



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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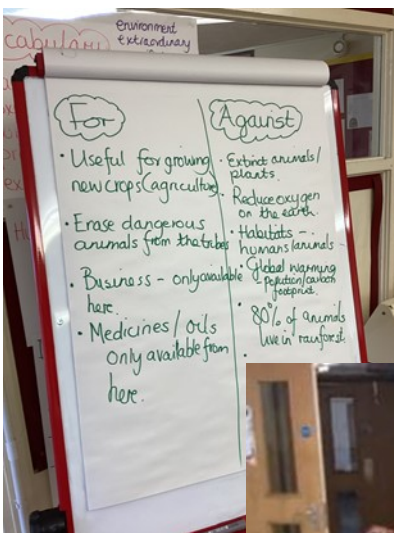
This Weeks Spotlight!

Year 5 & 6

Welcome back everyone and happy new year!

Year 5/6 have settled quickly into the spring term and they have been investigating our new topics for this term. In English, the children have been exploring the theme of 'debate'. We have been looking at a lot of media surrounding the Amazon rainforest and the children have been discussing the arguments for and against deforestation. They have also been completing a bit of role play from a text that we have read, The Great Kapok Tree by Lynn Cherry. In Maths, we have been exploring estimating and rounding. They have used these skills to help the children compute quickly and efficiently.

Our topic this term is South America, the children will be exploring the Amazon basin and using a lot of mapping skills to locate this continent within the world. In computing, we have discussed and developed our skills in spreadsheets. We found this quite challenging at first, but I am sure we will be very efficient at the end of our unit. Our Come and See unit is 'Local Church' and the children have been discussing people who have a mission in the world to help others through their charity work.



Classroom News!

EYFS

The children have had a fantastic first week back in school. We began this week by talking about celebrations. We named lots of different celebrations and what we do to celebrate them. We then read the book 'Cake' by Sue Hendra. The children made predictions about what they thought was going to happen throughout the book. Next, we looked at pictures of lots of different types of cakes and discussed our favourite cakes to eat. The children asked if they could make a cake, so we gathered lots of ideas together and the children drew pictures of what cake they would like to make. We will bake our tasty cake next week.

Year One & Two

It has been lovely having the children back in school this week. They have all really enjoyed catching up with their friends after the Christmas break. In English, we planned and wrote a recount of our day. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting 1's and 10's. We started our new Geography topic on 'Our country' looking at the countries of the UK. In RE, we have been talking about the special people in our lives and what makes them so special to us. Well done Year 1&2!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been creating our own shape poems based on mountains and volcanoes. We have used our 5 senses to imagine that we are hiking up the mountain, while using lots of different figurative devices - such as onomatopoeia and similes - to add extra detail. In Maths, we've used concrete resources to model how we can multiply and divide different numbers. While in Music, we've been practicing finding the pulse and beat to a song. Well done on a brilliant first week back!



**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

Isabella Singleton
Bobby Berry
Dayle Matthew
Penelope Lawrenson

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Oliver Smethurst
Clayton Quinn-Spencer
Talia McLoughlin
Skyler Davies

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: EYFS

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: N/A

This week's overall attendance: 92.4%

66 children this week had 100% attendance, this excellent. These children's names have been added to the attendance draw which will be drawn at the end of the term.

Well done children

FSU	95.8%
Year One & Two	90.8%
Year Three & Four	94.6%
Year Five & Six	90%

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 wish all our lovely families a Happy New Year.

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. They have shared their Christmas experiences with us and they have all certainly had a lovely time. I think Christmas is a very special time of year and it is always lovely to spend it with our families and remember what is important.

Mrs Hall sent out the attendance letters this week. If your child received a green coloured letter, well done. If your child received an amber or a red coloured letter, then there is work to be done. When teachers are teaching their lessons, they build upon on what has been learnt the previous day therefore if your child misses one day in the week then they may miss an important piece of information which will enable them to learn something in important. Therefore attending school everyday is important. Even if you received an amber or a red letter, there is still time to turn your child's attendance around so they can receive a green letter at the end of the school year. If you have any concerns about encouraging your child to school please come and see us, we can offer support.

We are having an influx of headlice cases. The best way to treat headlice is to use the wet combing technique: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

If you need a headlice comb, Mrs Wild has a selection which you can have for free with a set of instructions which explains how to wet comb.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Pupil Corner

If your child has done something special at home, please let me know so we can put it in the newsletter.

It would be lovely if we could share it with our school family.