



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 30th June 2023

This Weeks Spotlight!

EYFS

We have had a visitor this week in EYFS, Barnaby Bear. He has travelled to India to help us explore the country and compare the differences between here and there. The children have also been talking about where they come from and where their families come from; talking about how we celebrate and different traditions. The children have used the construction area to build transport for Barnaby to different places.

They have also been playing traditional children's games from India and found that some of the games were the same as ours!

In Maths this week the children have been exploring double numbers and patterns. As a class we have looked at how all double numbers make even numbers and they have a flat top, whereas odd numbers have an odd one sticking up. The children then created their own ABAB patterns using different objects.



Classroom News!

- Year One & Two** Year 1&2 have finished writing their 'Rainbow Fish' stories this week and have enjoyed spending time editing their work, looking for any missing full stops and capital letters. Some of the children even used dictionaries to correct their spelling mistakes. In Maths, we have started to learn how to tell the time, and I must say I have been very impressed by how much some of the Year 2 children have remembered from last year. We have been thinking about the words before and after, we have looked at days of the week and months of the year and also telling the time to the hour and half past. The children finished their sculptures from our art topic and have evaluated what they thought went well and how they could improve it if they
- Year Three & Four** This week in Year 3/4, we have been exploring statistics. In our Maths sessions, we looked at different types of graphs - including bar graphs and pictographs - and answering questions about the data being presented. In Art, we have been creating sculptures based on our focus artist's work. While in English, we have been writing our own traditional tales. In PE this week, we had lots of fun practicing our rugby skills. The children took turns being attackers and defenders. The defenders had to try and rip the tags away from the attacker - who themselves were trying to collect as many points as possible. Well done team on a brilliant week!
- Year Five & Six** Year 5/6 have gone performance crazy this week! I am so proud of them all trying to learn their lines and remembering when to exit and enter the stage. I am sure that you will enjoy it.
- In addition to our rehearsals, the children had a week full of fun and learning... Including, finalising and building their 'Bug Hotels' in Design Technology (which were fabulous), as well as beginning our new Art project. We are investigating an artist named Kurt Schwitter, who is famous for his works in collage. The children have analysed his work this week and we will be moving on to design our own in the same fashion.
- In RE, the children have completed their Freedom & Responsibility unit, where they have began to develop an understanding of the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. In swimming, the children all made a big push to achieve their goals for the end of the year - most of our children can now swim a whole length and more! In Forest school, the children have been having fun exploring the grounds, cooking and learning many outdoor learning skills.



**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

Khaidyn Miller-Keegan / Oliver Smethurst

Elsie-May Smethurst

Anaya Kamran

Matthew Galligan

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Paddy McGrady

Ava-Jo Davies

Roza Konicka

Maycie Miller-Keegan

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year Five & Six

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 85%

This week's overall attendance: 83.2%

Attendance this week is still not as good as it should be, please remember we can only teach your children to be the best that they can be if they are in school. Attendance at school is essential for learning.

55 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

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Year One & Two	88%
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Year Three & Four	82%
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Year Five & Six	88.2%
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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

I am very proud of the fact that as a school we can offer weekly swimming lessons to all our Key Stage Two children, this will continue next year. The standard of swimming in school is certainly improving. I am happy to announce that 93% of our Year Six children have achieved their National Curriculum Swimming Levels. I am very proud of them all, they have worked really hard to achieve this, with some having to really face some personal fears. Well done Year Six.

Just a gentle reminder, the NEU is striking next week. Year 1/2/5/6 classes will be closed on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. The other classes will be open and it is expected that the children will attend school.

On Thursday of next week our Year Six children will be travelling to Our Lady Queen of Peace High School for their transition day. On that day the rest of the school will also have their transition day, children will spend the morning in their new classes and our new children starting in September will also attend. Don't forget to ask them how it has gone. The classes will be as follows:

EYFS	Mrs Mitchell
Year One & Two	Mrs Nickson
Year Three & Four	Mr Fitzpatrick
Year Five & Six	Mrs Buckley

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Important Dates

Please see important dates for the final half term.

Date	Time	Event	Who
6th July	9.00—12.00: EYFS—Y5 All day—Y6	Transition Day	All children
11th July	All day	Rock'n'River Trip	Y5/6 Children
12th July	6.00 pm	Y5/Y6 Performance Robin and the Sher- wood Hoodies	Y5/6 Children Parents
18th July	1.00 pm—3.00 pm	Sponsored Water Race	All children
19th July	10.00 pm	Y6 Leavers Mass	All children and par- ents
20th July	4.00 pm to 7.00 pm	Y6 Leavers Night— Bowling and Quaser	Y6 children
21st July	1.30 pm	Celebration Assembly including saying good bye to our Y6 Children	Children Y6 Parents

Please check each week in case there are changes. The changes will be in bold.



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2022/23

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Anaya Kai Ria Zak

Silver Award (14/20 books)

**Michael Zain Katerina David F Penelope
Ksenia**

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

**David B Henry Matthew
Ksenia Penelope Zain Aron Maycie
Ava-Grace Grace Edward Aida**

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.

