



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

May 2016

May, Month of Mary

Each day during the month of May, the children pray a decade of the Rosary in class. Please make sure that your child's rosary beads are labelled.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Wright on the birth of her son, Benjamin Darren Wright. May God bless them all.

Mr Fitch and Mr Silva are running up the Gherkin (38 storeys/1039 steps) to raise money for the NSPCC on 19th June. Last year Mr Fitch did it in 11 minutes so they are hoping to beat that this year!

Congratulations to Mr Kolimechkov, our gymnastics coach, for his gold medal winning performance on the rings at the London Regional Challenge Gymnastics event.

Sports News

This year's Inter-House Hockey Tournament ended in a well fought final between St Patrick's and St Andrew's and was won by St Patrick - well done to everyone who took part.

Athletics training sessions are going well. Some of the sessions are planned to take place at Lee Valley Athletics Centre where Olympic gold medallists Greg Rutherford and Jonnie Peacock trained.

School trips/activities

The Year 5 After-School Shakespeare Club put on a show of The Tempest for their parents, Key Stage 2 and Reverend Stuart Owen of All Saints Church. Congratulations to all of them for learning their lines so well and

for giving a very enthusiastic and enjoyable performance.

Miss Osborne and the Bike Crew led an assembly to introduce The Big Pedal fortnight. It was hugely successful with 25% of the children riding their bikes or scooters to school. Congratulations to children in Class 3/2 who did the greatest number of journeys to school by bike/scooter. The Bling Your Bike competition was won by Fiona (2/2) and Zac (3/2) who won Halfords vouchers and bike accessories. Runners up were Jermaine (5/1) and Annasento (3/2).

James, our gardener, was helped by some of the children to plant raspberries, sweet corn, rhubarb and carrots. We are looking forward to eating the results of their labours.

The Science Group from Years 4, 5 and 6 visited the Science Museum to find out about 'mankind's journey into space'. They also learnt about the history, inventions and discoveries of several great scientists, such as Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking.

The Inter-House Quiz for St George's Day was won by St Patricks (odds) and St Georges (evens). The questions (and answers) are on the school website if you want to have a go!

The cake sale organised by the School Council raised over £200 for Mission Molly, raising funds for Molly Johnstone to buy resources to take with her to Kenya. She will be working in a school which has recently been hit by fire and as a result they have lost beds, bedding, books, writing implements etc. The full amount collected will be spent on the school's needs. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

We are now Weather Watchers for the BBC! Children will be taking photos and reading the temperature 3 or 4 times a day and posting their reports on bbc.co.uk/weatherwatchers. We will choose the best photo to put on the school website on the link on the homepage. If you want to see all our reports (and post your own) you can sign up for free on the BBC website and use the "Weather Watchers near you" map to find us.

Photos and videos of these events can be found on the school website.

Assemblies

Class assemblies have included a News Report from Class 2.1 who contrasted some bad news with the good news of Jesus' Resurrection; and a celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday from Class 5.1. We also had a special assembly for St George's Day.

REMINDER: The RE unit this half term is "From Easter to Pentecost". All the children are spending their computer lessons focusing on the use of photos, videos and animations to depict Pentecost in different ways ready for an exhibition on 8th June (more details to follow).

Parent Information: E-Safety:

Social media apps: the Terms of Service of social media platforms (Instagram, Musical.ly, Snapchat, YouTube amongst others) specify that you **MUST** be at least age 13+ to use the app. We are aware that a number of children still use these apps, with or without your permission, and that this has led to incidents of bullying and distributing inappropriate images/videos. Some users without privacy settings enabled are sharing their general location and their school if they are filming in their school uniforms. There is also a huge risk for users that publicise their other social media accounts or messenger user names to be approached by strangers. We recommend that you do not allow your child to use these apps but if they do, please ensure that they use the available privacy settings so that they only

share with friends, and therefore limit exposure.

Phonics and KS1 and KS2 SATS:

Good luck to all our pupils in Years 1, 2 and 6 who will be using every opportunity this month to demonstrate all they know and have learnt. We are very impressed with your hard work. Here are some top tips to beat test stress:

- Eat healthily and drink lots of water
- Exercise
- Relax and enjoy yourself in your breaks
- Have good night's sleep



*O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary,
pray for us O Holy Mother of
God;
that we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.
Amen*

Academic Year/Events Dates to End of Year 2016

30th May-3rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th June	INSET day - school closed to pupils
Weds 20th July	Last day of term
Monday 5th Sept	School re-opens for pupils

A list of dates for the school year has been sent to each family. Extra copies can be obtained in the office or found on our website