Edenfield News

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Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term and I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term break with family and friends. The children have enjoyed a brilliant first week back as they have been immersed in our annual History Week which focuses on local history. A full summary, plus photographs, will be included in the next issue as there are some outstanding activities yet to be completed next week. This will include a history museum in the hall, hosted largely by the children for each other but also to include an exhibition hosted by the Lancashire Archives which will focus on the history of the village, our school and the church. I was lucky enough to join Class 2 on their visit to Queen Street Mill on Wednesday and we enjoyed a wonderful day exploring the development of the cotton mills across Lancashire, as well learning what it meant to be a child during this time. This was a fantastic resource right on our doorstep. The other classes have been studying the following:

Class Reception: My village school
Class 1: My village - Edenfield
Class 2: Lancashire mills
Class 3: Lancashire castles
Class 4: Transport changes in Lancashire
Class 5: Pendle witches
Class 6: Local war history and family history



Please keep your eyes peeled for a full summary of the week, plus a selection of photographs, in the next issue.

Education Friday

It was lovely to see so many of you join us for the Education Friday Service in church on 18th October just before the holiday. KS2 led this service which celebrated the importance of education and all those involved in education, including teachers, learners, and places of learning. The children focused on the importance of education for all, and removing barriers, and this included a passionate presentation from Y6 on equality and disability awareness. Y6 take on the role of equality ambassadors and on 15th October they represented the school as part of the disability badge accreditation day ….

Equality Mark Accreditation

Samantha Hoban, visited the school for an accreditation day as part of our journey towards achieving the Lancashire Equality Mark. This term, our focus was the disability badge and I am delighted to announce that we were successful in achieving this which brings our total to three badges. It can take several years to achieve the mark but we hope to have completed five out the six badges by the end of this academic year. Samantha was very impressed with the evidence presented and highlights of the feedback letter include:

Through the accreditation summary, and during the accreditation visit, I was impressed with the variety of ways you have addressed disability equality. It was evident that the wide range of activities and approaches, were fully embedded, and had a great impact on the thoughts and attitudes of your school community. I have therefore decided to award your school the Disability Equality Badge. Congratulations!

A key strength is the whole school involvement in this area of work –

- *Curriculum – A breadth of representation of people with disabilities – e.g. all classes learning about the Paralympics via class-based lessons, individual research etc.*
- *Assemblies – a series of 6 lessons planned for the year, with the Equality Champions taking key roles from planning to delivery. Assembly 1 – Paralympics, 2 – hidden disabilities, 3 – a visitor from Loughborough University.*
- *Your pupils and Equality Champions. I felt that your approach of making your children aware of hidden disabilities was inspiring.*

The dyslexia assembly was amazing! It was incredible to learn about the assembly, and also to hear stories of the positive impact this has already had and potentially will have. When speaking with the Equality Champions, the Y6 pupils were proud to speak about how school have supported them to overcome barriers and to tell us about their recent achievements.
You have invested in books and other resources to broaden children's horizons and enable them to achieve in school. It was wonderful to meet the Equality Champions again. To hear how invested and enthused they are about this area of work. To learn how they have chosen specific books to share with classes. To hear how inspired they have been – a pupil, with an extended family member who is a Canadian Paralympian who sent a video message to school.

- *It was good to hear about specialist teacher support that school have been able to access, and how learning environments etc. are tailored to individual's needs.*
- *It was just wonderful to see how passionate your staff, Governors and pupils are for this area of work, and fantastic to hear how all are enthused to continue and develop not only this area of Equality, but all areas of Equality*

The Great Lancashire Debate

In other good news, a team of Year 5 pupils, Henry, Charlotte, Brooklyn and Carter, recently entered the Great Lancashire Debate 2025 and we have been informed that not only are they the ***Primary Local Area Winner for Rossendale*** but that we are one of six schools which will participate in the grand final at County Hall later this month. The title of the speech was ***Connecting Our Future – Lancashire 2050*** and this focused on the lack of public transport links in Rossendale. The judges noted:

We were impressed by your confidence and your unique choice of topic which was specific to your local area. You were very persuasive and passionate about making a change.

I know you will join me in congratulating the debate team and wishing them every success at the final.

Remembrance Service

Year 6 are busy preparing for this special service which will take place on 11th November at 10:45am at Edenfield Parish Church. In the lead up to the service, the children are working very hard on a number of projects including the class project which focuses on the fallen service men and women of Edenfield. An art installation will also be completed by the children and be erected on the church railings next Wednesday (6th November) ahead of the service. This will display tributes to the fallen of Edenfield, as well as wonderful poems written by the children. Please keep an eye out for this special work.

Royal British legion / Poppy Sales

Next week, as is tradition, we will be selling poppies and other merchandise such as, badges, rulers, snap bands and key rings to raise money for the Royal Legion. Any small donation for a paper poppy can be made and prices for the other merchandise range from 50p to £2. If your child would like to purchase any of these items, please send the correct change into school and items will go on sale from Monday 4th November.

Christmas Fair

The above event will take place in school on Thursday 28th November from 5pm – 7pm. This event requires a lot of planning and preparation and if you think you could help either with planning the event, or on the night itself, please contact Mrs Lucy Scully, via the school office. The fair promises to include:

- A selection of hot and cold food and drinks
- Prosecco and mulled wine
- Hot and cold drinks including luxury hot chocolate
- Bottle tombola
- Lucky dip stall
- The return of Elf on the Shelf
- Christmas games and activities
- Hair stall
- Face painting
- Craft stalls
- Church cake and gift stalls
- Individual gift stalls run by parents
- Biscuit decorating
- Raffle
- School calendars to order / purchase

If you think you could contribute to any of the above, or if you have new ideas you would like to suggest, please get involved – all help is gratefully received.

