun our advent unit, with a big question of Is waiting always difficult?



**This week's house point winner is:
Nightingale and Stephenson
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

Mac M
Elsie-May S
Roza K
Ella-Rose B

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Madison L
Emmie Rose M
Matthew G
Isaac S

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year Three & Four

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 86.5%

This week's overall attendance: 91.4%

Attendance has improved this week which is excellent. Please let's keep this up. Children should only be off if they are unwell.

55 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

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Year One & Two	89.6%
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Year Three & Four	95%
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Year Five & Six	88.5%
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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

Welcome back to school after a lovely week off. We are looking forward to the run up to Christmas, look out for the important dates list which will be out soon.

The disco was a success on Wednesday, the children enjoyed the occasion which was brilliant. The disco was a success because of the children's behaviour in the disco and towards each other. In school, we are always talking about being part of St. Edmund's Family and how it is important that we look after each other by being kind, caring and loving towards each other. At the disco, I witnessed lots of children caring for each other and making sure everyone was okay. A little child from the nursery class saw an older child who was a little overwhelmed by the music and was shedding a tear. He found a tissue and took it over her. I saw older children looking out for the younger ones. checking they were okay and dancing with them. It was just lovely to see. We will consider whether we have an Easter disco, any thoughts from parents would be welcomed.

We raised £125 at the disco, this will go into the school fund and will be used to support all of our children.

Kaine and Madison from Y6 will be representing the school as part of the SHARES pupil parliament. The children will join the rest of the SHARES schools in creating a parliament which will discuss local issues. This week the children will be discussing who will lead the group, the deputy and other key roles. Good luck children.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Pupil Corner



Well done to Skyler and Ava-Jo who have achieved a purple Blue Peter Badge.

They sent a poster into the program discussing the dangers of plastic being in the sea and how this can hurt or even kill the sea animals.

Thank you for thinking about our environment.

What thoughtful children!

[In pupil's corner, we celebrate any achievements which children have completed at home.](#)

If your children have achieved something at home, please send an email to me with a photograph.

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SHARES Poetry Competition

Well done to two of children in Year Six who look part in the SHARES Poetry Competition. The children had to write a poem entitled 'Refuge'. They had to read their poem in front of an audience and three judges who were professional writers. They did an excellent job and made me very proud. We were delighted when it was announced that Adin came second. An excellent result for our school.



Year Three and Four Musical Lessons

Year Three and Four have started ukulele lessons this week. The children each have a ukulele and have started learning how to hold the ukulele and strum the strings. We look forward to them learning chords and playing songs.





Remembrance Day



On Monday 13th November, the school will come together to remember those who have died in all wars around the world during a collective worship.

Next week, we will be selling items to raise money for the poppy appeal. The cost is as follows:

Paper Poppies: Any Donation

Slap Bands 50P each

Reflector Poppy 50P each

Bracelet Band 50P each

Bottom Hole Badges 20p each

Pin Badge Poppies £1.00each (Limited amount) – Due to the Sharp pin on the badge these badges to be purchased from the office at the end of the day. PLEASE NOTE ALL OTHER ITEMS WILL BE SOLD AT BREAKTIMES ONLY

We thank you for your support.

Photographs from our 'Fancy Dress Party' - For more photographs look at Twitter





Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Madison-Evie

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.

