Edenfield News

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Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning pupils in Y6 led the Remembrance Service beautifully at Edenfield Parish Church. In the lead up to the service, the children worked very hard on a number of projects including the class project which focuses on the fallen service men and women of Edenfield. For many years, this work has been introduced and supported by Chris Hollis and over this time he has inspired many projects including a Second World War memorial tablet and the leather bound roll of honour – both permanent epitaphs to the fallen of the past.

Chris now himself suffering with poor health is no longer able to come and work in school with the children but we have committed to carrying on his wonderful work in the future. We missed him again this year but I hope we did him proud. An art installation has been erected on the church railings which displays tributes to the fallen of Edenfield, as well as wonderful poems written by the children. I hope Chris will be pleased to hear that the children did a wonderful job leading the service in church today.

Mr Bill Steventon and Christopher Frodsham who usually attend in memory of their relatives, Arthur Steventon and Christopher Frodsham from Edenfield, sent their apologies this year. The Steventons have now moved out of the area and it is a long way for them to travel; Mr Frodsham has work commitments. However they passed on their gratitude to the children and the school for the way in which they continue this wonderful work in remembrance of lost loved ones.

During the service, we acknowledged the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the ship Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks, Essex. The ship has become symbolic of the generation who travelled from the Caribbean to settle in, and help rebuild, Britain in the decades after the Second World War. During the Second World War, people from the Caribbean made a major contribution to the war effort. Approximately 16,000 Black Caribbean men and women volunteered to serve, motivated to contribute to the war effort and come to the aid of Britain. Some 6,000 served in the RAF including hundreds as aircrew in roles such as pilots, navigators, engineers, gunners and wireless operators. More than 150 Caribbean aircrew lost their lives in service in the war. Women from the Caribbean also volunteered, joining the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) or working in the war factories in the North-West of England. Thousands also joined the Merchant Navy, bringing supplies across hazardous U-boat patrolled seas to Britain.

The Windrush Generation worked tirelessly to overcome prejudice and build successful lives and communities. Their solidarity and perseverance is reflected in their service in the Armed Forces. We should never forget their sacrifices which have defended our freedom and kept us safe.

The children in Y6 also educated us on The Battle of Bamber Bridge, a classic example of how Lancashire people have always stood up for the rights of the Black and African Caribbean Community, even when it meant putting their lives on the line. The Battle, which occurred during World War II, was a racially charged and tumultuous clash that took place in the small town of Bamber Bridge in Lancashire, England in 1943. The conflict arose primarily between African American soldiers of the 1511th Quartermaster Truck Regiment, a segregated unit of the U.S. Army, and white military police officers from the nearby U.S. Army Air Corps base. Tensions had been escalating for weeks due to racial discrimination and mistreatment of African American soldiers. Local people in Bamber Bridge defended the Black officers and that they didn't approve of the segregation at the base. Events escalated into a gun battle on the street and back at the base. The Battle of Bamber Bridge resulted in several injuries on both sides and the death of Private William Crossland. The incident garnered significant attention and led to an investigation by military authorities. It exposed the deeply entrenched racism within the U.S. military during that era and contributed to efforts to address racial discrimination within the armed forces. In the aftermath of the Battle, the U.S. military took steps to address racial segregation and discrimination, though full desegregation would not occur until several years later. The incident serves as a poignant reminder of the challenges African American soldiers faced during World War II and their struggle for equality both within and outside the military.

During the service some of the children shared some of their own personal projects about their relatives' experience of war. Class projects included:







Every pupil in Year 6 completed a variety of Remembrance projects such as artwork, poetry, sculptures and information about a past relative. In church, we heard about relatives of the children and their experiences of war, some of which ended in terrible tragedy and also about the impressive role of the RAF, both in the past and today.

We prayed:

Dear God,
On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever
all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare,
those who waited anxiously at home,
and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned;
those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.
Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion,
those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades,
and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.
And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord;
grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom.
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The children, ably supported by Mr Holt and Mrs Higgins, have also erected a beautiful display on the railings outside church. Please take a moment over Remembrance weekend to pause and read the beautiful poetry and admire their artwork.

