



8th October 2021 St Edmund Campion Newsletter

Year 6 Conkers Visit

Year 6 visited Conkers this week. They took part in a range of activities including Bushcraft, High Ropes and the Assault Course Challenge. Building on our skills learnt from Forest Schools, the children learned the importance of team work, survival skills, effective communication as well as overcoming fears and being incredibly brave. The sun shone, the smiles beamed and lunches were consumed with gusto. Adults who went along also had a super time and were bubbling with praise for the children and their attitudes and behaviour especially given the unfortunate amount of missed educational visits during the pandemic. Well done evrybody.

Year 6 STEM Experience

The Royal Air Force visited Year 6 to teach them about collaboration and team work. STEM is the study of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. They were tasked with building a device to carry an object around the hall. The children had to demonstrate exceptional listening skills to access the activities. The instructors have been in contact with myself to let me know how the confidence of the children and their ability to work with each other was commendable and that they were a credit to our school.

Mental Health Awareness Day

Today all of the children and staff dressed in yellow in order to show our support for Mental Health Awareness. The children have been supported through the curriculum with this through our PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education). As a community we acknowledge the importance of our emotional and mental wellbeing in giving our children the opportunity to grow and develop. The school looks bright, cheerful and we have lots of rays of sunshine in our midst. Thank you for your support in this.

Girls Football

Two teams took part in the Rushcliffe Autumn 7-a-side and represented our school confidently in a supportive manner. A great turn out from parents in the rain. The girls brought much entertainment and celebration with one of the teams finishing runner up after a narrow 1-0 defeat in the final. A fantastic achievement all round. With two competitions to come there will be a chance to go one better.

Celebrations of Mass this Week

Our Year 6 children joined all the other year 6 children from the St Francis Hub (St Patricks, Wilford, Blessed Robert Widmerpool, Our Lady and St Edwards, English Martyrs, Long Eaton and children from the Becket) to celebrate our wider community. Children from St Edmund Campion lead the Penitential rite and sang beautifully.

Mrs Blake attended the Year 7 welcome mass and was proud of our children who now attend the Becket.

Today Year 5 have lead us in a wonderful celebration, all about St Francis and how he can inspire us. It was a delight to welcome parents to this mass, the first time we have been able to host such a celebration in two years.

NSPCC Marathon

Thank you very much to everyone who has sponsored their children on their 26 event journeys. Thank you also to all those that have sponsored me personally on my Just Giving page. If you have any more sponsorship please add to parentpay or drop cash into the office. The 26.2 miles were memorable, challenging and exhausting. I was very proud of my London roots and the crowds lifted my spirits when my legs were aching. Congratulations to other parents who ran the marathon too, whether on the streets of London or virtually. What an achievement and I hope, maybe, an inspiration to our children who may one day want to run the 26.2 miles themselves. Your words of encouragement and positivity inspired me. I am truly blessed to be a part of such an amazing community.

Book Fair

The scholastic book fair has arrived. It will be open from 15:20 - 16:00 on Monday 11th to Thursday 14th October. The books will be on the main playground near the entrance. Books will cost between £3 and £8. This can be paid via cheque or cash.

Looking Ahead

- Parent Consultations, on Teams, Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th -Times and links sent out via SeeSaw
- Harvest Mass 15th October (School Only) - Any donations can be brought in from Monday 11th.
- House Competition 15th October
- Half Term - Monday 18th October - Friday 29th October
- INSET Day - No Children in School - 1st November

Reminders

- St Edmund Campion is a nut free school. We have children with significant allergies so please ensure your child does not bring in any nut based products for lunch or as snacks.
- If your child is displaying any **Mild** Covid symptoms (New cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell) please **Isolate** and arrange for a PCR test which must be negative before they can attend school again. Please keep the office informed.

Thank you for all your support. It's been a great start to the term.