



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

March/April 2022

### School News:

**World Book Day** - Children and staff at St Edmund's dressed up to celebrate World Book Day. The children enjoyed a brilliant assembly led by Mr Harding, as well as taking part in lots of activities, discussions and games in class.

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff for the fantastic effort in making this a World Book Day to remember!



**Take and Make boxes** - We were lucky to get funding from the Mayor's Fund for London: a chef visited the school to work with Year 5 and Year 6 children to show them how to create a healthy meal (vegetable stir fry) on a low budget and every child in the school was able to take home a 'Take & Make' food cooking box to share with their families. These recipe boxes are designed to help engage children and young people cook at home so if you enjoyed them, why not try some more of their recipes which can be found on <https://www.mayorsfundforlondon.org.uk/kitchen-social/take-and-make/>

**Red Nose Day** - Like thousands of schools up and down the country, St Edmund's joined in the Comic Relief fun! As well as special assemblies, classroom activities and games, children were invited to come to school in blue and yellow clothes to show support of Ukraine. Thank you for all your wonderful efforts, to help those during this challenging time.

**Easter Bonnet Parade** - Key Stage 1 pupils spent the morning designing and making Easter bonnets, which they then showed off at the end of term celebration assembly. Children were also joined

by a very special guest...the Easter bunny, who helped Mrs Wright hand out the certificates.



**Reconciliation** - Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 visited the church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation led by priests from around the Deanery.

**Special Visitor** - Father Noel visited Reception classes before Easter. He shared his family stories of love and care and told us that this was what inspired him to become a priest. The children asked him questions and prayed together.



**Year 6 WW2 topic** - Year 6 had a visitor from the Museum of London Docklands who told them about how Docklands survived the Blitz. They also had a trip to the National Army Museum in Chelsea where they particularly enjoyed using their sleuthing skills to discover the stories revealed in the Second World War time capsules.

**Science Week** - For Science Week this year our theme was Growth. Throughout the week, children across the school learnt all about growth in humans, animals and plants. Year 4 compared the growth of human and shark teeth; using their research to write their own information books. Year 2 looked at the growth of animals and plants, Year 5 grew their own plants and Year 6 investigated growth in humans. Some children even looked at how our knowledge and technology of cars has grown!

Many of the children throughout the school took part in a poster competition set out by the British Science Week Association.

### Sports News:

**Girls' Football Team** - Well done to the Year 5 and 6 football team for winning the Enfield League. They won all their matches and played Haringey in the semi-final of the Premier League Primary Star Football Tournament last week, organised by Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. They will now be representing Spurs at the Finals at Vicarage Road.

**Girls' Netball Team** - The Year 5 and 6 netball team also came top of the Enfield League. Well done girls - a great team effort.



**Inter-House Basketball** - Both the Year 3/4 and the Year 5/6 matches were won by St Patrick's House in spite of dreadful weather! Well done everyone who took part.

### Online Safety:

All year groups have had lessons in online safety: Years 1 and 2 watched a video about how to stay safe playing games online; Year 3 learnt that we are all part of an online community; Year 4 learnt what they should do when someone uses mean or hurtful language on the internet; Year 5 learnt how they can be 'upstanders' when they see cyberbullying; and Year 6 found out about what cyberbullying is and what they can do to stop it.

### Assemblies:

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

**Stations of the Cross** - Year 6 children re-enacted the Passion of the Cross. The children created a sombre reflective mood as we prayed as a school community.

**End-of-Term Presentations** - There were assemblies held for both KS1 and KS2 to highlight the achievements of the children over

the last term and to hand out certificates for Excellence and Achievement.

**Ash Wednesday** - Father Noel visited to lead is in a liturgy to mark the start of our Lenten journey.

### RE:

The RE unit this half term is "From Easter to Pentecost". Children will continue learning about Easter by exploring the period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost: the Resurrection, the journey to Emmaus, the Ascension and the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost; according to the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

### Academic Year/Events Dates to End of Year

<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> day of Summer Term
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	May Day bank holiday (School closed)
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May-3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Half Term
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Queen's Platinum Jubilee (School closed)
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET Day (School closed to children)
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	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

*"He is not here; he has risen!"*

*Luke 24:6*



*May the loving power of God,  
which raised Jesus to new life,  
strengthen you in hope,  
enrich you with his love,  
and fill you with joy.  
Amen.*