



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

23rd October 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Where do we start? It is truly hard to believe that we have arrived at the end of our first half term back in school. It has been a very different time with many challenges along the way but what hasn't changed is the determination and community spirit present in school by all. Everyone has been so supportive of one another no matter their age - working together as a team - this is what makes St Edward's unique and special. It is always a delight to read about the work covered in every class each week. We are so proud of all of our children - they never cease to amaze us continuing to work through these unprecedented times with a ready smile and such enthusiasm. We hope you all have a well-deserved and restful half term break. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd November . . . Until then take care.



Best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale & Mrs Fox

Faith Space

This week, our whole-school, virtual liturgy focused on World Mission Sunday, which took place on the 18th of October. We know that it isn't enough to believe in God and say our prayers; as Catholics, we must put our faith into action and help those in need. We can see God's call for us to follow our vocation wherever we look! Because of this, each of our classes have launched their own initiatives for a charity that they will support throughout the year. Please see class pages and Twitter for more information on these.

We said this adapted prayer by St. John Henry Newman as part of our worship together. Perhaps you could use it as a family at home.

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission.

He has not created me for nothing.

Therefore, I will trust Him. Whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in worry, my worry may serve Him.

If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about.

Please feel able to email any names for our remembrance book to stedwardsremembrance@gmail.com. Further information can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/virtual-book-of-remembrance/>.

Upcoming feasts: 28th October - Sts. Simon and Jude; 1st November - All Saints; 2nd November - All Souls

Year 6

Well done to all our wonderful children for completing the first half term in Year 6, during these challenging times. It has not always been easy, but you have continued to work exceptionally well, showing maturity and resilience always. We are so proud of you all.



This week, we have continued our focus on Black History Month. Some of the children have delivered amazing inspirational speeches based on last week's writing, highlighting issues in our world, such as racism, poverty, and bullying. In History, the children have considered the relationship between America during the Civil Rights Movement and America today.

In Maths, the new topic of multiplication and division has continued to bring exciting challenges; we have been practising the long division method. There has been lots of music and art too this week; the children are creating some superb WW1 inspired artwork using charcoal. We will continue with this after half term!

Year 5

Year 5 have completed yet another challenging week. With our focus linking WW2 and Black History Month, we have studied and produced a non-chronological report on the forgotten heroes of WW2. In maths, we have finished our topic of addition and subtraction with some tricky reasoning and problem-solving challenges! During science, we have learnt how to extract materials from mixtures using a multitude of processes.

We look forward to seeing you in November.

Stay safe Year 5!



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Year 3/4

This week Year 3/4 have enjoyed a theme week based on Black History Month. We have based our week around a lovely book called *The Village that Vanished*. The story is about a village in Uganda and the history of the slave trade in that region. We used the story to write narrative descriptions, interviews and make comparisons. We have enjoyed learning about the history of the British slave trade and have learnt about the people responsible for its abolition. We enjoyed using maps, photographs and videos to discover the Geography of Uganda as well as compare it to the Geography of the UK. We made African tribal masks in art and enjoyed learning about African slave songs and their secret codes in music. In maths we have further developed our understanding of multiplication and division and have introduced a range of strategies to solve problems including grid method and column multiplication. We hope you have a lovely half term.

Year 2

Year Two have had a wonderful, creative week in school. They have thoroughly enjoyed reading and appraising a wide selection of Autumn poems. They also worked well within their teams to perform a short Autumn poem using expression and actions. At the beginning of the week, a great selection of twigs, leaves and conkers were brought into the classroom. The children created their own natural art installations inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. They were amazing! Following on from this artwork, the children created their own Autumn leaves using lines and patterns as well as brush to showcase a range of Autumnal colours! Thank you for all of your enthusiasm Year Two – you have made this first half term back in school a wonderful place to be! Enjoy the half term break!



Year 1

As October is Black History Month, the children have been learning the story of Ruby Bridges. They studied a photograph of her and answered questions about who they thought she was and why the photograph was being taken. The young minds of your children should not be underestimated as they came up with a variety of insightful ideas and theories! Upon learning about what happened to Ruby, the children were in awe of her bravery and thought about the different ways they could stand up against racism today. This week, we have also launched our class charity for World Mission Day; Year 1 are going to be supporting Zoe's Place Baby Hospice. Look out for more information about this next half term!



EYFS – Nursery & Reception

WOW! What a half term it has been so far – we are so proud of the children for settling in and taking everything in their stride. This week we have enjoyed lots of activities surrounding the story 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. We have talked about Trinidad and Tobago because that is where Floella first lived and compared it to England. We hope you all have a restful half term holiday! Well done Reception for completing your first half term in school.



In Nursery this week, we have been focusing on 'Black History Month' by listening to and sharing 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin and 'So Much' by Trish Cooke. We've also been using the videos and clips on CBeebies, all of which promote kindness and friendship to everyone. The 'Hedgehog Hospital' is now open and the children have been enjoying helping the prickly patients get better!

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