



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

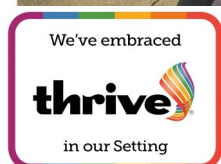
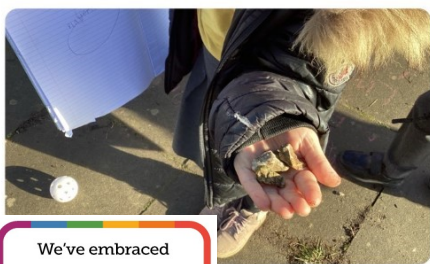
Friday 3rd March 2023

This Weeks Spotlight! Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we have been exploring our outside environment to learn about the different uses of rocks. Originally we thought that we would only find rocks on the ground, however, after a short while

exploring the school surroundings we soon realised that they were everywhere! Our school is made out of bricks, we have statues hidden inside forest school and even our playground flooring is made out of different types of rocks! On Wednesday, we celebrated World Book Day. The children all looked amazing in their costumes and enjoyed a day full of book-filled activities. We even started exploring a new book: "The Boy at the Back of the Class", which is about a new boy who joins a class who has come to our country as a refugee. The children really enjoyed learning about the different characters involved.

It has been an absolute brilliant week and the children have all worked very hard. Well done on another fab week team!



Classroom News!

EYFS

This week in FSU we have been reading *The Night Box*, which is about a boy who controls the night. We then made our own boxes to put secrets in. In the water area this week we have been using goop to practice forming letters and words. On World Book Day we had lots of fun dressed up as our favourite characters and sharing which books we liked. We then made worry monsters that would eat anything we were worried about.

Year One & Two

This week we have been using emotion words to describe how Hansel and Gretel felt when they were left in the forest and also how to use contractions in our writing. In Maths, we have been learning more about odd and even numbers and how to subtract. In Geography, we have started to write our own fact files about the seven continents. Learning about their size, location, population and famous landmarks. World Book Day was the highlight of our week. The children looked amazing and they certainly enjoyed listening to stories, designing new bookmarks and book covers as well as drawing along with a famous illustrator. Fantastic work Year 1&2!

Year Five & Six

Year 5/6 has had a very exciting week. All the children had a wonderful day on world book day and produced a fantastic fact file on a Richard Ayoade, who is a British author and comedian. In RE, we have been exploring the Eucharist, looking at what happens and what is said by the priest during the service. In Mathematics, we have been investigating fractions, we have multiplied them and simplified them. We are in our final writing week in English, we are producing a story from another culture, including a flash back of events. The children have been developing their skills to include dialogue with actions and detail, complex sentence structures, metaphorical language, as well as using expanded noun phrases to add detail. In Geography, we are looking at using eight compass points and grid references.

REMINDER - SAT Booster Club - is available to all Year 6 students up until SAT week. Tuesday, 3-15pm - 4.15pm: Mathematics. Thursday, 3-15pm - 4.15pm: Grammar and punctuation. The sessions are extremely useful to all of Year 6.



**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

Freya Campbell

Anaya Kamran

Patrick McGrady

Matthew Galligan

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Marty Rogers

Hope Savini

Iga Nolbert

Caroline-Catherine Oswell

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year One & Two

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 90.2%

This week's overall attendance: 89.3%

This week 59 have had 100% attendance. Their names will be in the draw at the end of the term. Well done children.

25 pupils achieved 100% attendance in the first part of the Spring Term.

FSU	89.2%
Year One & Two	96.7%
Year Three & Four	94.5%
Year Five & Six	77.6%

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

The week started with our Pupil Parliament Representatives going to the Mayor's office in Ormskirk. They met the Mayor and learnt about the clothing the Mayor wears, how the council office works and how to vote. The children enjoyed the experience and learnt about the importance of democracy.

The children enjoyed World Book Day, the teachers planned some excellent activities for the children to do and they learnt about some new authors. Thank you for encouraging the children to dress up, they did look amazing.

