



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th November 2022

This Weeks Spotlight!

EYFS

What a busy week back at school we have had! We continued our learning about Baptisms. We looked at a picture of a Baptism and talked about what we could see happening. The children then role played the Baptism and took turns playing the different parts. In Maths, reception have been learning the meaning of the word 'equal' they had to make sure that all the bears had equal amounts of food for a teddy bears picnic. The nursery children have been practising their counting. In P.E, the children showed what fantastic gymnasts they are. They explored moving their bodies in different ways doing lots of different types of rolls. As part of our end of topic celebration we were talking about how we could make people feel welcome in our class. The children decided they would write invitations to the Year one children and invite them to our class to play. We had cakes and music. It was lots of fun!



Classroom News!

Year One & Two

Year 1&2 have had a lovely first week back. We started reading 'Zog' which is our new book in English. We have asked questions, made predictions and talked about the main character. We also began our new History topic on toys. The children enjoyed talking about their own toys, what they like to play with and why. In Maths, we have been consolidating more than, less than and ordering objects and numbers. We even managed to squeeze in some amazing firework art! Well done Year 1&2 for a great first week back.

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been exploring our new focus text in English - Queen of Darkness. The story is about Boudica, a Queen from Britannia who wants to stop the Roman invasion. The children this week have been advising Boudica on what she should do... should she attack the Romans or run for safety? While in History, we've been exploring the reason why Emperor Claudius decided to invade Britain. In art, we've begun to look at some ancient Roman mosaics. The children have all worked very hard this week! Well done on a brilliant first week back!

Year Five & Six

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a good rest over the half term. The children have definitely been full of energy and excitement this week, due to Halloween and Bonfire Night on Saturday. Yet, they have still been working extremely hard, especially in Mathematics. The children have been using their tables knowledge to help them multiply 4-digit number by a 2-digit number. We did find this quite challenging at first, but they continued onwards and upwards and demonstrated a lot of resilience. In English, we have been exploring many of the grammatical areas that we need to be able to write a biography. We have investigated, paragraphing, cohesion, fronted adverbials and research and gathering lots of information by skimming and scanning.

In topic, the children have been gathering the key areas of learning of the Anglo-Saxons and Scots and putting together a media presentation for their peers. They will communicate their findings to each other. In RE, we are discussing commitment and how we commitment to our families , each other and God.



**This week's house point winner is:
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

Elsie Pike
Khaidyn Miller-Keegan
Harlem Miller-Keegan
Kinga Nolbert

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Lucas Rochford
Lili Gluz
Max Lawrenson
Ava-Grace Wilde

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year Five and Six
The winning class receives an extra playtime.
Last week's overall attendance: 91%
This week's overall attendance: 89.5%

Reminder: We have slipped below 90%, please make sure your children attend school unless they are really poorly. The children need to be in school so that they learn.

FSU	86.7%
Year One & Two	89.5%
Year Three & Four	82.7%
Year Five & Six	90.7%

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

We will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week. This will take place W/B 14th November, during the week we will talk about bullying and it's effects on children. To start the week off children will be encouraged to wear odd socks.

We are in the process of organising our Christmas activities, once we have everything arranged we will let you know the dates. We are really looking forward to the run up to Christmas.

I mentioned before the Summer holidays that we had been accepted by the English Hub onto the next wave of training and funding. This week Sarah King, an English Hub consultant, came into school to observe phonics, guided reading and catch-up sessions. She was very pleased with what she saw. I was very proud of our teachers and teaching assistants and what they achieved in a short space of time. The children we certainly learning lots and I was very pleased with him, they certainly showed Mrs King that St. Edmund's is a great place to be were children always try their very best. Mrs King has advised us on the next steps in our reading curriculum journey which we will begin to implement shortly. Well done to our children and our staff.

A letter will be being sent out on Monday about a local charity which is part of our St. Richard's Parish, they offer lots of support for those families who may need it during this difficult financial time. If you do need any support or help please do not hesitate to come into school and we can help you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Odd Sock Day – Monday 14th November 2022

- Wear odd socks
- Anti-Bullying Week

