



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

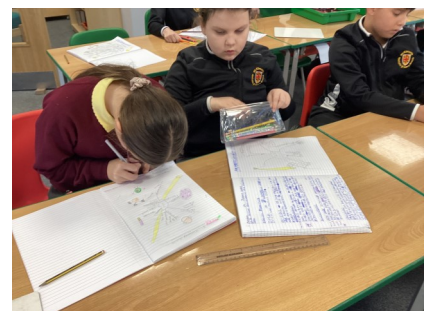
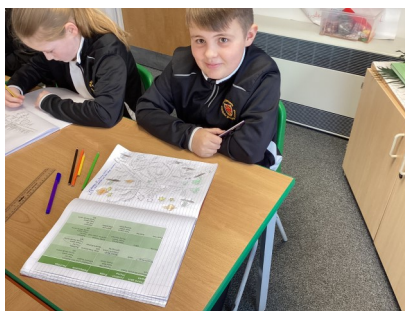
Friday 10th January 2025

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Five & Six

Welcome back everyone and here's wishing you all a wonderful new year. Year 5/6 started the year with great gusto, as they continued to work hard all week. We began the week by completing our persuasive argument based upon their choices of a theme park - the outcome was fabulous. Moving on in the week, the children were introduced to their new English writing topic of Science Fiction, which made many of the boys really pleased and a few of the girls also.

In mathematics, we continue our work with fractions and the children are now becoming familiar with equivalent fractions and placing them upon a number line. Our science topic is forces for this half term and the children have been exploring forces in actions in the classroom and their activities in class. They have been exploring friction, gravity, air resistance and upthrust. The children have also begun to investigate the area of 'mission' within their faith. They all researched a wide range of charities in the local area, which provide lots of help and support for members of our community. This is done through their personal beliefs of their mission for God. As we have had a lot of snow and ice this week, it has be hard for the children to not play outside, but two boys from our class have entertaining the others at lunch time with a bit of karaoke - thanks boys 🎤. Forest school for Year 5/6 begins 22/1/2025, for the following 5 weeks.



Classroom News!

EYFS

Welcome back! What an exciting week we have had with all the snow. The children are settling back in well and getting ready for their learning. This week we have started our new book *The Storm Whale in Winter*. We have spoken about the characters of Noi and the Storm Whale; what they look like and how they feel during the rescue. We have also learnt lots of facts about whales and spoken about storms. In Maths, Reception have been looking at the numbers 0 - 5 and learning how to subitise them, different ways of making them and what does zero look like. Nursery have been looking at the number 3; they have made 3 with cubes, practices showing it on their fingers and finding 3. Our new RE topic is Celebrating and we have looked at different types of celebrations and what we need to plan a party. On Wednesday we had a class welcome back party, with dancing and cake.

Year One & Two

Year 1&2 have started the new term really well. In English, we have started reading our new book 'Zog' and the children have been writing questions, making predictions and retelling the main parts of the story verbally. In maths, we have been comparing numbers and recognising our tens and ones. In RE, we have been discussing the special people in our lives. Who they are and why they are special to us. We have started our new geography topic, and this week we have been learning about the equator and the North and South Poles. We have learnt about the temperature in countries near to them and why this happens. In PE, we have started our gymnastics unit and the children all enjoyed learning new balancing and moving skills. Well done Year 1&2!

Year Three & Four

We hit the ground running this week and everyone has worked really hard. In maths we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, we then practised estimating answers to questions using our rounding knowledge.

In English we have introduced our new book *The Iron Man* and in grammar we now know when to use the articles 'a' or 'an' - ask me what the rule is at home!



**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

Poppy

Simie

Isabella

Ava-Jo

Growing Together in God's Family Award

Emmie Rose

Michael S

Zak

Isaac

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year 3 and 4

The winning class receives an extra playtime

Last week's overall attendance: N/A

This week's overall attendance: 84.8%

55 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

| | This week's attendance | Cups of Hot Chocolate so far |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| FSU | 87.1% | 0 |
| Year One & Two | 80.3% | 2 |
| Year Three & Four | 93.8% | 4 |
| Year Five & Six | 82.6% | 2 |

Maycie and Edward

have won the individual attendance award

Well Done for being in school every day and on time.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance Draw—If your child has been in school every day and on time during the week, their name will be entered into a weekly attendance draw and they could win a £5 voucher for Asda.

Class Reward—The classes with attendance over 90% each week, will gain a hot chocolate ticket and if they are the first two classes to collect five tickets they will win hot chocolate and a movie for the class.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year.

The weather has been very difficult this week but we have been able to keep school open which is great. Thank you to all the staff for enabling us to be able to do that. As I mentioned in an email this week, when the weather conditions are extreme, I look at the weather warnings which have been given by the Met Office in the local area and all areas where staff are travelling from. If the warnings are Amber or above and include a warning of 'danger to life', the school would be closed immediately. This week, the weather warnings have been issued at the yellow level which means there will be disruption to travel and some paths and roads being icy therefore school has been opening at the normal time but the register has been kept open till 9.30. Please rest assured that if the warnings changed we would change our response accordingly.

Some parents have been phoning the school concerned about the heating. The heating is working in the school. We are suffering with some cold spots because of the work which is being completed on the roof. We have a large amount of electric heaters therefore if a classroom does become cold we are able to deploy the heaters and ensure the classrooms are at the correct temperature. So please be assured children are being kept warm.

Just a gentle reminder, we have a pantomime in school on Monday and they will be performing 'Sleeping Beauty'. We are encouraging parents to donate an amount of money to help pay for the cost. The suggested amount is £5.00. This can be paid through Parentmail.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and please stay safe.

Mrs Birmingham



School Lottery

Please support the school by taking part in the school lottery. The money raised from the lottery will help to support the purchase of new computers, trips and special events.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-edmunds-catholic-primary-school>

Pupil Corner

If your child/children have achieved something at home, please send an email to me with a photograph.

head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2024/5

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Michael A Alicja Kamsi Paddy

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.

