



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

June 2018

### School News:

Class 6.1 have been involved in helping Yasemin Allsop, from University College London, test an online game, "To Be a Whale". We were one of only 4 schools across the country (and the only primary school) to play and evaluate the game, commissioned by the Danish Film Institute and developed by Lohika Games. This has helped give the children an insight into how online games are produced.

Congratulations to Emmanuela (4/2) and Isabella (6/2) who all made the shortlist of the Lamb Competition, Emmanuela for her photograph of "Nature's Changing Course"; and Isabella for her poem about "The Triumph of the Whale". Special congratulations to Michaela (6/1) whose poem, "The Triumph of the Whale", won first prize.

Janosha (5/1), Jerald (5/2), Moses (6/1) and Kirsten (6/2) took part in the preliminary heats of the Enfield Public Speaking competition at Wilbury School. Congratulations to all of them but particularly to Janosha and Moses who have got through to the final.

A big "Thank You" to The Latymer School for inviting our Year 5 children to visit for dance, art and French workshops. They will be going back to watch the Year 7, 8 and 9 production. Year 5 also went on a local history walk where they learnt about the social history of Edmonton including a plane crash, murder and the nefarious activities of Railway companies! Reception children went to Lee Valley farms for the day and found out about the animals and how they were looked after. Year 4 children had a trip to Hatfield House and met King Henry V111, his wife Catherine Parr, his jester and armourer. They told them about life in Tudor times (including how Tudor tennis balls

were made!) and taught them how to sing "Sumer Is Icumen In". Year 6 children attended a Junior Citizens Day at Nightingale Academy where they learnt about road safety, travelling on the TfL network, knife crime, fire and internet safety. They also went on a long weekend trip to PGL at Marchants Hill in Surrey where they took part in activities such as abseiling, archery and orienteering.

Reception and KS1 children enjoyed their African Adventure workshops where they went on a "safari" and found out about some of the animals that live there. Year 6 children watched (and took part in) the We'll Meet Again workshop by the Rainbow Theatre where they found out what it would have been like to be a child evacuee in WW2.

Children in Glee Club had their rehearsals at Millfield House and the finals at Hackney Empire. They had a fantastic time and performed really well.

The whole school had a playground party to celebrate the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. We celebrated with jelly and had a jolly good time!

Children in the Art Club visited Tate Modern where they spent a couple of hours looking at all the wonderful art and stopping to sketch some of the paintings and sculptures.

### Sports News:

Congratulations to Mr Kolimechkov (who runs our gymnastics club and supports classes in PE) who has completed his PhD in physical education awarded by the Department of Physiology and

**Biochemistry at the National Sports Academy, Bulgaria.**

Mr Silva took a group of KS2 children to the Athletics Competition at Lee Valley. All the children did very well, taking part with great enthusiasm. Congratulations especially to Jeriel (6/1), Delling (6/2), Blessing (5/1), Elvis (4/1) Kimberley (3/2), Zion (3/2), and the Year 4 relay team for winning their events.

Well done to the cricket team for taking part in the Borough Cricket Competition. The team played two close fought matches against Oakthorpe and Houndsfield. All the children who took part, which included children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, took part sensibly and with appropriate enthusiasm. Thank you to Winchmore Hill Cricket Club for hosting this fun tournament.

Congratulations to St Georges for winning the Inter-House Hockey Competition. Well-done to 6.1 for beating 6.2 in the netball match, winning comfortably 10-0! Also thank you to all the staff who took part in the teachers vs teachers match at the end of this event. It was a great fun packed afternoon.

**Assemblies:**

Due to bad weather, the Mary Liturgy was held in the school hall and led by Year 4. Thank you to everyone for bringing in flowers.

Year 3 children celebrated their First Holy Communion with a special school Mass. It was lovely to see so many people there supporting the children at this important milestone.

Class 1.1's assembly was about starting new things and how we shouldn't be afraid because God is with us.

We also had a special Road Safety Assembly and Poetry assemblies in which all year groups performed a poem they had learned.

Parents and carers of the pupils in the following classes are invited to attend assemblies at 9.15am. The assemblies start promptly and last approximately 15 minutes:

- 4<sup>th</sup> July Class R2
- 5<sup>th</sup> July Class R1

These dates are provisional and are subject to change.

**RE:**

The RE unit this half term is "Discipleship": we are learning about how Jesus calls us to follow Him.

**Reminder:**

All ParentPay arrears must be paid in full by the end of term. This is especially important for parents of children in Year 6.

**Academic Year/Events Dates to End of School Year 2018**

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> July                      Last day of term  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July                      INSET Day school closed

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



**A prayer for St John the Baptist**

*Lord God,  
your servant John the Baptist cleared the way  
for Jesus,  
so all might see him and believe.  
Children and young people today face many  
stumbling blocks  
as they progress to adulthood and life in all its  
fullness.  
Empower us to play our part in clearing them  
away,  
so that they may have bright and flourishing  
futures.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.*