



Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have enjoyed celebrating our annual book week to coincide with World Book Day. Every class enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities linked to the theme of '**classic children's authors**' alongside various events to promote a love of books and reading. These included:

- The sponsored Readathon
- D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)
- Class teacher swap sessions to share the teachers' favourite classic children's books and stories
- Dressing up day and parade on World Book day linked to the books / authors being studied
- Book Oscars – books will be nominated by pupils and a final vote will result in the **Book Oscar Awards**
- Lots of exciting reading and writing activities linked to the chosen class author
- 'Poster' competition
- Read with my 'book buddy'
- Read with My Grandparent Day
- Drama day with Burnley Youth Theatre linked to class novel for selected classes

Please see below for summaries of the work enjoyed by the children:

Class Reception have been sharing stories written and illustrated by Eric Carle. They enjoyed practising their counting with the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' and using the book 'From Head to Toe' as inspiration for movements during PE.

Class 1 read books by Julia Donaldson; the focus books were from the 'What the Ladybird Heard' series. The children had fun creating **wanted** posters and using alliteration to give the animals names. They also acted out scenes from the story with masks that they made, decorated biscuits in the style of ladybirds, played a ladybird drive game and danced the Jitterbug.

Class 2 have been reading 'Paddington' by Michael Bond. They enjoyed researching Peru (where Paddington is from) and London (where Paddington is found). The children wrote character descriptions of Paddington and thought about what they would pack in their suitcase if they were to travel around the world like he did. Writing instructions for making marmalade sandwiches before eating these was definitely a highlight – delicious!

Class 3 have focused on the classic author, Roald Dahl. They have been immersed in a different story each day including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Matilda, The BFG, James and the Giant Peach and Fantastic Mr Fox. They have written newspaper reports about peaches landing in New York, described and compared characters like Matilda and Mr Wormwood, created dances to Matilda the musical, received their own Golden Tickets and created magical dream jars. The children who had not read the full version of these books now can't wait to do so in the future!

Class 4 studied the author C.S. Lewis and focused on the story 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. The children enjoyed lots of activities including writing a persuasive letter to the white witch and creating oil pastel pictures of Narnia.

Class 5 studied the author Michael Morpurgo. They learnt about his life and what inspired him to write before using hot-seating to ask him (the children in role) lots of questions. The children then focused on one of his novels 'War Horse' and learnt about life in the war before writing their own first person accounts of the horrors of war.

Year 6 read the wartime classic 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian. They made some interesting information booklets about evacuation in World War II, made their own gas masks, and wrote letters to home from the perspective of an evacuee just like William in the story.

Thursday was a particularly special day when lots of Grandparents, parents and relatives visited school for the **Read with my Parent or Grandparent Day**. The children had a wonderful time sharing their favourite books and stories with their visitor who had an even better time listening to some fantastic reading and seeing the wonderful costumes the children had worn to celebrate their class book. Thank you to everyone who joined us on Thursday – it was wonderful to welcome you into school.

Today Burnley Youth Theatre worked with both Y2 and Y6 to bring their chosen books to life. The children enjoyed a range of role play activities leading to a whole class performance of key scenes in the books, **Goodnight Mister Tom** (Y6), and **Paddington** (Y2). These will be performed during the whole school presentation.

Please enjoy the photographs overleaf which provide a snapshot of this lovely week and join us for the whole school **Reading Week** presentation for parents and carers, on Wednesday 15th March at 9.15am. We will also announce the winners of the poster competition on this day as well as the recipients of the Book Oscars. The link will be uploaded to Google Classroom.

Last Thursday, children from years 4, 5 and 6 travelled to King George's hall with Mrs Hope to perform in the Rossendale dance Competition organised by the Rossendale Sports Partnership. Mrs Hope had been working very hard with the dance group over several weeks to create the dance called: ***This is my Earth, it's not perfect, but it's mine!*** The dance was designed to highlight the wonder of our world, set against the backdrop of the vast universe. The children danced and performed beautifully to portray how the earth is unique and special. They also showed, through movement and expression, how we are all called to action, to make a difference, to change the trajectory and thus the destiny of our world. Their key message was:

Our planet is not perfect, but it is ours, we love it and want to protect it. Will you stand with us?

Although the children were not placed on the night, the hosts and organisers both expressed how Edenfield's performance moved them to tears and I am sure our parents watching in the audience were also left feeling both emotional and very proud. I know Mrs Hope and the staff who attended on the night were extremely proud of the children and their wonderful dancing. We will be sharing a video of the dance at a Family Worship later this term.



Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

Guided by God, following in his footsteps

Our vision is theologically centred on Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path

Reading Week



A Week In Pictures



Class 6

Year 6 have been learning about evacuation during WWII and enjoyed a drama workshop led by Burnley Youth Theatre on the book 'Goodnight Mister Tom.'



Class 1

Class 1 enjoyed 'Drop Everything and Read' (DEAR).

Reception

Class Reception have been working hard to apply the sounds that they have learn during Fabulous Phonics. They have been trying out lots of new, fun games!



