



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

November/December 2021

School News:

Year 6 children took part in a creative workshop introducing them to the art of graffiti thanks to Edmonton Community Partnership and Blingwear UK.



Year 6 also visited the Chocolate Museum in Brixton as part of their history topic about the Mayans.

In Reception, the children have been doing some gardening: they planted poppy seeds to remember soldiers who fought in wars and vegetable seeds because they have been reading 'The Gigantic Turnip'. Some children also made bird food for the bird feeders.

Some children in Year 3 have been taking part in weekly Brain Buddies workshops. These are helping the children talk about emotions as well as how to develop strategies for when their emotions get too strong.

Other children in Years 3, 4 and 5 have been taking part in Communications Clubs run by a drama therapist who is helping them develop confidence, use listening skills and work together collaboratively.

Year 2 held a tea party and invited Mrs Johnstone, Mr Kenny, Miss Graves, Mrs Wright and Mrs Higgins. They learned how to prepare for a special event which linked into our ADVENT RE topic this half term.

Year 1 visited Edmonton Green library: they were shown around the library and told how they could get a library card and how to use it. Then they listened to a story.

Children in Year 4 were able to test the Roman shields they have designed and made in the KS2 playground when they had to withstand an onslaught of javelins. Luckily they all survived!

Doctor Max came to talk to the children in Year 3 about his work as a doctor and answered the children's questions.

Year 5 and 6 children took part in a webinar with the famous children's author, Jacqueline Wilson. They found out all about her work including her brand new book.

All the children took part in 'Anti-Bullying Week' by wearing odd socks to remind us that we are all different but all special.



KS2 choir sang at our Remembrance Day assembly and have been practising hard for the Nativity with Mrs Pope. KS1 choir have been enjoying

learning new songs and playing percussion instruments with Miss O'Halloran.

All children in KS1 & KS2 took part in "Sing and Sign" on a Zoom meeting with other schools in Enfield. They sang 'Three Little Birds' and learnt the English Sign Language for the lyrics.

Most children have been able to join in with 'the largest learning event in history', also known as Hour of Code! We joined with millions of children around the world to do fun coding activities in our computing lessons. Don't worry if your child didn't get a chance to join in - you can find the link on their Google Classroom page.

School Council

The student Council has been busy carrying out a road safety survey. They have asked the children in 'their' classes what they know about road safety and how they get to school.

The Student Council has also been promoting a colouring competition: children have been asked to design their own Christmas stockings. Entries are due in by December 16th and winners will be announced shortly thereafter!

Sports News:

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 girls' football team who took part in a Girls' tournament at Power League. They played five matches in their group and won all of them scoring the most goals in the tournament. They then went on to play in the semi-final against Galliard and the final against Eversley which they won! By winning the Enfield tournament, we are now through to the regional finals.



The boys' football team also played in their first tournament at Power League. They played well but did not progress to the final stage this year.

Some girls from KS2 took part in gymnastics festivals; Years 5/6 at Edmonton Green Leisure Centre, and Years 3/4 at Southbury Road Leisure Centre. They all did very well and enjoyed themselves representing the school.

The netball team competed in their first match against Houndsfield Primary School. It was an exciting goal-fest which they won 14-4!

Online Safety:

Year 1 learned about Media Balance and why they need to take breaks from their devices; Year 2 learned importance of being safe, responsible and respectful online; Year 3 also learned about Media Balance and to recognise the ways in which digital devices can be distracting; Year 4 learned how to make a strong password and why it is important; Year 5 learned the difference between personal and private information; and Year 6 learned about Clickbait and the Curiosity Gap. You can find family activities to help reinforce these concepts on your child's Google Classroom.

Assemblies:

Our Remembrance Day assembly was led by some children from Year 5 whose families are from Nigeria, Ghana and Somalia and focused on the part played by African and Caribbean communities in the First and Second World Wars. The Year 6 choir sang a beautiful version of 'Home Again' and we remembered our friend, Bill Allen from the Royal British Legion, who sadly died this summer.

One of our favourite days is St Edmunds Day, which is celebrated around the world on the 20th November each year! It is a day to remember his sacrifice, faith and strength to not denounce Christ to the invading Danes. The children retold St Edmund's story through role play, posters, poems and writing, as well as all joining a very special virtual assembly led by Miss Pittendreigh.

RE:

The RE unit this half term is 'A Year of Faith from Advent to Christmas'. We are learning about Luke's account of the birth of Jesus as well as some of the symbols, actions and words associated with Advent. We have also been learning about Islam and Mrs Chahbar showed some of the children how Muslims pray.

Parent Information:

FREE Dr. Bike Cycle Checks available in Enfield:
At Dr Bike sessions experienced mechanics check everything on your bike from wheels, brakes, gears and tyre pressure to lights, racks, pedals, saddles and more.

Any minor adjustments they can make to the bike will be done there and then. If there's anything they can't fix on site, they will let you know exactly what needs doing and a rough guide to what it should cost at a bike shop.

All their mechanics are friendly and approachable and have a wealth of cycling knowledge so feel free to pick their brains about cycle training or other cycling activities.

Once your bike has been checked you could book one of the Family Cycle skills sessions that are available: <https://www.cycleconfident.com/course/s/family/>

Whether you and your family are novices to cycling or you all ride already but would like advice on specific routes, your instructor will tailor the session to meet your needs.

Sessions are for up to 3 people and at least one trainee must be an adult. Please be aware that where groups have very different ages or abilities, instructors need to pace training to suit the least able. If you live, work or study in any Enfield, this training is free!"

The Felix Project

We have been supported by The Felix Project for a number of years. They are a charity which collects fresh, nutritious food that cannot be sold and delivers it to charities and schools so they can provide healthy meals and help the most vulnerable in our society. Next year we will be changing how the Felix Project is administered to ensure that we have less of a crush and a fairer distribution of the food.

Academic Year/Events Dates to Easter 2022

Tue 21st Dec	End of Term 1pm finish
Thurs 6th Jan	First day of Spring term
Fri 28th Jan	INSET Day No school for pupils
14th-18th Feb	HALF TERM
Fri 1st Apr	End of term 1pm finish

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



Nativity collage by Courtney in Year 4

*"The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light...*

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a
Son is given."*

Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 2 & 6

*Jesus, you are with us even when we are
afraid.*

*Help us to pray to You when we are
scared or fearful.*

Bring love into our hearts we pray.

Amen