



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

End of Year 2022

### A Message from Mrs. Johnstone

At this time of year it is always sad to say good bye to our Year 6 children, many of them have been with us for 7 years, and to staff who are moving on. They all have an exciting future ahead of them and many opportunities. We wish them all lots of happiness and new adventures as they go out and spread the St. Edmund's Motto of 'LOVE CARE SHARE' I also wish to say good-bye as I retire after 33 years at St. Edmund's - thank you to you all for your support and love. I feel honoured and blessed to have been part of the St. Edmund's family and community for so long.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - The whole school came together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Staff and pupils came to school wearing red, white or blue and took part in a full day of fun activities. Children enjoyed some traditional jam sandwiches, jelly and squash in the playground whilst watching and competing in 'The Great British Jubilee Sing Off' and took part in a range of creative activities including making crowns/jewels or learning dances from the past 70 years.



Year 6 School Journey - A last-minute venue change meant that Year 6 went camping for their school journey - many of them for the very first time! They went to Stubbers Adventure Centre in Upminster and had the most wonderful weekend. All the children completed fantastic activities and many conquered their fears. Well done Year 6. You were a real credit to yourselves.

Year 4 trip - As part of their History topic on 'London Through the Times', Year 4 visited The Tower of London. They also had an opportunity to participate in the Super Bloom Jubilee Experience

Year 6 Fashion Show - Year 6 children have been studying fashion through the ages as part of the Design & Technology curriculum. They researched fashion design from the Victorian era through to the present day and particularly focused on fashion made from recycled materials.

The children then designed and made outfits from newspaper which they presented to the rest of KS2 at a fashion show. The children worked extremely well to create exciting and imaginative designs and really enjoyed showing off their hard work.



Year 2 trip to Leigh-on-Sea - As part of their Seaside topic the children used their senses to see, smell and hear physical and human features of the seaside, then used taste on an ice cream! After the visit, the school received an email from a member of the public, who had also been on the beach, praising their impeccable behaviour.

Year 6 Production of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory - this was excellent - congratulations to everyone involved in the acting, singing, narration, costumes, props, scenery and direction - a wonderful team effort!

Mission Zero - Congratulations to Tracey and Thomas in Year 6 who had their Mission Zero programs run on the Astro Pi computers on board the International Space Station.

Eco-Schools Green Flag Award - Miss Roberts and the Eco-Committee impressed the Review Panel with their hard work this year and achieved the Green Flag Award with Distinction. They have met regularly, led litter pick-up sessions and suggested how to make our school more green to get this award.

Year 1 French Concert - Class 1.1 gave a performance to their parents and children from Reception and Class 1.2 of the songs and poems that they have learnt this year. C'était formidable!

**Art visit to Tate Britain** - Miss Sinclair and Mrs Pope took some of our most talented artists to explore the Tate and continue developing their drawing skills.



**Wild Fangs** - Reception and Year 1 children had a visit from Wild Fangs for an exotic educational encounter with a stick insect, snake, gecko & other creatures which they were able to touch & hold.

**Junior Citizens** - Year 6 participated in a fun, interactive workshop with the emergency services and TFL during a junior citizen workshop.

**Secondary School visits** - Year 6 children have visited their future secondary schools for induction days and Year 5 children have been to 'taster' days at Saint Ignatius and Our Lady's Catholic High School. They also went on a religious retreat at St Ignatius and a group of children visited The Latymer School.

**Money Week** - We all took part with practical lessons about money and finance including tax, budgeting and shopping/making change. Reception classes even set up an orange juice factory; Year 1 had a visit from a bank manager; Year 2 had a lemonade stand; and Year 4 budgeted for, and bought, two school pets!



### **Amazon Future**

**Engineer Virtual Fulfilment Centre Tour** - Year 6 children took part in a virtual tour of Amazon to find out about how robots are programmed to carry out the tasks we all take for granted when our parcels arrive!

### **Sports News:**

**Girls' Football Team** - Congratulations to the girls who finished the season representing Spurs in the Premier League All Stars National Finals at Vicarage Road, where they played very well but unfortunately did not win; but they did win the EPSSA Girls Spring Football Tournament Cup against Grange Park. Well done - our best season ever!



**Girl's Netball Team** - The netball team also did fantastically well, winning their league.

**Sports Week** - Mrs Spinazzola took a group of children from Years 4, 5 & 6 to the Borough Athletics Tournament. Year 6 children did particularly well and we won several medals.

-Also a group of children from KS2 went to Lea Valley for an 'Inclusive' multi-sports festival celebrating both the Platinum Jubilee and the upcoming Commonwealth Games.

-All classes held their own Sports Days during the week. We were blessed with good weather and were happy to see parent spectators again!

-To round off Sports Week, Mrs Spinazzola (busy woman!) took some KS2 children to 'Fun in the Park' at Power League which was also linked to the Commonwealth Games with activities including dance, cricket, athletics and football skills.

**Online Safety** - All year groups have had lessons in online safety: Year 1 learnt about 'Safety in our Online Neighbourhood'; Year 2 learnt how to stay safe when visiting a website or app; Year 3 learnt what to do if someone is mean to you online; Year 4 thought about the reasons why people might alter digital photos and videos; Year 5 learnt about their rights and responsibilities as creators of digital content; and Year 6 considered how to decide whether online news is real or fake.

### **Assemblies:**

Key Stage assemblies are continuing every week and in addition we have had the following 'special' assemblies:

**Our Lady Liturgy** - Year 4 led both KS1 and KS2 in a liturgy celebrating the life of Our Lady with prayers, hymns and flowers.

**Feast of Saints Peter & Paul** - Miss Pittendreigh and the liturgical team led a whole-school assembly in honour of the martyrdom of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

**Goodbye to Year 6** - Year 6 will have a leavers mass and a leavers assembly with prize-giving on the last day of term.

### **RE:**

The RE unit this half term was A Year of Faith: children learnt about the Good Samaritan and related the actions of the Samaritan to the cardinal virtues. They investigated the life of St John Southworth and asked the question, who is my neighbour?

### Dates to September

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July      End of term (1pm finish)

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept      First day 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

*“Teach children how they should live,  
and they will remember it all their life.”*

*Proverbs 22:6*



*We thank you God for...  
Every prayer we have prayed.  
Every song we have sung.  
All the things we have learned  
All the laughter and fun.  
Thank you for all the joy you bring,  
And our wonderful times together.  
May we walk with you as each day  
begins,  
This moment and forever.*

*Amen*