Edenfield News

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Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

EYFS start school full time

Our new pupils in Class Reception started attending school full time last week, and this has including staying for lunch in our main dining room. Mrs Hope and the lunch team have reported how lovely it has been to witness the children dining together and making new friends. All of the children have enjoyed the tasty selection of meals on offer. It has been lovely to see the two reception groups finally meet and start on their school journey together – we know there will be many special memories ahead for them to share, here at Edenfield.



Extra-curricular activities

It has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying the extra-curricular activities on offer and the teachers have commented on the enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour seen at the various clubs. Miss Harris has now received the full schedule of sporting competitions from the Rossendale Sports Partnership so keep your eyes peeled for those events as we intend to enter as many as possible. The first competition has actually already taken place and started with the Y5 and Y6 football tournament this Wednesday. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 competed against ten other teams from primary schools across Rossendale at the Valley Leadership Academy. The team were absolutely fantastic and won two matches and drew two matches. They did not concede a single goal. Overall, the team finished in second place – a fantastic achievement! Thank you to Mr McGrory who has recently started coaching the football team alongside Mr Cartridge. We are very much looking forward to supporting our children as they participate in a variety of future sporting activities. Thank you also to the teachers and volunteers who give up their own time to run the different clubs and attend the competitions throughout the year.

Educational Visits

As always, we have an exciting programme of educational visits and events planned for this term to enhance teaching and learning across the different subjects taught. These will include:

- Delamere Forest (trees and plants in science)
- Bolton Museum (Egyptians)
- Catalyst Science Discovery Centre (gases and material changes in science)
- Southport Eco Centre (The Stone Age)
- Ancient Greek day with Tony North (Ancient Greece)
- Blackpool Zoo
- Blackburn Rovers Football Club (health and lifestyle)
- Local walks

The Great Lancashire Debate

Last week a group of Y5 pupils entered the Great Lancashire Debate. This is a public speaking competition organised by Lancashire County Council to coincide with UK Parliament Week 2023. The children worked hard to prepare and deliver a presentation on the set title:

"Tell us about an important issue affecting Lancashire and how it will be resolved by 2050"

They were asked to include: a strong opening; well explained information about why their issue is important; an explanation of how their proposed solutions will help this issue by 2050; and a clear ending summarising their presentation. They also had to consider how vocabulary was used so it was appropriate to the target audience, subject matter and to the strengths of the team. Our team's specific theme was ''***Stamping out Racism across Schools in Lancashire''***. The presentation was filmed here in school and is currently being judged alongside entries from all over Lancashire. Six primary schools will be selected as finalists to deliver their presentation live at County Hall to a distinguished audience during Parliament Week. Regardless of the outcome, our children were excellent in their delivery and executed their presentation with confidence, professionalism and passion. We are so proud of them as they are new to Year 5 (still only nine years old) and this was a significant challenge to which they rose with enthusiasm and dedication. Good luck to the team! We hope to find out the results next week.



EPIC

Every newsletter we are going to share why our children are ***EPIC.*** The literal meaning of EPIC speaks for itself – impressive, spectacular, and heroic – our children are all of these things. However, EPIC also stands for:

Edenfield
Parish
In the
Community

As part of the parish, this week Year 2 are EPIC because …
In RE, Class 2 are currently learning all about the Bible and why it is special to us as Christians. The Bible is special in so many different ways and helped us to create our own school vision which is theologically centred on Psalm 119:105:

Guided by God, following in his footsteps
Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path

'Your word' is 'God's word' and one way to read and respond to this is through reading the Bible and all of its wonderful stories – God's word flows through the people who have written these stories so that we can learn about God's vision for us.
The Bible comes in many different shapes and sizes, each one for a different audience; some for children, some for adults.
Class 2 have been reading lots of Bible stories; one of their favourite stories is 'Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand'. This story is a reminder to us as Christians that nothing we face here on Earth is too big for God. It also shows us Jesus' compassion for his people.

As Harvest approaches, we will follow Jesus' teachings and be compassionate with our time and help, as well as taking practical steps to support people less fortunate than ourselves. This aligns to two of our core values, ***Love*** and ***Joy***. We will also be completing the Church of England **Generosity Week Challenge** ahead of Harvest Festival. Our school vision and core values help us to follow God's word in a positive way, making the right decisions and striving to be the best version of ourselves. We hope to flourish in all areas of the curriculum this year and show off our God given talent to all.



Harvest

We are very much looking forward to celebrating Harvest Festival, as is our tradition, at Edenfield Parish Church on Friday 6th October. The service will predominately be led by KS1 although Class 5 are also participating as part of their Archbishop of York Young Leaders' Award. This year, our theme for Harvest is closely linked to the Church of England Generosity Week 2023. Generosity Week takes place in the Harvest season, so that as we thank God for his generosity to us, we also have the opportunity to think about how we might respond to that generosity. The service will be planned around Proverbs 3: 1-10 with a focus on Peace, Love, Trust, Kindness and Give. The children will also be completing the ***Generosity Challenge*** and sharing this with the congregation.

We are asking the children to bring a donation of non-perishable goods to the service and these will be collected and distributed to those in need in our local community as well local food banks. For those who would prefer to send a financial contribution, we be collecting small change as part of the Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching Appeal and your child will have received a penny pinching collection box today so that you can start saving small change right away.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Warm wishes,
C. L. Garner



A Week In Pictures



Class 3

Class 3 shared key memories with each other in PSHE.



