



St. Edward's NEWSLETTER



Christmas at St. Edward's

Our Seedlings have been so busy enjoying the snow. They built their very own snowman in the garden with Ms. Pyne, and gave him a festive feel with a scarf made of tinsel. They named him Mr Jones (after Aled) but unfortunately there was no 'walking in the air', just very cold hands and noses.

We had a very special surprise visit from 'You Know Who' SANTA to check that we are being good girls and boys. Santa very kindly read Seedings a story and gave everyone some sweets. Everyone promised to stay in his good books, and can't wait to see what he delivers at Christmas!

Christmas parties happened on 19th December. Everyone looked so lovely in their party outfits. We had delicious party food and drinks (very kindly donated by our wonderful parents), and played games and danced to Christmas tunes. We had such a great time with our friends, and didn't want the fun to end!





EYFS and KS1 were thrilled to show the Nativity 'Barmy Bethlehem' to parents and family. After 3 years of not having a live nativity the children were super excited. They did a fantastic job of the production and worked extremely hard to showcase their talents from acting to singing. It was fantastic to see so many parents and family in our school to watch the amazing performance. We were super proud of all the children as I am sure you were as parents and family.

EYFS and
KS1

Nativity



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KS2 Christmas Liturgy



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Year 6 visited FairPlay House

Our children enjoyed a wonderful week at Fairplay Outdoor Education Centre provides a wide range of outdoor experiences for Primary Schools. Staff at Fairplay worked directly with St Edward's to design a bespoke programme that met the needs of our pupils, as well as the Geography, PSE and PE curriculum. St Edward's individual programme included water sport activity, high adventure, team building and environmental sessions.

All of our sessions were designed with a focus on our three core values, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK and INDEPENDENCE. Through these core values the centre provided an outdoor learning experience which allowed our children to grow and develop as individuals and become more confident and self-assured.



THISTLE CLASS

assembly

Thistle Class performed brilliantly in their class assembly- the first live assembly that we've had at St Edward's for a long time! Children were very excited to perform in front on their peers, but especially in front of their loved ones. We hope you enjoyed their performance and were able to learn a thing or two from it.



BEECH CLASS

assembly

Beech Class delivered their class assembly in French on 24th November. They used knowledge and skills gained in their Modern Foreign Language lessons, as well as new items taught by Mr. Johnson specifically for the occasion. The performance was a triumph, as were the costumes!



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On Friday 11th November, Pupil Parliament attended the 104th anniversary Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph in Central Park, East Ham. The day was to commemorate the end of World War One and honour those and others across the land, who fell in wars defending the freedoms and democracy of the nation. A poppy wreath was laid at the memorial by Ethan Y4 and Richesse Y6, and Isaiah in Year 4 read a dialogue about Forgotten Members of the Commonwealth. The day was attended by members of the British Royal Legion, and representatives of Newham Local Authority, together with the Newham Catholic Deanery Schools. Lee Skeggs a British Legion representative, spoke about some of the people named on the Cenotaph, family members and also about Walter Tull, the first black British army officer.

Well done Pupil Parliament! A remarkable representation of St. Edward's School.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

Children were rewarded in assembly last week to celebrate their achievement in the summer reading challenge. They watched a video from Newham Library services to congratulate them.

Mr Underwood and Mrs Mc Mahon presented the children with their certificates.

The school were also given information regarding the winter challenge by Newham Library services. The children will need to attend the library and read 3 books between now and February to receive their certificates.

We would encourage as many children from the school participate in this new challenge.

A massive congratulations to all who took part in the summer challenge and we look forward to seeing more faces for the winter challenge.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-bullying Week commenced Monday 14th November and the theme for this year was Reach Out. Bullying behaviour effects millions of lives and can leave a person feeling devastated. Reaching out for support or to give support to others is so important. If we challenge it, we can change it. Together, we can be the change we want to see, reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples and create kinder communities.

St.Edward's came together this week to provide each Year Group with a different topic to share their thoughts and feelings. Early Years had activities based upon the story book character Elmer. The children decorated their Elmer to celebrate everyone's true colours. KS1 and KS2 had a variety of activities including 'Hand of Trust', 'Reach out Rainbow' and 'Reach Out and Make A Difference Pledge'.



ODD SOCKS DAY

We ended Anti-bullying week with a merriment of Odd Socks Day on Friday 18th November. Odd Socks Day is significant to Anti-Bullying week because it is a national event all about celebrating what makes someone unique. It's organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which is a group of organisations, charities and individuals who work together to try and stop bullying.

