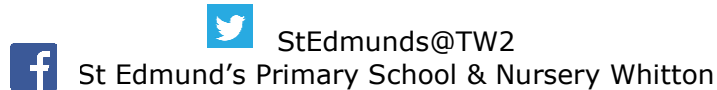




St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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St Edmund's Primary School & Nursery Whitton



'Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration'

Diary – Forthcoming Events

Thurs 28th March – Class 5D Assembly 9am in school hall

Fri 29th March – Mother's Day Service 11am in church for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Fri 29th March – PA & Governing Body Auction Evening 7.30pm in School Hall

Mon 1st April – Whole School Photo

Wed 3rd April – Easter Passion led by Year 4 11am in church (please note revised date)

Fri 5th April – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm

Sat 20th April – St George's Day Parade

Fri 26th April – PA Quiz Night

Fri 10th May – Mums' Movie Night



KS1 Stars of the Week

2J – Nathaniel – for excellent behaviour in and out of the classroom

2R – Maria – for her work on tenses and great behaviour

1P – Martha – for a fantastic write up of what she did when growing mustard seeds

1C – Jude – for being an enthusiastic scientist

RB – Kai – for trying his best and for always being a kind and thoughtful member of Ladybird Class!

RM – Bobby – for being a super role model and always tidying up!

Lenten Preparations

We went to Mass on Monday as part of our Lenten journey. During Lent, Catholics have three main focuses: fasting, almsgiving and saying an extra prayer. As a school, we are fulfilling one of these focuses by sending every Junior class in the school to one of the parish masses during the week to say an extra prayer.

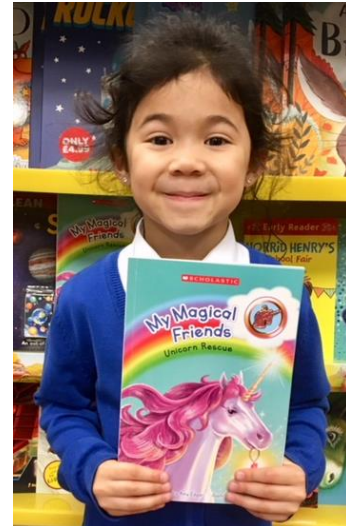
We are also going to confession during Lent as part of our preparation for Easter.

By **Niamh (4N)**

Fortnightly School Newsletters

Please note that after Easter the school newsletter will be issued on a fortnightly basis.

Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair this week. We had five lucky book fair voucher winners who were able to choose a book for themselves. One of them is pictured above. Well done!

Science Week – Balfour Beatty



Representatives from Balfour Beatty, who are based at Heathrow Airport, came to visit Year 1 pupils this week. The children had a creative and fun time learning about construction and designing and building airport control towers with Lego. There were some fantastic models built.

Mini Vinnies – Mary’s Meals Appeal



mary's meals
A simple mission to make a difference

BACKPACK APPEAL

Remember that you are likely to have some of these things at home already.

Good quality second hand items will be gratefully received.

Backpack / School Bag
Exercise book / Notepad
Pencil Case
Pencils & Pens & Crayons
Eraser & Ruler & Sharpener
Small ball e.g. tennis ball

Shorts & T-shirt / Skirt & T-shirt / Dress
Flip flops / Sandals
Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Soap & Towel
Spoon (metal)

The Mini Vinnies are collecting backpacks for the Mary’s Meals Appeal. We are asking families to donate backpacks filled with items to help children in need. The backpacks may include: notepad, pencils, pens, crayons, rubber, ruler, sharpener, pencil case, towel, shorts or skirts, t-shirt or dress, flip flops, small ball, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and spoon.

You do not have to include everything but please try to donate as much as you can. You can include items for children aged between 4-12 years old and team up with other families to make a backpack if you want. We would be happy to receive any backpacks into school on the morning of Thursday, 4th April.

Annabel & Imogen

Mini Vinnie President & Vice President

Eco Club



Eco Club have teamed up with Terracycle’s Writing Instruments Recycling Programme to recycle pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers and correction fluid pots at school. Please drop any of these used items into the box in our school foyer to be recycled into something new. Thank you.

SPORTING NEWS

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to Maia (backstroke), Peter (freestyle) and Aleksander (freestyle) who all managed

to get through to the individual finals at the Richmond Borough Swimming Finals Competition last Wednesday.



A very well done also to Maia, Alexandra, Matilda and Jagoda who qualified for the girls 4x4 freestyle relay. The standard of swimming at these finals is incredibly high so to qualify for this event is a real achievement.

