



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

## This Weeks Spotlight!

### Year One & Two

This week we have been so busy, using some fantastic mathematical vocabulary and symbols to compare objects and numbers. In English, we have been learning more about dinosaurs and writing some fact files to help us with our non-chronological reports next week. The children are really enjoying this topic and are telling me lots of interesting facts about the dinosaurs. In RE, we enjoyed our rejoice celebration, reflecting on what we had learnt over the last few weeks about the creation story and all new beginnings. In science, we were testing some materials to see if they could be stretched, squashed, bent or twisted. In History, we learnt more about the famous cricketer Learie Constantine who lived in Lancashire back in the 1930's. The children were discussing what life was like for him and his family when they moved here from Trinidad and Tobago. Well done on another fantastic week Year 1&2!



## Classroom News!

### EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been looking at our poem Fire and talking about words that rhyme. The children have tried really hard to identify what words sound the same and matched them together. The children also spoke about how the poem was about autumn by looking at the pictures surrounding it. This week in Maths our new topic has been measure, weight and capacity. The children have explored bigger and smaller, heavier and lighter, full and empty. They have then used these skills in continuous provision and compared items. In history we have continued to look at our home topic and have spoken about toys in the past and toys now. We focused on what the toys are made of and how different this is, we then went on a material hunt around the FSU area labelling the different materials.

### Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been creating our of Egyptian fairy tales based on the classic tale, Cinderella. The children have each created a 5-part story that retells the adventure of an Egyptian girl who is saved by an almighty God and whisked away to meet her handsome Pharaoh! In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers up to 10,000. While in Computing, the children have been programming their own fish tank using coding software - their work was very impressive. To end the week, the children have had lots of fun in their swimming and forest school sessions. Well done team!

### Year Five & Six

In Year 5/6 this week the children have been exploring figurative language in English - they have been identifying similes, metaphors and personification. We have also read a wide read of poems from Pie Corbett to Ogden Nash. In Mathematics, we have begun looking at using the inverse with addition and subtraction. Our RE is about vocation and the people that complete a job volunteering or paid in the name of God. We also have some fantastic cricketers this week in PE, they demonstrated many skills and excellent role models for sportsmanship. Hopefully everyone saw our picture of Lancashire's Fantastic Book Awards, our team will represent our school at an awards ceremony in May. The whole class will listen / read 5 books and cast their votes in February.



**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

Tia'leigh

Igor

Reuben

Dimitrinka

### Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Lila-Rae

Kai

Evie

Esma

### Attendance Award

**This weeks winners are: Year Three & Four**

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 93.6%

This week's overall attendance: 89%

**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.**

**59 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.**

FSU

88.9%

Year One &amp; Two

85%

Year Three & Four	93.1%
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93.1%

Year Five &amp; Six

88.7%

### 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

What a week we have had in school. You can tell from the teachers' classroom news that the children have been learning lots of new things.

I always walk around the school to see the children and how much they learning. The behaviour in school is excellent, all children are listening to the adults and working very hard to be the best that they can be. This makes me a very proud headteacher. Together, we have been working really hard to ensure that our children get the best offer and we are certainly seeing the impact of this.

**I have had a meeting with the Diocese's Area Surveyor about the refurbishment works in Key Stage Two. We are hoping that these works will take place after Christmas. This will provide lovely learning areas for our Key Stage Two children. We will also be purchasing new C-Touch boards for the KS2 classrooms and units for storing their bags and coats. Year One and Two will also be gaining a new storage system for their coats and bags. Our intention is to purchase new tables and chairs for every class in the next financial year. It is very exciting and I can't wait to see the children's faces when the works are completed.**

At playtime, children are allowed to use the library to complete indoor activities such as colouring, drawing, computers and jigsaws. The children love completing jigsaws. Mrs Hall has asked if anyone has any old jigsaws that they don't want anymore we would be very grateful for them.

At my governors meeting this week, I spoke to them about having a school disco at the time of Halloween. The governors have agreed so we will be having a Fancy Dress Disco on 1st November. More details of this will follow next week.

**I just wanted to remind you that my door is always open if you are concerned about your child/children or if something has happened in school which you want clarifying. We will always be open and honest with you and will always try our best to support you and your child/children no matter their needs. We have a fantastic school community here at St. Edmund's which it is my pleasure to serve. We all love coming to work and this is because of the families we work with on a daily basis. Please remember if you need to have a conversation with me about anything my door is always open.**

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

## Pupil Corner

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. [head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk)**



# Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24

**Gold Award (21/30 books)**

**Silver Award (14/20 books)**

**Bronze Award— (7/10 books)**

## **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.**

