



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

December 2022

### The St Edmund's Way award

Congratulations to Erni-Wayne who won the St Edmund's Way award last month.

### School News:

At the beginning of November, we had a special visit from Bishop John Sherrington, who came to visit our school and join in a beautiful liturgy led by children in Year 6. The Bishop said how impressed he was to hear how we all use prayer in school and at home to connect with our faith and encouraged us all never to stop praying

Reception children have had a busy month: they have planted onions (after reading *The Enormous Turnip*) and poppies (for Remembrance Day); they had a visit from Ella, a violinist, who played a waltz for them to dance to; and they had a WOW day with a Fairy Tale Ball linked to their traditional tales & fairy tales topic.



Children in Year 2 gave a performance to parents of the songs they have been learning with Song Sack. They also visited Edmonton Fire Station in Church Street to meet the firefighters. The children were shown around the station, had a go in the fire trucks and even had a go with the fire hose!



This week Year 3 gave a recorder recital to parents and had a WOW day for Be Internet Legends when dressed up as superheroes, took part in a special online assembly, did green-screening, made 'Kindness' cards and other superhero activities!



Children in Year 5 have been writing slam poems about a topic they were passionate about, such as racism, sexism, animal cruelty and body-shaming. Last week, they performed their poems in a closely-fought competition won by Jason and Isaiah. They have also been on a trip to the British Museum as part of their Anglo Saxon/Viking topics.

Year 6 have taken part in a TfL workshop and had virtual Careers Pathway talks with the police, paramedics, RAF and the CEO of a tech. company. Their WOW day will be a Shakespearean ball which links to their English topic of Romeo and Juliet and their PE topic of historical dances.

### **Sports News:**

To mark the World Cup, KS2 children have been taking part in St Edmund's Cup matches. The finals will be next week - will England be victorious?! Children have also been finding out about some of the countries playing in the World Cup.

Well done to the Year 3/4 children who took part in the Enfield borough gymnastics festival at Southbury Road, and the Year 5/6 children at the gymnastics festival at Edmonton Green. They were competing with other schools in Enfield and both teams did very well.

The mixed netball team played Galliard in a cup match and won 10-0. We are now through to the next round. It was a great match and team effort from everyone!



This half term, Middlesex Cricket Club have been supporting Year 5 and 6 with Cricket skills in their 'Chance to Shine' programme. This is a great opportunity for the children to be involved in.

### **Good News for Ex-Pupil!**

Congratulations to former pupil Elvis Elendu who has signed a contract with Cambridge United football team - this was emailed from the club: I am delighted to inform you Elvis Elendu has been signed as a player to Cambridge United Football Club Academy. The club has operated a successful academy now for several years and is a Category 3 academy with full support from the English Football League.

### **Online Safety:**

Children in KS1 and KS2 have had lessons in online safety this half term.

Year 1 learnt when and why to take breaks from device time.

Year 2 talked about the importance of being safe, responsible and respectful online.

Year 3 discussed the ways in which digital devices can be distracting.

Year 4 practised creating a memorable and strong password.

Year 5 considered the reasons why people share information about themselves online.

Year 6 learnt about clickbait and how it uses the curiosity gap to get your attention.

All children also had the opportunity to join in Hour of Code, a global movement, with participation in 180 countries and 45 different languages where millions of students enjoy coding activities for one hour.

### **Assemblies:**

There was a special assembly for anti-bullying week when many of the children wore odd socks to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

We also had assemblies for Children in Need and Road Safety Week. Some of the children in Year 5 presented a special Remembrance Day assembly which focused on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Falklands War. On Remembrance Sunday, we joined in the parade to the war memorial in Edmonton Green and laid our wreath.



In response to the parents survey, in which some parents said that they would like to be involved more in the prayer life of the school, and following on from our Rosary reflections in October, we organised a special Remembrance Reflection attended by parents to remember members of our friends and families who have passed away.

For All Saints Day and St Edmund's Day, children in Years 1-6 joined the congregation for Mass at

the church, beautifully led by Year 5 and Year 6 respectively.

Class 4/2's class assembly was about Love.

### **RE:**

The RE unit this half term is 'From Advent to Christmas', and children are answering the Big Question: "Why was Jesus born?"

Some of our classes have been visited the church this month: Father Walter re-enacted a baptism with the Reception children who pretended to be parents, godparents, friends and family of the baptised doll. They also brought 50p to light a candle and pray for their own intentions.

Father Walter also talked to the Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 children about getting ready for Advent.

### **Nativity Plays and Carol Concert**

We are trying to scale back dressing up for our Nativity plays this year because we do not want parents to spend money on their child's costume but if you have any outgrown fancy dress costumes (particularly those suitable for Nativity) please consider donating them.

Year 2 Nativity - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1 Nativity - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Reception Nativity - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

All plays start at 2.15pm in the school hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available after all performances!

The KS2 Carol Concert will be on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church.

Because there are several children in school who are not allowed to be photographed, please respect this and do not video or photograph your child's Nativity play or Carol Concert.

### **Academic Year/Events Dates to Easter 2023**

<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	End of Term (1pm finish)
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Beginning of Spring Term
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
<b>13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Half Term (1pm finish)
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	End of 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

*"And the glory of the Lord will appear, and all humanity together will see it, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

*Isaiah 40:5*



*Tender God, grant me your peace in this advent season.*

*Calm my anxious thoughts,  
soothe my heart when troubled.*

*Help me to bear your peace into the world,  
working for the safety and protection of children and all who are vulnerable.*

*Amen*