ANTI-BULLYING POSTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to all those that entered the competition to design Anti-Bullying posters. It was a tough choice to select the winners, who each won a £10 gift card, awarded a certificate and posters were put on display, dedicated to Anti-Bullying awareness.



Snow White

AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

The Year 1 children went on their first trip to the Broadway Theatre in Barking, to watch the pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. It was a fun day, full of laughs and shouts of, "Oh no it isn't and oh yes it is!" We travelled by bus and all the children were a credit to our school.



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY AT ITS BEST

As part of our preparatory, Advent D.T. activities, Beech Class have designed and created bespoke Christmas Gingerbread. This was a triumph of biscuity deliciousness! After much consideration, we decided to go for rather opulent, baroque decoration. How long will they last on the Christmas tree?



Happy 3rd Birthday

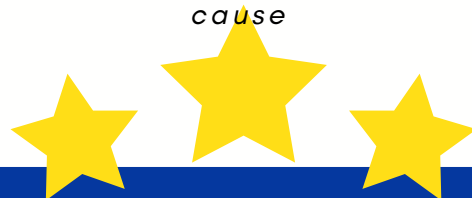


ANOTHER SUPERSTAR

Mahzala Aftab of Heather class donated her hair to the "little princess Trust" provide real hair wigs to children suffering from hair loss due to cancer or other illnesses.

Look at the amazing 'before' and 'after' pictures.

[Click here](#) on the JustGiving link if anyone wishes to donate to this very worthy cause



Commonwealth Choir at the Indian cultural centre

On the 22nd of November members of the Children's Commonwealth Choir performed at the Indian Cultural Centre - the Nehru Centre to celebrate the influence of music as a genre that brings cultures together. The pupils performed songs in English, Urdu and Kholsa.



Christmas journey

Well done to Niyah, Andrei, Timothy, Sarah Sapphire, Bethurl, Mirela, Adam, Maeghan and Jaylen from Ash Class for representing the school by participating in the Faith in Schools Christmas Journey workshop teaching non catholic school year 1 children about why Christmas is special to Christians and what happened on that the first Christmas night. They were fantastic shepherds and angels.



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KINDNESS COMPETITION 2023

APPLES AND SNAKES

'It would be wonderful if as many children from St. Edward's could be involved with this as possible, reflecting our school ethos. We have many talented writers who we pull out all the stops using poetic features they have learnt in English to produce amazing responses!'

[KINDNESS COMPETITION WEBSITE LINK](#)

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THE Wednesday
WORD ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2022



Wishing you a blessed Christmas from your School

**"The Birth of Jesus brings us
the good news that we are loved
immensely and uniquely by God."**

Pope Francis



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Wednesday
14th December



Good News
for Families

Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was engaged to a man called Joseph; but before they could be married she became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary so he made plans to break the engagement privately. But the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because it is by the power of the Holy Spirit that she is going to have a son. You must name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord had told him to do and took Mary into his home as his wife.



From the Gospel of Sunday 18th December 2022 Matthew 1:18-24 (the 4th Sunday of Advent, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **MARY**.



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Wednesday's Word

MARY



"We go to Mary as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son." *St Louis de Montfort*

What two things did the angel tell Joseph to do? Each year on the last Sunday of Advent, we look to Mary, our heavenly mother. The Gospel tells us something about Mary who was chosen by God to be the mother of his Son, Jesus (the name 'Jesus' means 'the LORD saves'). Ask your child what else they know about Mary. It may help your child to tell them something you know about Mary, or the Rosary.

"Mary is the first and most perfect model of Jesus."

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Mary accepted God's will with a thankful heart; she is a perfect example for all people - someone full of thoughtfulness, kindness and joy. How can you show thoughtfulness and kindness and bring joy to others in this final week of Advent? Perhaps you can: give lots of smiles; cheerfully do what your parents or teachers ask you to do; be a good and patient listener; get involved with a charity that helps to feed some of the poorest children in the world (e.g. visit marysmeals.org.uk or Cafod.org.uk); help someone who may be struggling in some way. You may like to finish your time of prayer by saying together, on behalf of another person, a 'Hail Mary' or the Rosary.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH



SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

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- JOSEPH
- DREAM
- ANGEL
- APPEARED
- MARY
- SON
- JESUS
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SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

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Cross out the letters

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in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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 " _____, son of David, do not be _____
 to take _____ home as your _____."

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to ...



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