The Lancashire Great Debate

As previously mentioned, a team of Y5 pupils made it through to the final of this competition which took place on Tuesday 7th November. I am delighted to say that the team were awarded second place with Penny Milne awarded an individual prize for best speaker. The children spoke with such passion and confidence, even when presented with some very tricky questions. Needless to say, Mr Holt and I were very proud. Thank you also to Mrs Anne Cheetham who attended to support us on the day.

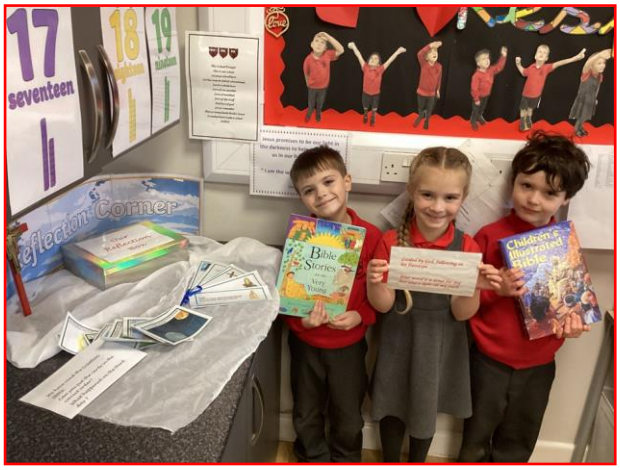


EPIC

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 1 are EPIC because…



In RE, Year 1 have been learning all about The Creation Story from the Bible and giving thanks for the wonderful world our God created. We have learnt that God is powerful, hopeful and creative. Through the beautiful world that we all live in, we can feel God's love in our lives every day.

We love to share our spiritual journey with our friends in Class 1. Elliot says that she loves to see the beautiful butterflies, and Julian says that he loves to go for a walk in the autumn leaves and jump in all the muddy puddles.

By immersing ourselves in God's creations, it gives us chance to take stock, breathe, reflect and connect with God. We have learnt that if we ever feel lost in our school lives, we can use God's word to provide us with hope and guidance so we are left with feelings of love and contentment.

We all know that God's word is a lamp for our feet and a light on our path, so next time you step outside your front door, remember that God is talking to you through the whispering of the breeze in the trees and when the sun shines, feel it touching your face and know that God is with you, just like we do in Class 1.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who supported our **Wear Red to Show Racism the Red Card Day** and the Y5 bake sale. We raised nearly £400 to support the organisation in delivering workshops across schools to raise awareness on the impact of racism.

Christmas

Please keep your eyes peeled next week for lots of updates on all the events we have planned here in school over the Christmas period. We look forward to welcoming you to school to enjoy these and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

A Week In Pictures

(Week commencing 30th October 2023)



Class 4

Class 4 have been learning about inspirational black women that work in STEM.



Class 1

Class 1 enjoyed sharing their independent instructions for how to wash your hands with Class Reception.



Class 2

Class 2 have enjoyed immersing themselves in the story 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk'. They predicted the setting and plot and discussed in partners whether it would be the same, or different, to the original traditional tale.



Reception

Class Reception enjoyed their first Guided Reading session. They were great at reading the 'Tricky Words'.



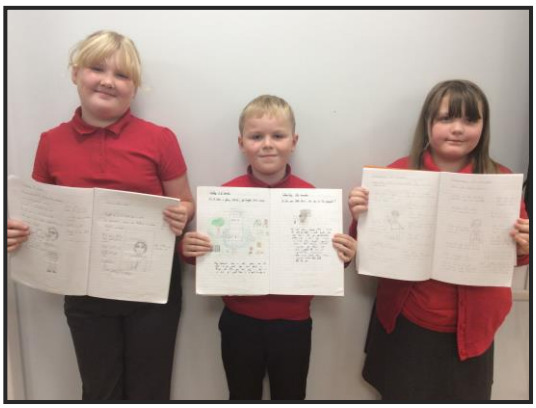
Class 3

Class 3 were proud to present their volcano research.