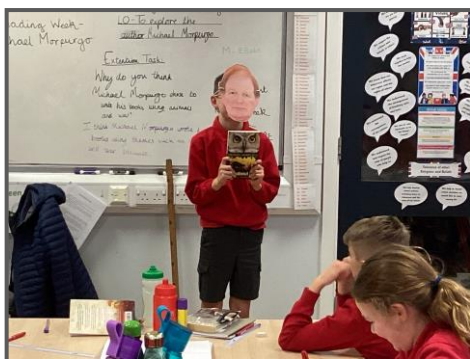
Class 4

Class 4 enjoyed reading 'The lion, the witch and the wardrobe'.



Class 3

All of Class 3 looked brilliant dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character for Reading Week.



Class 5

Year 5 studied Michael Morpurgo for 'Reading Week' and asked 'him' questions during a hot seating activity.



Class 2

Class 2 loved reading Paddington by Michael Bond during Reading Week. They especially enjoyed dressing up as the different characters from the book on World Book Day.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Spring Term 2023

Clubs take place from the end of the school day until 4.15pm unless otherwise indicated.

Day	Activity	Year Group
Tues	Dance	Years R, 1 and 2 (Group 1 Spring term 2 starting 28 th Feb, Group 2 Summer term 1)
Tues	Skiing	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Weds	Art Club	Year 2
Weds	Cross Country	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Group 1 Spring term 1, Group 2 Spring term 2)
Weds	Singing Club	Years 4, 5 and 6
Weds	Table Tennis	Years 5 and 6 (replacement club for pupils who signed up for Badminton)
Thurs	Horse Riding	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	Computing	Years 5 and 6
Fri	Digital Leaders	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime club)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 24th February

Reception Class: Julian Sharples, Emily Brooke-Steel

Class 1: Max Sanderson, Olivia Redding

Class 2: Rocco Ormerod, Abbey Chadwick

Class 3: All of Class 3, Mack Greenwood

Class 4: Isabella Martin, Henry Monaghan

Class 5: All of Class 5

Class 6: Iona Adams, Poppy Jackson

Friday 3rd March

Reception Class: Lola Carter, Ben Sales

Class 1: Hugo Harris, Jack Bowler

Class 2: Alexander Law, Rupert Browne

Class 3: Charlotte Giblin, Freddie Hulme

Class 4: Esme Smethurst, Harry Morrison

Class 5: James Dalby, Oliver Veale

Class 6: Thea Golby-Thomson, William Johnston, Erin Hudson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SO FAR

Fri 3 rd Mar	Class 5 visit to Liverpool World Museum
Mon 6 th Mar	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 7pm
Tues 7 th Mar	Class 1 visit to Staircase House
Tues 7 th Mar	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 5pm
Weds 15 th Mar	Whole School Reading Week presentation, 9.15am via Microsoft Teams
Fri 17 th Mar	Class 6 visit to Stratford-upon-Avon
Fri 17 th Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 20 th Mar	Art Exhibition and art sale for parents
Tues 21 st Mar	Class R visit to Manchester Airport, Runway
Wed 22 nd Mar	Class 2 visit to Chester Zoo
Mon 27 th Mar	Class 5 and 6 PGL residential visit
Tues 28 th Mar	Class 5 and 6 PGL residential visit
Wed 29 th Mar	Class 5 and 6 PGL residential visit
Fri 31 st Mar	Easter Service at Edenfield Parish Church, 1.30pm and school closes
Mon 17 th Apr	School re-opens
Fri 28 th Apr	Inset day
Mon 1 st May	May Bank Holiday
Tues 2 nd May	School re-opens
Thurs 4 th May	Class 3 visit to Brockholes Nature Reserve
Mon 8 th May	Bank Holiday to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III
Tues 9 th May	School re-opens
Mon 22 nd May	Class 6 Bikeability
Tues 23 rd May	Class 1 visit to Smithills Farm
Tues 23 rd May	Class 6 Bikeability
Wed 24 th May	Class 6 Bikeability
Thurs 25 th May	Class 6 Bikeability
Fri 26 th May	School closes for half term
Mon 5 th June	Inset day
Tues 6 th June	School re-opens

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

School Contacts

If you wish to contact the school regarding your child, please address your message to: head@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk or bursar@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk. This will ensure you receive a prompt response to your enquiry. General enquiries can be sent to the school email address. This is checked on a regular basis, but it is inundated by thousands of junk posts each week and therefore, there may be a delay in response.

Polite reminder

For health and safety reasons, please be reminded that dogs are **not** allowed on the school premises.

Haircuts

Extreme haircuts or hairstyles are **not** permitted in school. These include, but are not exclusive to, excessively short, shaved styles or sections, patterns or lines, and mullets. Oversized or highly decorative bows or headbands should not be worn. Hair should be tidy and styled practically so it does not fall over the eyes.

Thought of the week

Lent

*"He fasted for forty days
and forty nights..."*