Boys Football Tournament



Our boy’s football team was one of 34 teams who participated in a football tournament at NPL, Teddington on Wednesday. Our team made it through to the semi-finals, having played 9 games in total on the day. They displayed great skills and teamwork. Very well done!

Wednesday Morning Tag Rugby Club

Mr Lingeman and Mr Lee would love Year 4 children to come and join our Year 5 and 6 children for our Wednesday Morning Tag Rugby Club after Easter. The club meets at 8am by the school field gate. Hope to see you there!

Dansicality Easter School



There will be a three day Dansicality Easter workshop to recreate Peter Pan using musical theatre with a Dansicality twist! The workshop will run

from Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th April at The Salvation Army Hall, Colne Road, Twickenham for children in Year 1 upwards. For more details of cost and how to book, please collect a flyer from the school office or check on our school communicator under Resources/Clubs.

Frejo Kids

Please note Frejo Kids will be open throughout the Easter holidays. For more information, please contact Ellen on 07518 119924. Thank you.

Book Signing

Greg James and Chris Smith will be signing copies of their latest Kid Normal book Kid Normal and the Shadow Machine at 11am tomorrow morning at Tesco Extra, Twickenham. This book is for children aged 8+.

Charity Event



I'm fundraising for the Shooting Star Chase on Saturday 23rd March. I will be scaling the steps of Twickenham

Stadium to help make every moment count for the Shooting Star Chase. The money raised will go towards caring for babies, children and young people with life limiting conditions, and their families. If you would like to donate to a good cause please follow the link below. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lisa-Hambling>

PA NEWS Easter Egg Hunt



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, 21st April, after the 9.30am Mass at St Edmund's Church. The hunt will begin in the church hall and the eggs cost £4 with all proceeds going to St Edmund's PA. All welcome. For more details, please collect a flyer from the school office or view on our school communicator under Resources/PA. Thank you.

Match Funding

Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise.

Companies such as Thames Water, M&S, Argos and Costcutter, to name but a few, operate match funding schemes. For more information, particularly ahead of our Auction Night next Friday, please see the letter on our school communicator under Resources/PA.

Auction Night

We have some fantastic items available to be bid on for our Auction Night next Friday 29th March. The auction website is open:

<https://stedmundsschool.wixsite.com/stedmundsauction>

An auction booklet should come home with your children today. Please check out Twitter and Facebook too.

Please get in touch with Deb Long on 07990 595873 or debalong@mac.com to book a place at the auction or place a bid.

St George's Day Parade

We will be taking part in the St George's Day Parade on Saturday 20th April in Whitton High Street. If you would like to join in the parade you

will need to meet Aimee at Nelson School between 11-11.15am for a 12pm start. You will find Aimee with the St Edmund's School banner. An adult must accompany any children taking part in the parade and where possible the children should wear something to identify themselves as a St Edmund's pupil, for example a PE shirt, hat, etc. We hope that you will come and show your support and make our school proud.

PARISH NEWS

Children's Easter Craft Workshop

There will be a children's Easter craft workshop next Saturday, 30th March, 2-4pm in St Edmund's Parish Hall for children aged between 7-11 years. Please bring a snack to share together. Please register at: chiaraaletti@rcdow.org.uk.

Church Car Park: Reminder

- Please don't use or block the church car park in the mornings or at home time.
- Use the library car park and walk. Passes can be obtained from the school office.
- Be respectful towards other parents and their children and treat them as you would wish to be treated.
- Only grandparents who have mobility difficulties have permission to use the back gates - all other parent/carers please come to collect your children using the designated route.
- It is not fair that some people can't manage to follow simple school rules and enter via a designated exit for 3.15pm pick-up.
- Let everyone try to make this work properly.

Prayer of the Week



Dear God,
Thank you for the trees and grass and birds. Thank you for my family and friends. Thank you for nature and everything else. God, please help me to be a better person. Amen.

By **Charlie & Jakub**

Note from Mrs Moreland

I will not be at school next week as I am having a follow up procedure from last June's absence. I hope to be back at school the following week so please keep me in your thoughts and prayers - thank you.

Reflection

During Lent, Christians focus on fasting, prayer and almsgiving. This week, let us focus on our prayers. Prayer is our conversation with God and only through talking to Him can we develop a strong relationship. This Lent, let us make a special effort to set a time aside each day to talk to God.

Mrs C Moreland
Headteacher