



St Edward's Newsletter

26th April 2024

Welcome back to the Summer Term

Please see our first newsletter for the summer term. We have only been back for three weeks but many exciting events have taken place already.

We received a wonderful letter from the Head of Support Relations at CAFOD thanking us for the money raised in the Smarties Lenten Appeal. A copy of the letter and certificate is on the following pages of this newsletter.

This half term our Year 6 and Year 2 children will be completing their SATs exams. The staff and children have worked hard in preparation for these exams and we wish them the best of luck.

This term we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new SENCO Ms Austin who will be working closely with our SEND team and the wider school including parents/carers. Ms Austin brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and is looking forward to becoming part of the St Edward's family.

We look forward to a wonderful summer term where there are many more events planned so look out for our next issue which will have more photos and articles, as well as our school Instagram account and school website.

Mr Underwood – Head Teacher



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Dear Friend,

Thank you to everyone at St Edwards' Catholic Primary School. We were delighted to receive the £591.00 that you sent to us on 10 April 2024. Perhaps you or one of your pupils could read this letter out in an assembly, or paste it in a school newsletter?

Your donation makes a massive difference to fishermen like James in Liberia and other dads like him to return home safely and feed their families for good.

James now has the equipment he needs to fish better and find his way home safely - a compass, life jacket, and a GPS fishfinder. He even has a solar powered fridge for the fish he catches, so he brings more to shore for his family and crew to eat, and to sell to others.

Thanks to schools like yours, James doesn't have to risk losing everything to feed his family anymore. Thank you once again for being absolutely amazing this Lent.

For more Lenten resources please go to: cafod.org.uk/schools

If you need anything from us, please do get in touch - we're here for you! You can call our supporter care team on 0303 303 3030 or email us at cafod@cafod.org.uk

Thank you and God bless



Michelle Oakford
Head of Supporter Relations

St Edwards' Catholic
Primary School

has raised the sum of

£591.00

for Lent 2024 to help people
build a brighter future through
CAFOD's projects around
the world



THANK YOU

Your fundraising will help children like Messi in Liberia live their lives to the full and flourish.

THE QUEEN'S
COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2024



Our Common Wealth

The theme for the next Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), which will take place in Samoa in October 2024, is 'One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth'.

Nearly half of Commonwealth countries are Small Island Developing States like Samoa that are disproportionately affected by climate change. Communities across the Commonwealth are also facing a range of challenges, including economic growth, peace and security. Creating strong and resilient societies is now more important than ever.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2024 asks entrants to consider how they deal with adversity, and how community and culture can be used to encourage resilience and hope in a world with a growing number of global issues.

TOP PRIZE

The top two winners from each category will be awarded with a trip to London for a week of educational and cultural events, culminating in a special Awards Ceremony at a royal palace.

AWARDS

All successful entries will receive a Certificate of Participation and a number of entrants will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards for excellence in writing.

Essay Competition

Children can choose to enter the competition – the details are above. The entries must be no more than 750 words and written and submitted as a Word document as they will not accept Google documents. There are some fantastic prizes so do encourage your children to take part. All participants will receive a certificate too.

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Autism Awareness Week

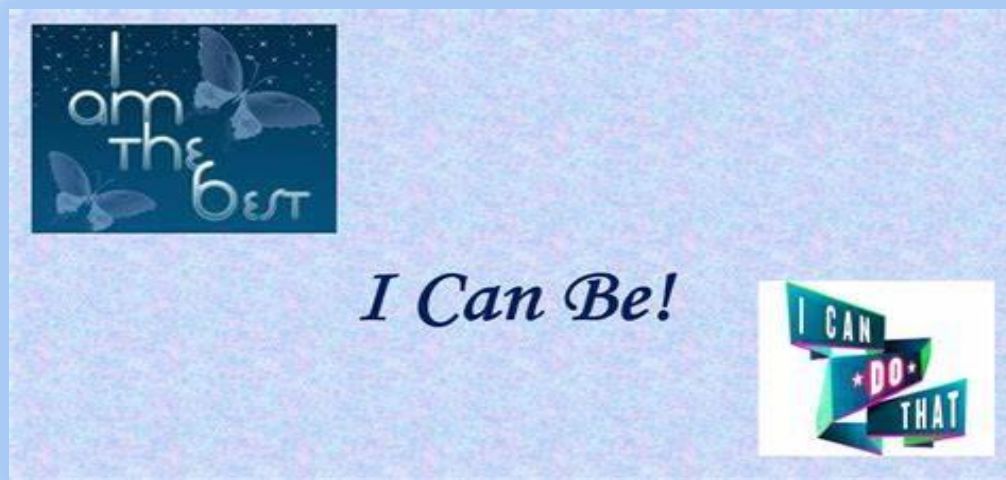
We celebrated Autism Awareness Week with a range of exciting activities.

This included a whole school quiz, sensory based games in the school playground and a dress up day wearing as many colours as possible. The colours represented how unique everyone is. Thanks to your generosity we raised £300 which will go to the National Autistic Society

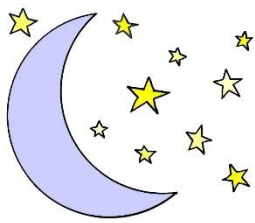


I Can Be programme

Like in previous years, this year, Ms O'Connell led the I Can Be programme for girls in Year 3. I Can Be is a registered charity that introduces primary school aged children to the world of work, helping them to discover the breadth of opportunity around them, by meeting inspiring professionals and learning about their jobs. The girls involved in this programme have really enjoyed meeting professionals from different back grounds. At the end of the programme Ms O'Connell and the girls have a celebration where a certificate is presented to each participant.



