



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

May 2023

### School News:

On Friday 5th May, the children came to school looking resplendent in the patriotic colours of red, white and blue to honour the King's Coronation. Children completed various activities throughout the day to mark the celebrations and gathered together in the hall in Year group phases for a tea party consisting of jam sandwiches and squash. They also sang the national anthem and a special king's coronation song. Despite the weather meaning we couldn't celebrate this outside as planned, the party atmosphere was not dampened and fun was had by all!

During the Spring term, we celebrated British Science Week. The theme for our school was 'Connections' with a focus on STEM connections made by significant individuals. Katherine Johnson, Charles Henry Turner and Elijah McCoy were just a few of the names our children learnt about throughout the week. As well as doing extra lessons and experiments in class,



children joined an assembly where some walked over eggs, and some pupils came in early to join Mr Kenny for his science experiment shows in the playground. The week finished with a special showcase in the hall which was very well attended. Thank you to all who came, and we hope you were impressed by the quality of work you saw.

Year 6 visited the National Army Museum to learn more about their History topic: WW2. They took part in a Blitz workshop as well as visiting the galleries.

Year 1 have been having weekly workshops from Chickenshed using song, dance, drama, puppetry and sign language to help with language and communication.

Y2 had an amazing Wow Day Carnival in which they enjoyed the culture, music, dance, fruit and more. We even had a special visitor from Trinidad and Tobago that came to visit and answer our questions and lounged on beach towels outside!



Year 2 also went on a school science trip to Forty Hall to scavenge for microhabitats and mini beasts.

Mrs Jenkins has been inspiring children throughout the school to plant flowers and vegetables. We now have strawberries, peas, potatoes, beans and cress growing as well as colourful bedding plants. We are also hoping that our apple tree in the KS1 playground (planted 2 years ago) may bear fruit for the first time.

### Sports News:



For the first time ever, St Edmunds entered a basketball team in a 3x3 basketball

tournament. The team of boys and girls from Years 5 & 6 played brilliantly and came third overall. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

### Online Safety:

In our computing lessons this month: Years 1 and 2 have looked at acceptable behavior when playing online games, understanding that people online may try to manipulate others, how this can make

someone feel and how to identify and approach adults who can help; Year 3 thought about the different ways we connect with others, both in person and online; and Years 4, 5 and 6 discussed what to do when they encounter cyber bullying.

### **Assemblies:**

Stations of the Cross - Year 6 led us in a powerful and emotive reenactment of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion.

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 visited the church for a Reconciliation and Year 3 children visited the church to ask Father Walter their questions about Easter and Pentecost.

### **The Rosary in May**

May is the month when we show our devotion to Our Lady, Jesus' blessed mother. We pray the Rosary every day in May using beads to count how many prayers have been said. Pope Francis asks that we pray the Rosary to ask Our Lady to intercede for us during these difficult times. We had our first Rosary reflection in the hall this week joined by some of our parents and children. If you were unable to join us, there will be more Rosary reflections in the school hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 8.40am. Please come and join us with your child(ren). We will also be celebrating the life of Our Lady on May 17<sup>th</sup> with a procession in the Church gardens.

### **RE:**

The RE unit this half term is 'From Easter to Pentecost' looking at the resurrection according to Matthew and the journey to Pentecost as the basis for life in the Spirit. They will also be examining actions from the life of Pope Francis as evidence of someone who acts on the basis of their faith. Children are answering the Big Question: "Why did Jesus die?"

### **Academic Year Events/Dates to half term**

9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
22-26 <sup>th</sup> May	Judaism week
29 <sup>th</sup> May-2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half term
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day: school closed to pupils

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



*"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak." Acts 2:4*

***God of all, you sent your Spirit to be with the disciples, filling them with joy, peace and courage. May we also be filled with your Spirit, be brave and share your peace in our world. Amen***