Class 1

Class 1 are all sculptors. They have been practising moulding and shaping clay.



Class 2

Class 2 have been learning to play different notes and rhythms on the glockenspiels in music. This week, they played along to the song 'Music is in my Soul' and they were fantastic musicians!



Reception

Class Reception have enjoyed choosing their own books in our Every Day Library each morning when they come into school.



Class 4

Class 4 have enjoyed using coding to make games in their computing lessons.



Class 6

Class 6 have been finding out all about natural selection this week in science. They read 'Moth' by Isabel Thomas and produced their own information pages.



Class 5

Class 5 have been exploring the transparency of materials in science.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

Autumn Term 2023

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

Day	Activity	Year Group
Mon	**Equality Champion**	Year 6 (Lunchtime Club)
Tues	**Craft Club**	Year 2 Group 1 (starts 19/09/23) Year 2 Group 2 (starts 07/11/23)
Tues	**Ethos Champion**	Year 6 (During School Day)
Tues	**Netball**	Year 5 and 6
Tues	**Skiing**	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Tues	**Table Tennis**	Year 5 and 6 (Club starts on 03/10/23)
Weds	**Lego Club**	Year 1
Weds	**Athletics**	Year 3 and 4
Weds	**Singing Club**	Year 4, 5 and 6
Weds	**Boys' Football**	Year 5 and 6
Thurs	**Book Club**	Year 1
Thurs	**Horse Riding**	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Fri	**Digital Leaders**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime Club)
Fri	**Infant Multi-Sports**	Year 1 and 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SO FAR

Sat 30th Sept	BRGS entrance exam
Tues 3rd Oct	Class 1 visit to Delamere Forest
Thurs 5th Oct	Woodhey Open Evening
Fri 6th Oct	Harvest Service at Edenfield Parish Church, 9.15am
Mon 9th Oct	Class 5 Ancient Greek Day with Tony North
Mon 9th Oct	Parents Evening via MS Teams, 3.30pm-7pm
Tues 10th Oct	Parents Evening via MS Teams, 3.30pm-5pm
Wed 11th Oct	Class 6 visit to Blackpool Zoo
Mon 16th Oct	Reading Workshop for EYFS and KS1 parents
Fri 20th Oct	Show Racism the Red Card Day
Fri 20th Oct	Education Friday service at 9.15am
Fri 20th Oct	School closes for half term
Mon 30th Oct	School re-opens
Tues 31st Oct	Nasal flu immunisations
Tues 31st Oct	Secondary school application deadline
Fri 3rd Nov	Deadline for Penny Pinching boxes
Thurs 9th Nov	Class 3 visit to Southport Eco Centre
Fri 10th Nov	Remembrance Service in church at 10.45am
Thurs 16th Nov	Class 2 visit to Burnley Football Club
Fri 17th Nov	Class 5 visit to Catalyst Science Discovery Centre
Tues 12th Dec	Jack and the Beanstalk at the Manchester Opera House
Wed 20th Dec	KS2 Christmas party AM / KS1 Christmas party PM
Thurs 21st Dec	Whole school Christmas lunch
Fri 22nd Dec	Christmas Service at church, 1.30pm

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 22nd September

Reception Class: Amber Taylor, Oliver Foster

Class 1: Ethan Mellish, Evelyn Hamer

Class 2: Millie Tozer, Joshua Bailey

Class 3: Tabitha Preston, Harry-Drew Wilson

Class 4: Sebastian Ainsworth, Annabelle Capell

Class 5: Theo James, Tomas Higgins

Class 6: Malachy-Jay Coulson, Seth McGrory

Friday 29th September

Reception Class: Alice Ma, Oliver Elson

Class 1: Erin Worthington, Albie Rowbottom

Class 2: Hugo Harris, Olivia Redding

Class 3: Jasper Gray, Isabelle Bowes

Class 4: Jacob Higgins, Sophie Mangham

Class 5: Archie Taylor, Isabella Martin

Class 6: Lewis Salisbury, Lola O'Toole

Cauliflower Cards

We are keen to participate in the Cauliflower Cards project so every child can have their Christmas cards printed for sale. The paperwork and administration is usually co-ordinated by a parent so if you are interested in getting involved, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching

We are supporting the Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching appeal again this year. Collection boxes have been sent home today and need to be returned by Friday 3rd November. Any donations are gratefully received.

Nuttall Park Bandstand

The Friends of Nuttall Park are proud to announce that the restoration/rebuilding of the Bandstand in Nuttall Park is finally complete and are having an opening ceremony on 1st October at 1pm at which the Mayor of Bury will officially open the Bandstand followed by Besses o' th' Barn Brass band and Rossendale Ukulele band. There will be hot food, tea room and cakes. All welcome.

Urgent Appeal

Volunteers urgently required for the 9th Ramsbottom St. Philip's Scout Group. If you can help please contact Group Scout Leader, Richard Thatcher, Richard.thatcher@brscouts.org.uk

2024 School Applications

If you have a child starting primary or secondary school in September 2024 you can apply for their place online at https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place You must apply for a place, even if an older brother or sister already attends the school.

The closing date for applications is:

31st October 2023 for secondary

15th January 2024 for primary