



**St Edmund Campion Catholic Primary
A Voluntary Academy**

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Hand in hand with Jesus Christ, we live, love and learn together.

Newsletter – 7th November 2016

Dear Parents

There has been so much happening at St Edmund Campion I thought that it would be a good idea to give you all a quick update!

Year 6 Assembly

The children in Year 6 shared their topic based on the novel 'War Horse'. They clearly have been inspired by their reading and the subject matter of Michael Morpurgo's book. Their art work and writing were amazing. They danced and sang with such energy we were all impressed – in fact their singing brought a tear to many an eye it was just so good! Fabulous work Year 6!

Year 4 Assembly

Last week we were treated to a wonderful assembly. The children in Year 4 shared their learning from a wide range of the curriculum. Their topic based on 'The Borrowers' has provided them with some wonderful learning opportunities. We were treated to dance, drama, scientific investigations, advice from Solomon and links to the Presidential Election in the USA. The final treat was a wonderful song with lyrics by 'Millar and Chipperfield' and music by Mr Wheat sang by the children was just superb! Well done Year 4! So many parents and friends were able to share the assembly with us – it was fabulous to have you all with us!

Apples

Our School Council had a busy couple of days at the end of last week gathering together apples from our allotment and some that were donated, covering them in chocolate and sprinkles. They then sold them to members of our school community. The councillors were ably supported by Miss Taylor who is helping in our allotment, Mrs Day, Miss Martin and many other staff. The money raised has been donated to the Building Hope project – building a school in Ghana. Thanks to everyone as we raised £166! Amazing!





Harvest Mass

Our Harvest Mass was another wonderful occasion when we gathered together in prayer and thanksgiving for the gifts of the Harvest. We were led in our collection of food items by the Liturgy Team and these were donated to Emmanuel House, a local charity that supports the homeless in Nottingham. The donations made will help them in their work throughout the year. The staff were very grateful for your generosity. It was definitely a time when St Edmund Campion put their faith into action.

Eco Day

On Friday the Eco Team led the school with the huge 'SEC Switch Off' aiming to reduce our energy consumption for the day. There were no computers on, lights were switched off, the heating was turned down and the kitchen staff did not use the ovens. It was a day for our community to come together to raise awareness and to make a difference. Thank you to our Eco Team for their inspiration and Miss Millar for her organization and motivation – for staff and children alike!

All Saints Mass

We shared a very prayerful and thought provoking Mass on the feast day of All Saints. We thought about the ways that the lives of the saints can inspire us. Father John was keen for us to know that the saints were ordinary people with their own faults and failings but they also did amazing things for God. Unfortunately, when we have whole school Masses it is impossible to invite parents and friends as there simply is not enough room. When we have year group Masses or liturgies all are welcome.

Sport

It's been a busy few weeks on the sports front. Twenty KS2 children took part in the annual team **cross-country** challenge at Ruddington Country Park. Lots of new faces enjoyed a fine Autumn evening, with the top boys quartet finishing 15th out of 32 - our best position of the evening. Thankfully, the athletics has moved indoors for this half term and two Year 6 teams produced a fine display finishing 2nd and 5th in the first of five heats of the Rushcliffe **Indoor Athletics**. Both teams have made it through to the B final later in the month. The **girls' footballers** haven't been in action due to byes in both the County and Rushcliffe cup which will start again in the spring. Despite the score line suggesting otherwise, the **boys' footballers** had a close game against Carnarvon in the County Cup – losing 5-0 but never letting their heads drop. This Thursday sees the **hockey** programme start, with the first of five tournaments over the winter months – twenty eight year 6s are raring to go to defend last years' title!

Building Update

Every day is a day closer to completion! We are nearly there! Every class is now in their new or refurbished classrooms. The administrative area has been knocked through and work is currently taking place to relocate my office to a more central place. As you can imagine the whole process has been a challenge but an opportunity for us to have a really good clear out and re-organisation. The children and staff have continued to concentrate on their work and are loving their new classes!



Remembrance Day

On Friday, 11th November we will be holding two liturgies to mark Remembrance Day.

The Key Stage 2 liturgy will be held at 10.30am and Key Stage 1 will be at 2.45pm. Parents and friends are welcome to attend these events but we ask you to respect that they are not performances but a time to reflect and remember those who have given their lives in war. Younger siblings are also welcome but we request that if they are becoming upset or noisy that they are taken from the hall. If you have a younger child please sit near the exit. Please understand that this is not to be awkward but to support the children and enable everyone to be able to share in the liturgy.

New staff

This week Mr Smith will be starting at St Edmund Campion. He will be part of the administrative team. I know that you will join with me in welcoming him to our school community. I'll introduce you to him on the playground and at other times so he becomes another familiar face!

As always, thank you for your support and encouragement

Mrs Blake