



4th March 2022 St Edmund Campion Newsletter

Mardi Gras

We celebrated Mardi Gras on Tuesday.

The children had great fun wearing masks, hats and other paraphernalia to dance around the playground in.

There was an assembly to help them understand the historical and religious relevance of this occasion before the beginning of Lent.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, the Liturgy team lead two separate liturgies for Key Stage 1 and key Stage 2 to mark the start of Lent.

Following the liturgy and Father John blessing the ashes, they distributed them to the student body.

They really put their faith into action and responded to our Bishops call to be Missionary Disciples.

The Faith in Action team have distributed 'Lent in a Bag' to all classes today. This provides an opportunity for you as a family to reflect on the season of Lent and share this with your children.

World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book day. It was fantastic to see the children and staff all dressed up as their favourite literary characters.

We welcomed Youtube star and 4 time Christmas number one holder, Mark Hoyle aka LadBaby, and his wife Roxanne to school as they read to the children from their own book.

As a part of our wider approach to a love of reading, all of the classes received a selection of books, a 'Dazzle box', to further deepen their appreciation for the written word. It was like Christmas.

Miss Martin would like to pass on her thanks to all who supported the book fair this week. We raised over £700 which will mean that we will be able to order even more books for school.

Covid Update

Following the governments announcement on Thursday the 24th of February the rules around COVID have changed slightly.

Children who test positive should isolate for 5 days, then can test using a lateral flow device.

For more details please consult the guidance below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

If your child is having to Isolate due to COVID the school will be able to provide your child with work for the time that they are isolating. This only applies to children who are off with COVID and are well enough to complete the work.

Currently we have 18 cases reported within the school so we would ask that parents are vigilant about their children's health.

Drumming

The school hall was alive with the sound of African Drumming today.

Mrs Pierce organised two wonderful drummers to come in and demonstrate to Year 2 and Year 5 the marvels of Djembe drumming.

It was wonderful and made us all want to get up and dance. The rhythms were contagious.

We have purchased sets of our own drums and Mrs Pierce will be leading them in developing their own drumming skills. I cannot wait to hear the results.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations took place this week. Thank you very much for your support and attendance at these very important meetings. The focus is always on your child and how we can work together for them.

We had hybrid meetings, both face to face and online, we will review this process and get back to you.

We will be producing a google survey next week to gain your views.

Reconciliation

Today we celebrated our Lenten reconciliation service. Lead by the Faith in Action and Liturgy team, the children in year 4-6 and staff had the opportunity to contemplate and pray, asking God for guidance during this very Holy season.

We thought of ways that we could be the best person we can be. Father John spoke to us about spring flowers that could bloom and grow because the soil is prepared and made right for them.

We ask God to help us to be like the soil and support the new growth.

Day in Support of Ukraine

On Tuesday the 8th of March our school council have requested that we have a day wearing the colours of the Ukrainian flag (Yellow and Blue) to show our support for the families who are struggling at this time.

We ask for donations of £2 or more that will be given to the British Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal.

We will be creating our own Prayers for peace in our world and will remember all families wherever they may be.

FitBits

Please can I remind you that Fitbits should not worn to school.

This is because they are easily lost and we do not want to encourage children to be counting steps. This is unnecessary for children of such a young age.

If anyone would like to talk to me about this, please feel free to make an appointment via the office.

Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at SEC and want to share this with you.

FOUNDATION	93.4%
YEAR 1	95.2%
YEAR 2	94.4%
YEAR 3	95.0%
YEAR 4	85.2%
YEAR 5	95.8%
YEAR 6	95.7%

Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements. This week, we have achieved 93.6% attendance as a whole school. Our year 5 Pupils are overall attendance winners with 95.8%.

Looking Ahead

- 07.03.2022 - Boys Football
- 08.03.2022 - Dress for Ukraine (Blue and Yellow) - £2 donations
- 09.03.2022 - Hockey Year 6
- 10.03.2022 - Red Noses go on sale in school - £1.50