Class 6

Class 6 have been thinking about Remembrance this week ahead of our Remembrance Service in church next week. They have been designing and creating their own Remembrance projects.



Class 5

Class 5 studied the lives of Yvette Williams, Olive Morris and Rosa Parks for 'Black History Week'.

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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 2
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
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 (ends 17th Nov)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SO FAR

Tues 14th Nov	Class 4 visit to Bolton Museum
Wed 15th Nov	Class 2 & 6 Lancashire Fire Service visiting school
Thurs 16th Nov	Class 2 visit to Burnley Football Club
Fri 17th Nov	Class 5 visit to Catalyst Science Discovery Centre
Fri 17th Nov	Children In Need raffle
Fri 17th Nov	Non uniform day for Christmas Fair
Fri 24th Nov	Non uniform day for Christmas Fair
Thurs 30th Nov	Tower Wood second instalment due
Tues 12th Dec	Jack and the Beanstalk at the Manchester Opera House
Wed 13th Dec	Class R Nativity performance, 9.45am
Wed 13th Dec	KS1 Nativity performance, 1.45pm
Thurs 14th Dec	Class R Nativity performance, 9.45am
Thurs 14th Dec	KS1 Nativity performance, 1.45pm
Fri 15th Dec	KS1 Nativity performance, 1.45pm
Wed 20th Dec	KS2 Christmas party AM / KS1 Christmas party PM
Thurs 21st Dec	Whole school awards, 9.15am via MS Teams
Thurs 21st Dec	Whole school Christmas lunch
Fri 22nd Dec	Christmas Service at church, 1.30pm

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)



Children In Need

Our annual Children In Need raffle will take place on Friday 17th November. Further details will be sent home early next week.



Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching

A big thank you to everyone who returned their Rossendale Penny Pinching boxes. These have been collected by the hospice and we will update you on our total once all the donations have been counted.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 20th October

Reception Class: Ernie Dewhurst, Indie Cunniff

Class 1: Alex Irwin, Lia Stannard

Class 2: Polly-Primrose Taylor, Henry Vizzard

Class 3: Tommy Milne, Orla Thompson

Class 4: Tilly-Rose Taylor, Brooklyn Donnelly

Class 5: Sol Robinson, Lily Callaghan

Class 6: James Dalby, All of Class 6

Friday 3rd November

Reception Class: Sebastian Rawstron, Martha Howarth

Class 1: Ralphie Turner, Eliza Riding

Class 2: Esmae Gowing, Oscar Scully

Class 3: Alice Walker, Brianna Flanagan

Class 4: Jack Firth, Henry Grimshaw

Class 5: Jake Watson-Hoy, Ollie Giles

Class 6: Hunter Mitchell, Oliver Taylor

Friday 10th November

Reception Class: Molly Phillips, Ailey Chadwick

Class 1: Lily Carter, Elliott Nelson

Class 2: Emre Petek, Esmie Dickinson

Class 3: Ailsa Schofield, All of Class 3

Class 4: Riley O'Toole, Jack Seal

Class 5: Alexander Ball, Bella Ingoe

Class 6: All of Class 6

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Non uniform can be worn in exchange for items for the Christmas Fair ….

Friday 17th November
BRING IN A BOTTLE OR FILLED JAR

Classes: Reception, 1 and 2
Please bring in a Jar for the Tombola.
Please fill it with sweets, small gifts - anything which a child would love to receive!

Classes: 3, 4, 5 and 6
All children to please bring in a bottle.
All kinds of bottles gratefully received!

Friday 24th November
Please bring in a wrapped item for the lucky dip to the value of approximately £2.00. A label will be sent home to indicate the gender and age range on the parcel.