



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

January/February 2022

School News:

Quality Mark Accreditation-We are delighted that we have recently been re-awarded the Quality Mark Accreditation. This award celebrates the progress and improvements made by a school in English and mathematics. It highlights some of the fantastic work that forms the 'bedrock' of a good education in St Edmund's.

Millfield Theatre-Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended a very special theatre production at Millfield Theatre. The production was an exciting opportunity for children to see a live performance from the 'Dream Believe, Succeed' project, which is funded by the Mayor's Young Londoners Fund.

Music-Children in reception were given a special concert of both classical and traditional Irish music from Mrs Connolly on the flute and her son Ben on the harp and violin.



Year 3 has started **recorder lessons** this half term; they have learnt how to play Hot Cross Buns in just time for Easter! One of the children said, "I've never played the recorder before but I'm enjoying these music lessons and I'm getting better."

Starfish Workshops-Some children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in 'Starfish' workshops run by Every Parent & Child (<https://epandc.org.uk/>)

and the Edmonton Community Partnership (<https://edmontoncommunitypartnership.org/>) Year 4 have been writing and performing poetry. Years 5 and 6 have had some sessions about building confidence and finding their voice. Year 5 have also been involved with developing our young leaders and they have been planning and organising a project to create prayer spaces around the school.



STEAM Day this year was on the theme of the UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land. Children focussed on the rainforests and de-forestation and learnt about conservation and what they could do to protect our wonderful planet.

French-During French week the children looked at French culture: they found out about some French landmarks, they created art works in the style of French artists and they learnt some French songs. Continuez à faire du bon travail mes enfants!

Leaders-'Red Ties' have been selected for the spring term. Children are selected because of their exemplary behaviour: they are role models for the rest of the school and they have high expectations of themselves and of everybody else. For these reasons, they have been given extra responsibilities. Congratulations to all our Red Ties.

For **Chinese New Year** we have been busy making lanterns and wishes for a wishing tree,

researching the Year of the Tiger for information leaflets, and practising our Tai Chi.

STEM club-Some of the Year 5 girls have been lucky enough to attend an after-school STEM club using resources donated by Stemettes, an award-winning social enterprise working to inspire and support young women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths careers.

School Council

The winners of the Christmas stocking competition were chosen by members of the School Council. The overall winners were Justin in Year 3 and Frances in Year 6. Congratulations to them and to everyone who took part. The competition was such a success that the School Council will be organising an Easter egg competition - look out for more details soon.

Sports News:

Well done to the girls in Year 5 and 6 who won their cup match against Brimsdown 12-0. They are now through to the next round. A great team effort by all!



Online Safety:

Safer Internet Day 2022 was on February 8th. This year's theme was "All fun and games?". The children have also been exploring respect and relationships online in their computing lessons.

Assemblies:

Miss O'Halloran has been leading different year groups in singing assemblies - we are so happy that we are able to sing together again! We also take part, as a school community, in the 'Mark 10 Mission' virtual liturgies each Monday morning. These include the reading of the Sunday Gospel, a reflection on the Scripture, a time of guided prayer and a song of worship.

RE:

The RE unit this half term was 'Being a Sacramental People'. We found out about some of the signs, symbols, words and actions of the sacraments and thought about how God is present in our everyday.

Father Noel has visited the children in Years 5 and 6. They have enjoyed meeting him and getting to know him. After his visit, Year 5 went across to the church and prayed for Sacramental People we know at home and in our parish.

Next half term the RE unit will be 'Lent to Easter'.

Academic Year/Events Dates to Easter 2022

14 th -18 th Feb	HALF TERM
Fri 1 st Apr	End of term 1pm finish
Tues 19 th Apr	Beginning of Summer term

A list of dates for the school year has been sent to each family. Extra copies can be obtained in the office or found on our website

*"The world and all that is in it belong to
the LORD;
the earth and all who live on it are his."
Psalm 24 v1*



*God of heaven and earth,
We praise you for the world you created,
and we thank you for creating us to live
and thrive together in it.
We give thanks to you, our creator, for
every good thing you have given us
above and below heaven!
Amen.*