

Dear Parents / Guardians,

27th November 2020

Our week in school began with another beautiful collective worship. It was partly led by pupils in Y5W who helped us to reflect upon our own mission. As a school community, we were asked to think about the phrase, "we are church." Each class explored this in terms of discussing what they could do to show they are called by God. This has been truly highlighted this week by serving others in terms of donations to the CAUSE hampers. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

A reminder that parent consultations are taking place over the next few weeks. Please remember to send in your reply slips as soon as possible. We are currently collecting information gathered from the consent forms sent out recently. If you haven't already done so, please ensure that all consent forms are completed and submitted as soon as possible. We need this information in order to share photographs on our website and social media pages.

Finally, well done on our fantastic attendance this week with an average daily attendance of 98.6%. Keep it up! Please enjoy reading the rest of this newsletter outlining all the fantastic work that goes on in St Edward's each day.
Best wishes, Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale & Mrs Fox

Faith Space

As we approach the season of Advent, the stark realisation that we cannot prepare for Christ in the same way as we have done in the past is glaring at us: no travelling cribs, no morning reflections for parents; no Advent liturgy in church. However, as we were reminded by Year 5W in our shared virtual worship this week, we may not be able to go to church buildings yet but we are the Church! It is us as a Christian people who can spread the meaning of Christmas and we can still prepare in our school and homes – just perhaps in a slightly different way than before. Please keep checking the newsletter, the website, Twitter and texts for more information about how we will be preparing as a school community for the coming of Christ this year.

A page has been set up on our website with a reflection for Advent each week so that we can have a moment of reflection and prayer together in our own homes. This can be found on our website at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/advent-reflections/>

This week, our faith outreach has been created by Year 5A to help us to feel connected as a community. Please find this at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/>

As always, we continue to remember the request from the Bishops' Conference to pause and pray daily at 6pm for an end to the pandemic and those affected by this ongoing crisis.

Upcoming feasts: 1st Sunday of Advent – 29th; St Andrew – 30th; Migrants' Day – 3rd

Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderful week of learning. Fractions have continued to be our maths focus, and in English, we have begun writing a letter from the trenches. This is based on our class novel, 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo.

We have also created a 'resilience wall' in our classrooms as part of our RE. The children chose a brick and thought about someone or something that helps build them back up when they are having a hard time. They have written about this on their brick - creating a wonderful reminder of our support.

Year 6 have been extremely creative this week too. In Music, we have been listening to, and appraised the song, 'On Top of the World', which the children really enjoyed! They have also created informative posters explaining the effects of alcohol and drugs on the body in Science.

Well done Year 6 - once again, we are very proud of you all!

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed another week of success.

We have introduced the concept of fractions in maths. There has been a huge emphasis on fluency of times tables to enhance their understanding of fractions. The children have been working extremely hard at home to make progress with this too. In English, we have been creating letters with an informal tone based on the main events in our class novel: Friend or Foe.

Linking to our topic of WW2, we have created some outstanding war medals moulded from clay. The children are excited to bring them home to show you. Continuing with the WW2 theme, we studied the chronological events leading up to D-Day and its impact.

Well done Year 5 on a very productive week!



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Year 3 / 4

Another great week in Y3/4! In English, we have concluded our work with Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and discussed if each character got what they deserved in the end of the story. We have loved reading this book and produced some fantastic work! In Maths, we have continued with geometry and explored 2D shapes further, including looking at angles. In RE, we have concluded our Promises topic and considered how we can live out our baptismal promises in our everyday lives. In Computing, we have been using Scratch to programme a 'Sprite' to move around the screen by giving it a sequence of commands. The children really enjoyed this! In PE, we have been continuing with netball and basketball, learning a range of different passes and how to defend and intercept a pass too. We are so proud of how hard you are all working. Keep it up!

Year 2

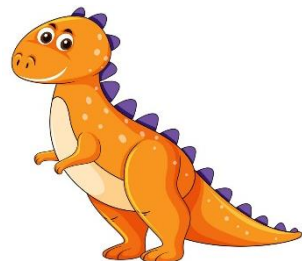
It has been another exciting week in Year Two. Our new text in English, George's Marvellous Medicine, has enthused and engaged the children. They enjoyed meeting Grandma in the first chapter and all agreed she was very peculiar! As a result of this reading, they produced some excellent pieces of descriptive writing about Grandma using some fabulous expanded noun phrases to add extra detail. We completed our shape topic by carrying out a "right angle hunt" within the classroom. This was great fun! We have also been learning about different food groups in Science. We had lots of discussions about how to make healthy choices in order to ensure we eat a balanced diet. We are coming to the end of our Sign and Symbols topic in RE. The children are now very knowledgeable about the Sacrament of Baptism.



We are looking forward to continuing our learning next week.

Year 1

This week, the children have been enjoying learning facts about dinosaurs and using their reading skills to match sentences and phrases to the correct dinosaur. Ask them to name as many dinosaurs as they can - some of the names are tongue twisters! We have continued our work on shape this week, looking at common 3D shapes and their properties. We have learnt new vocabulary such as faces, vertices and edges. Our basketball sessions on Tuesdays are continuing to be a real hit. The children are learning lots of new transferrable skills.



EYFS - Nursery & Reception

Reception have enjoyed the classic story of 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We talked about how the owls felt in the story and compared it to times we have felt worried or scared. We discussed the differences between day and night and the activities we do at different times of the day.

We have been on a hunt to find owl baby 'Bill' in the outdoor area, using positional language to describe where he was. We enjoyed this activity and managed to get Bill safely back to his family!

Another week of fun-filled activities!



Nursery have been having fun practising using positional language with their toys! Is it on/under/behind/in front or next to? We've also been sharing birthday experiences as we start our Advent preparations and start getting ready for Jesus' birthday!

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