



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we have approached the end of our sixth week in school. Please enjoy reading this newsletter compiled by each year group in order to update you on all the fantastic learning that has taken place this week. Amidst news surrounding another spike in the pandemic, it has brought joy to our hearts to witness the resilience and determination of your children. We must compliment you, and them, on their maturity and attitude towards not only learning but life itself during these unprecedented times. They are continuing to support each other in all that they do with a ready smile and a great sense of fun. As always, thank you for your continued support and good wishes. Please stay safe.

Have a peaceful and restful weekend,
Mrs M D Brown, Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Fox



Faith Space In previous years, we have sent out a letter for you to write your loved ones' names down for our school remembrance book, which has then been kept in the front entrance. Given the current climate, this is not possible. Instead, if you have anybody who has passed away that you would like to be remembered, throughout October, please email: stedwardsremembrancebook@gmail.com Please write in the email the exact information that you would like to be included in our online book of remembrance. You could write just your loved ones' name(s) - or please feel free to write a short message too. Starting in November, these names and messages will be uploaded onto this webpage, which will be dedicated to the memories of our friends and family who are no longer with us. If you do not want any part of your message to be included on this page, please explicitly state this in your email. Our virtual book of remembrance will be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/virtual-book-of-remembrance/> throughout the month of November.

Upcoming feasts: 13th October – St. Edward; World Mission Day – 18th October

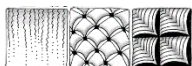
Year 6

Another busy week has flown by in Year 6. In English, we have been exploring a palindrome poem called, 'Refugees', which also links to our PSHE and class novel, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. This poem can be read forwards or backwards. In Maths, we have focused on solving addition and subtraction problems. We have some fantastic problem solvers!

As part of our Science topic, the Heart, the children have helped us to create 'blood smoothies'. We have done this using lots of different ingredients, which represent the components that make up blood, including red and white blood cells, platelets and plasma. We all really enjoyed this!

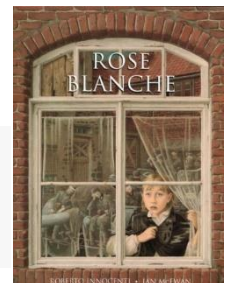
It has also been wonderful to see the artistic creations that Y6 have produced in response to our Zentangle Art Challenge. These are unplanned, abstract, black-and-white, and are made up of beautiful patterns.

Keep up the hard work Year 6!



Year 5

Year 5 have encountered another challenging week! Beginning their new topic of addition and subtraction, the children have been working with some tricky reasoning and problem solving questions. In English, we have completed the story of Rose Blanche, creating a play script based on a image from the book. Carrying on from our topic of materials and their properties, in Science we have been experimenting with circuits and testing which materials would work best as a conductor for electricity.



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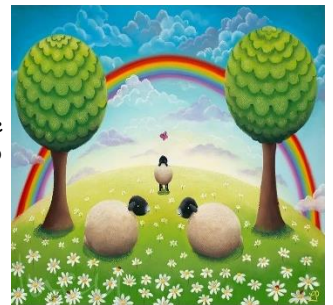
Year 3 / 4

This week in Maths, Year 3/4 have been learning how to add and subtract using the column method. In English, we are continuing with the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and have been focusing on Charlie's emotions as he is hunted for and eventually finds the golden ticket. We have looked at the differences between Ancient Greek Olympics and Modern Olympics, discussing how an Olympian would feel. We have also looked at the effects of the sun and how we can keep our skin safe. Thank you again for producing lovely work this week Year 3/4.



Year 2

It has been another hardworking week in Year Two. The children have been very creative in their approach to English tasks. They have enjoyed writing their own versions of Once Upon an Ordinary School day using expanded noun phrases to add extra detail. During Maths, they have enjoyed exploring a range of addition and subtraction strategies using number lines and partitioning. This week, they have also been researching facts about Rosa Parks. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about why she is such an inspirational figure. We definitely have some budding artists in Year Two. The children have used "brusho" to create some beautiful paintings based on the work of the artist Lucy Pittaway to demonstrate their understanding of the parable of the Lost Sheep. They have also explored the teachings of St Paul and thought carefully about how they can be children of God. Well done Year Two - We are so proud of all you have achieved.



Year 1

This week we have linked our English and Science work together to explore our senses. The children enjoyed a walk around our outdoor area investigating what they could see, hear, smell and feel. We read a poem called, 'The Things I Love' and the children used their drama skills to act out each line using a range of props. They all had lots of fun! In Maths, the children have been learning a rhyme about number bonds to 10. This has really helped them with their practical work involving Numicon - ask them to sing it to you at home! 😊



Our Year of the Word theme has continued into this week and the children have really shown their creativity by creating a collage of God's world relating to the story of Creation.

EYFS - Nursery & Reception

This week in Reception we have read, 'Ferdie and the Falling Leaves' by Julia Rawlinson and continued our discussions using autumn treasures for lots of different activities. In R.E, we have talked about the importance of our names and how God knows and loves each of us by our special names. We have also completed our first ever homework. Our challenge this week was to go on a number hunt and find different numbers at home and outside. We had lots of fun!



In Nursery, we've been using beautiful autumn leaves to practise counting and threading to make leaf-bracelets. We've been learning some autumn leaf action songs, and investigating which two primary colours mix together to make orange. We then used the red, yellow and orange paint to make autumn leaf handprints. We have also been carefully looking at and talking about our autumn treasures tuff-spot!

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