



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has certainly been a mix of weather this week - talk about April showers! We must have experienced all the seasons in one day at some point! However, this hasn't dampened anyone's spirits in school. The children have fully engaged in lots of exciting projects, activities and investigations linked to the celebration of Science Week. They even carried out an investigation to find out which were the best biscuits for dunking! Can you guess which one it was? If you go to our Facebook page, you will be able to see the clear winner!

You will have already received a text and letter relating to school photographs. Tempest photography will be in school Tuesday 4th May to take individual photographs. Please see our website for further details. Thank you for your continued support and we wish you a safe and wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale & Mrs Fox



Faith Space

Last Sunday was Good Shepherd Sunday and this day is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our shared, virtual act of worship this week called to mind all those who are to be raised up as Shepherds for God's people. We also reflected on our own vocations, asking that God opens up our hearts and minds so that we all respond to the call that he has for each and every one of us.

Y3/4H created some wonderful resources to help us to guide us in our prayers for World Day of Prayer for Vocation. These can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/>

We are approaching May, the month of Our Lady. In school, there will be opportunities throughout this month (and beyond!) for us to deepen our relationship with Mother Mary and to help us follow her example. She is our perfect role model as the first disciples of Jesus, our intercessor and our advocate; to put that simply, she prays for us and stands up for us. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Upcoming feasts: St. Joseph the Worker - 1st May; English Martyrs - 4th May; The Ascension of the Lord - 13th May;

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating British Science Week! We have identified and organised different types of plastics and discovered the number of years it takes for each type to fully decompose.

In English, "Wonder" has continued to be our focus, where the children have created some fantastic emotion graphs to demonstrate the changes in character's emotions throughout the novel so far, especially as August (the main character) has just started school for the first time - at 10 years old! We will continue to explore the new challenges and adventures that he is facing.

The children have worked extremely hard in Maths too, with our topic of Algebra. Solving missing number problems, number machines and nth term problems have all be tackled with enthusiasm and determination!



Year 5

A fantastic second week for Year 5. Their hard work has been illustrated throughout many lessons. We continued to read our novel, "The Explorer" discussing some of the positive and negative impacts of various themes within the novel. The children have been able to infer many intricate details about different characters. In maths, we have moved onto measuring angles. We have used protractors to measure and draw angles with accuracy. This week in dance, Year 5 have been refining some of their previous dance sequences and have worked hard to put different routines together - there was a lot to remember! To celebrate British Science Week, we conducted an experiment to find out which biscuit was the best for dunking! The results were surprising! Overall, another excellent week in Year 5. Keep up the hard work everyone!



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Year 3 / 4

This week in 3/4, we have been reading and plotting coordinates. Moving on from this, we were further challenged to translate coordinates by two movements.

In English we completed our class novel, "The Sheep Pig."

We were very excited to begin our new text, "Tom's Midnight Garden." The children have shown their understanding of the text so far by answering comprehension questions relating to Tom's emotions. In R.E, we have started our new topic "Energy" and have explored the advantages and disadvantages of wind and fire, making links to Pentecost. This week in PE, the children also enjoyed their first lesson of orienteering.

During Geography, we have explored the reasons why people choose to live in London and discussed whether or not this would be a place we would like to live. Finally, this week we celebrated British Science Week. The children have looked at famous inventions over the years and how they have been adapted to make our lives easier.

Another fabulous week of learning!

Year 2

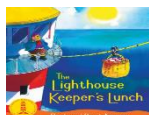
Year 2 have had a very busy and wonderful week completing lots of work. In English, we have continued with our story of "The Finger Eater." The children have completed some great tasks including a diary entry, a warning poster, dialogue using speech marks as well as a set of instructions. In Maths, we began our new topic of "Measures." The children enjoyed using scales to weigh different items in the classroom. Within Science, the children had the task to create their own "Robo-bug" producing fantastic labelled diagrams.

They also enjoyed creating their Robo-bugs out of playdough! Year 2 have had a brilliant week and worked so hard! Well done to you all!



Year 1

Year 1 have continued to read, "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch" during their English lessons. They have been creating menus, concocting cunning plans to stop the seagulls eating Mr Grinling's lunch as well as using dictionaries to explore any unusual vocabulary within the text. The children also took part in a drawing tutorial where they used their line drawing skills to draw their very own lighthouses. They were fantastic! In maths, the children played money bingo to help reinforce their recognition of each coin. In addition to this, they have been making amounts using a range of different coins. As part of British Science Week, the children have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes; we discovered that when you heat water it becomes steam and then when the steam has cooled it turns back into water again. Within PE, the children have developed their cricket skills by stopping the ball with both hands and creating a barrier behind it with their feet. There has been lots of challenging work this week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed each and every challenge!



EYFS – Nursery & Reception

This week Reception have thoroughly enjoyed participating in experiments linked to Science Week. We have studied solids and liquids and discussed how they can change when they are really hot or really cold. We became "crunchy architects!" We worked as a team to develop our problem-solving skills. We had to build a bridge from biscuits as well as other materials. The results were impressive! The children worked well to use their investigation skills and make predictions. We certainly have some future scientists in the making. Well done Reception!



"Shiver me timbers" - it's been another fun week in "pirate-school." We've used crates, planks and the ship's wheel to make a pirate ship outside; we've enjoyed playing on the "walk-the-plank" obstacle course and had lots of fun making treasure maps! We've been investigating different materials to find the best one to make a waterproof pirate hat for Teddy and have really enjoyed sharing the children's "Good News" from home.

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