Thank you for completing the questionnaire about the school tracksuit for PE. All the parents who answered the questionnaire were very positive about the tracksuit and made some excellent points, so thank you. If you haven't completed the questionnaire yet, please click on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pNJ9UeS70m>

I will keep the link open till Monday. The next stage will be to ask the children their opinion.

Today, six children took part in a special session where they joined children from other schools in the diocese to create a diocesan song. They really enjoyed themselves, we hope to take part in a larger singing event as part of the diocese.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

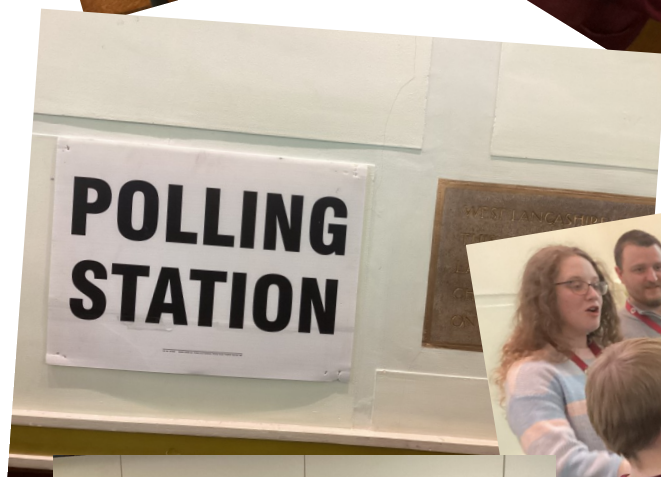
Mrs Birmingham

Easter Cake Sale

Each class will take turns in bringing cakes into school. The rest of the children will be encouraged to bring in 50 pence so they can buy a cake. The monies raised will help to send education books to Africa.

8.3.23	Year One & Two
15.3.23	Year Three & Four
22.3.23	Year Five & Six
29.3.23	EYFS

Pupil Parliament Trip



Our Pupil Parliament Representatives enjoyed a trip to the Mayor's Office in Ormskirk.

World Book Day

World Book Day took place on **Wednesday 1st March 2023**. The children and staff had a lovely time dressing up as their favourite characters. We had Oompa Loompas, Mary Poppins, Little Red Riding Hood and of course Gangsta Granny. The children had a lovely time learning about the importance of books and new authors. We even had a mention on the Department of Education Twitter page. Thank you to the teachers especially Mrs Buckley for organising the day and to the children for dressing up.



If you would like to view some more pictures please look at:
<https://twitter.com/SchoolStEdmunds>



Easter Celebrations



Date	Event	Who
Wednesday 22nd March 2023	Easter Dinner	Children
Wednesday 29th March 2023 2.00 pm	Year Three and Four Easter Play	Parents
Thursday 30th March 2023	Easter Bonnet Competition	EYFS/KS1
	Easter Egg Decorating Competition	KS2
Friday 31st March 2023	Celebration Assembly— Attendance/ Raffle Draw//House Points	Children
	Reward Afternoon—Lunch at ei- ther MacDonalds, KFC or Domi- noes	Two children from each class who have behaved above and be- yond in class will be chosen.

Easter Bonnet Competition for EYFS/KS1

The children in EYFS and KS1 will be encouraged to decorate an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it into school. The children will take part in an Easter Bonnet parade and a winner from each year group will be chosen. The winners will receive an Easter Egg.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition for KS2

The children in KS2 will be encouraged to decorate a hard boiled egg at home and bring it into school. The children will present their egg and a winner from each year group will be chosen. The winners will receive an Easter Egg.

Easter Raffle

Tickets will be available shortly for our Easter Raffle. Children will be able to buy a strip for £1 and if they win they will be able to select an Easter Egg. Proceeds will go towards our trip fund.

Cake Sale

The children will take part in a weekly cake sale. One class will bring in some cakes, which will be sold to the other children.

All proceeds will be given to Books2Africa, so that we can send our unwanted education books to help children in Africa learn to read and write.



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2022/23

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Anaya Kai

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

**Michael David B Henry David F Ria Zak Matthew Katerina
Ksenia Penelope Zain Aron**

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.