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DT Competition Winners

Reception winner – Ava-Mae, Reception second place – Rayna, Junior and Gregory

Year 1 winner – Ezrah, Year 1 second place – Eden, Alex, Remi, Enzo

Year 2 winner – Austin, Year 2 second place – Marley-Rae, Beatrice, Ariya, Jaeda, Seanna

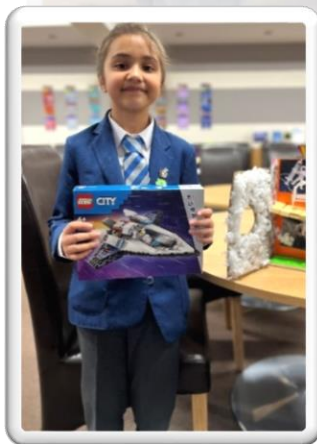
Year 3 winner – Maysa, Year 3 second place – Kobe, Zara, Hugo

Year 4 winner - Aaliyah-Jade, Year 4 second place – Alexander, Jillianne, Hannah, Wuraola

Year 5 winner – Mahzala & Ketsia, Year 5 second place – Remy, Janelle

Year 6 winner – Sapphire, Chloe, Shuya, Hosanna, Noah

Well done to everyone who entered 'The Hotel on the Moon' DT competition. There were some fantastic entries and our governors spent a long time deliberating when choosing the winners. Every child who entered the competition won a prize, as well as the winners who are all mentioned above. A big thank you to Ms Mehmet for organising the whole competition.



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Langdon Academy Sport Partnership

KS2 Year 3/4 Girls Football Competition

Wednesday 17th April 2024

@St Edward's RC Primary

Participating Schools																			
Essex		Gallions		Langdon		Nelson		Sandringham											
St Antony's		St Edward's		St Helen's		St Joachim's		West Ham CofE											
Group One							Group Two												
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St Edward's	4	1	3	0	2	0	2	9	St Antony's	4	2	2	0	2	0	2	10		
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Sandringham	4	1	2	1	1	1	0	8	St Joachim's	4	1	1	2	1	2	-1	7		
Essex	4	0	0	4	0	8	-8	4	West Ham CofE	4	0	1	3	0	4	-4	5		
Semi-Finals																			
St Edward's	2	V	0	Nelson	St Helen's	1	V	0	St Antony's										
The Final									3rd & 4th Place										
St Edward's *	1	V	1	St Helen's	Nelson	0	V	1	St Antony's										
The * indicates that the team won the sudden death shoot out.																			
The Competition Intent																			
Build social skills and connections (i.e. sense of belonging)																			



Excellence Through Competition

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Sporting Champions

St Edward's hosted the Year 3 and Year 4 girl's football competition with 10 schools in attendance. Everyone played really well but our St Edward's girls played with skill and passion and got through to the final and came through as winners in a thrilling penalty shootout. Well done girls; we are really proud of you all! Our Year 5 pupils were Sports Leaders for the day and they did a fantastic job with Ms Collings in ensuring the event ran smoothly. Ethan in Year 5 said, "being a referee is a skill and communication is needed. Thank you to Ms Collings for believing in me."



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School Fun Day

We will be having our annual Fun Day on Friday the 14th of June starting at 10 am. This is a school INSET day so pupils will be at home and we look forward to seeing you all there on the day. There will be a range of different exciting activities and plenty of delicious food also.

We are looking for donations of plant pots and cuttings for one of our stalls where children can decorate the pots. We would also like cupcakes, doughnuts and cakes for our bake sale – homemade goodies are also welcome but please ensure that these are clearly labelled with all ingredients



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 3rd May – Fern class assembly

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday – school closed

Thursday 9th May – Whole school Mass – Ascension

Friday 10th May – Poppy class assembly

Monday 13th May – KS2 SATs Week

Friday 24th May – Iris class assembly

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 3rd June – INSET DAY – School closed

Tuesday 4th June – Class Photos

Monday 10th June – Year 4 Multiplication Tests

Monday 10th June – Phonics Screening Week

Thursday 13th June – Chestnut class assembly

Friday 14th June – INSET DAY and Summer Fun Day

Thursday 20th June – Acorn class assembly

Wednesday 26th June – Year 6 Graduation

Friday 28th June – end of year reports to be sent home to parents

Friday 28th June – Lily class assembly

Friday 26th April - Today's Gospel reading: John 14: 1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many mansions. If not, I would have told you: because I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I shall go, and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will take you to myself; that where I am, you also may be.

And where I go you know, and the way you know.

Thomas said to him: Lord, we know not where you go; and how can we know the way?

Jesus said to him: I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father, but by me.



Friday 26th April - Today's Gospel reflection: John 14: 1-6

In this gospel reading, we find Jesus speaking words of comfort and promise to His disciples during a time of uncertainty, just before His crucifixion. This passage is not only a cornerstone for Christian faith but also a profound source of hope and guidance for anyone navigating the challenges of life.

Jesus begins by urging His followers, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” In this simple command, He acknowledges our natural inclination to worry and fear, yet He offers a remedy—faith. Trusting in God and in Jesus is portrayed not merely as a religious act, but as a means to attain peace and stability amidst life's storms.

He goes on to assure them of His purpose: “In my Father's house are many rooms... I am going there to prepare a place for you.” This promise of a prepared place gives believers a picture of a secure, eternal home, highlighting that our earthly struggles and sorrows are temporary.

Perhaps one of the most striking elements of this passage is Jesus' declaration, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

This statement is both exclusive and inclusive—exclusive in its claim that Jesus is the only path to God, and inclusive in its invitation to all who would come. It invites us to find ultimate truth and life in Him, to see Jesus not only as a historical figure but as the embodiment of the way to divine truth and eternal life.