



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year 1 & 2

It has been a lovely week in Year 1&2. The Year 2 children have been wonderful, helping the new Year 1 children to settle in. All the children have been getting to know their new classroom, routines and friends. We have started our new history topic, discussing significance and who is significant in our lives. We will look at this in more detail next week, focusing on a significant person.

In English, we have been reading a lovely story called Amazing Grace. The children have been role playing, making predictions and writing some super sentences. In maths, we have been sorting objects and subitising numbers up to 5. Our science topic is on materials and the children looked at a few common materials this week matching them up to their uses. Music, was enjoyed by all as the children found the rhythm and beat to their new song and in PE, we enjoyed running making sure we were on the balls of our feet and using our arms to help us go even faster. Well done for a brilliant first week back Year 1&2!



Classroom News!

EYFS

Welcome back! EYFS have had a very busy week getting to know their classroom, friends and teachers. All the children have settled in really well. This week we have been looking at the book *The Friendship Bench* and had a present waiting for us on our bench in class. It is a story about a girl who starts a new school and wants to make friends. The children have been predicting what might happen next in the story and talking about what makes a good friend. We have also started our phonics and I am blown away with how well the children have done! We have also started our Maths fluency sessions to get us ready for Maths, this week we have looked at subitising the numbers 1, 2, and 3.

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been learning about the cultural fairy tale - *Cinderella of the Nile*. Before reading the story, the children have used the pictures to predict what they think will happen in it. Then, we read parts of our story to pull out key features. The children then compared our story to two other similar tales - *Cinderella* and *Prince Cinders*. In RE, we have started looking at our families. The children have all had a go at drawing their own family tree and spoke about what makes our families special. It has been a fantastic start to the new year and I am so proud of all the hard work and kindness you have started the year with - well done Team!

Year Five & Six

What a fantastic first week we have had in Year 5/6. The children have arrived at school looking extremely smart and ready for learning. This week we have been reading a variety of tales from *1001 Arabian Nights* - the children are really enjoying each story and we have begun discussing the themes and the language within each text. On Friday, we began reading our next text of *'The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad'*. These texts will help the children to complete a narrative based on a similar theme. In Topic, we explored a range of images; the children have to guess what the images were of and then ask a range of questions about it. I must say, we so have some fantastic historians in our class, as they were looking very closely at all the minute details and expressing their thoughts on what the image was. In RE, we have begun exploring the word *'Love'* and how God shows us His love every day.



**This week's house point winner is:
Anderson
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

Daniel L
Harlem M-K
Caia M-K
Daisy S

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Max L
Iga N
Harper B
David-Gabriel B

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year Three & Four

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: N/A

This week's overall attendance: 88.7%

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.

63 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

FSU	86.5%
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Year One & Two	83.8%
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Year Three & Four	95.6%
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Year Five & Six	88.8%
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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

Welcome back to school. It has been a lovely first week, children have looked very smart in their new uniforms, especially our school tracksuit. I thank you for your support with this.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to our school. I am sure that our St. Edmund's School Family will make everyone feel welcome and part of our very special community.

Just a gentle reminder if your child does have a packed lunch we do encourage the lunch to be healthy, there are just are too many chocolate bars and items with chocolate spread in making it into the lunch boxes.

We do encourage all of our children to read as much as they can, reading unlocks so many other things. We have included the St. Edmund's School Reading Celebration Wall in the newsletter and look forward to finding out who really trying hard to improve their reading by reading as much as they can. 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.

I hope you enjoy the lovely weather and have a restful 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

Important Information

A gentle reminder children are only allowed to have water in their water bottles not juice, flavoured water or cordial as we have a child in school who allergic to these items.

These drinks are allowed at lunchtime because we are able to manage the situation because of the amount of staff on duty during lunchtime.

School Uniform Expectation

Days of Week	Year Groups	Uniform Expectation
Monday Tuesday Wednesday	All classes	<p><u>Girls' Winter School Uniform</u> Boys' Winter School Uniform Grey Skirt or Pinafore Yellow/Gold Polo Shirt Burgundy Sweatshirt/Cardigan</p> <p><u>Boys' Winter School Uniform</u> Grey Trousers Yellow/Gold Polo Shirt Burgundy Sweatshirt</p> <p>White Socks Black Shoes/Black Trainers (no white markings)</p>
Thursday	All classes	<p><u>Girls' PE Uniform</u> Black Full Zip Top</p> <p>Black Jogging Pants Burgundy Shorts (Summer) White t-shirt</p> <p>Black Trainers (no white markings)</p>
Friday	EYFS/Y1/Y2	<p><u>Girls' Winter School Uniform</u> Boys' Winter School Uniform Grey Skirt or Pinafore Yellow/Gold Polo Shirt Burgundy Sweatshirt/Cardigan</p> <p><u>Boys' Winter School Uniform</u> Grey Trousers Yellow/Gold Polo Shirt Burgundy Sweatshirt</p> <p>White Socks Black Shoes/Black Trainers (no white markings)</p>
	Y5/6 and those children who are doing forest school (For the next four weeks it is Y3/4)	<p><u>Girls' PE Uniform</u> Black Full Zip Top Black Jogging Pants Burgundy Shorts (Summer) White t-shirt</p> <p>Black Trainers (no white markings)</p>

Uniform items with the school logo on are available from the office but if you would like uniform items without the logo, they are available from Asda.



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

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