PTA

In light of the above event, we are planning to hold the AGM for the PTA this term. This will include electing new committee members as follows:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary

We would love our parents to become involved in the PTA who play such an important role in the life of the school by connecting our school community socially and by raising funds to enhance school experiences for the children. Please keep a look out for the letter to follow shortly with full details of the meeting and how to volunteer to join the committee.

EPIC

This week Class 1 are EPIC because ….

In RE, the children learnt what it means to belong to a faith community. We began by thinking about different ways in which we belong. We belong to our families, our school and our church as we are all part of God's family. We may also belong to different clubs such as gymnastics, football or Rainbows. We looked at different faiths and talked about different items that show people belong to these. For example, Christians may choose to wear a cross, Muslims may have a prayer mat and Jewish people may choose to wear the Star of David. We also looked at different religious celebrations which take place in all religions, such as weddings and welcoming a new baby.

The children talked about how they live their lives as Christians through following in God's word. They feel part of our Christian faith community and enjoy coming together in worships, during prayer and reflection time. By sharing these experiences, the children flourish every day and feel calm, secure and loved.

All that remains is to wish you all a lovely weekend.

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

A Week In Pictures



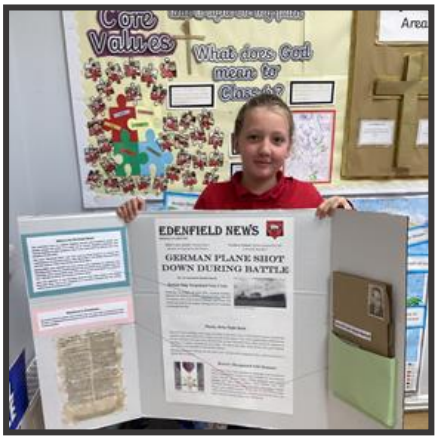
Class 3
Class 3 produced some excellent castle projects!



Class Reception
As part of History Week, the children in Class Reception enjoyed using the '100 Year Old Classroom' as one of their role play areas. They decided that life at school was very different 100 years ago!



Class 2
Class 2 really enjoyed playing Boccia (a game from the paralympics) with Mr Wilson linked to our work on 'disability'.



Class 6
Class 6 completed Remembrance projects including models, artwork, and information based on family members. They will be presenting these in class and as part of the Remembrance Service.



Class 4
Class 4 enjoyed learning about the history of transport in our local area.



Class 5
Class 5 enjoyed making a Parthenon as part of their ancient Greek day with Tony North.



Class 1
Class 1 loved History Week and learnt lots of information about Edenfield. They enjoyed sorting pictures of Edenfield into 'now' and 'then'.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

Autumn Term 2024

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

Day	Activity	Year Group
Mon	**Equality Champions**	Year 6 (Lunchtime club)
Tues	**Ethos Champions**	Year 6 (During school day)
Tues	**Skiing**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tues	**Athletics**	Years 5 and 6 (Aut term 2)
Tues	**Lego Club**	Year 1
Tues	**Boys and Girls Football**	Years 5 and 6
Tues	**Compassion Club**	Years 5 and 6
Weds	**Art Club**	Year 2
Weds	**Singing Club**	Year 4, 5 and 6
Weds	**Infant Sports**	Years 1 and 2
Thurs	**Horse Riding**	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Thurs	**Table Tennis**	Years 5 and 6
Thurs	**Digital Leaders**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime club)
Thurs	**Cricket**	Years 1 and 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 11th Nov	Remembrance Service held at Edenfield Parish Church, 10.45am
Fri 15th Nov	Non Uniform Day (Christmas Fair items)
Fri 15th Nov	Children In Need raffle.
Mon 18th Nov	Class 4 visit to Bolton Museum
Wed 20th Nov	Nasal flu immunisations
Thurs 21st Nov	Class 5 visit to Catalyst Science Discovery Centre
Fri 22nd Nov	Non Uniform Day (Christmas Fair items)
Fri 22nd Nov	PGL second instalment due
Wed 27th Nov	Class 6 visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
Thurs 28th Nov	Class 2 visit to Burnley Football Club
Thurs 28th Nov	Christmas Fair, 5pm-7pm
Tues 10th Dec	Class R nativity performance, 9.30am
Tues 10th Dec	KS1 nativity performance, 1.45pm
Wed 11th Dec	Class R nativity performance, 9.30am
Wed 11th Dec	KS1 nativity performance, 1.45pm
Thurs 12th Dec	KS1 nativity performance, 1.45pm
Tues 17th Dec	KS2 Christmas party AM, KS1/R Christmas party PM
Wed 18th Dec	Whole school awards, 9.15am
Wed 18th Dec	Whole school Christmas lunch
Thurs 19th Dec	Cinderella at the Manchester Opera House
Fri 20th Dec	Christmas Service at church, 1.30pm

Thought of the Week

The small things can make the biggest difference and the little things in life can bring the greatest happiness.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 18th October

Reception Class: Lottie-Luna Taylor, Matilda Sales

Class 1: Reuben Watkinson, Lottie Neave

Class 2: Jack Buggie, Cole Robertson

Class 3: Louie Reid, Matilda Mutez

Class 4: Leo Webb, Abbey Chadwick

Class 5: Hamish Campbell, Riley O'Toole

Class 6: Jake Watson-Hoy

Friday 1st November

Reception Class: Nina Trippier, Mackenzie Robertson

Class 1: Molly Phillips, Oliver Elson

Class 2: Evelyn Hamer, Lily Carter

Class 3: Jack Bowler, All of Class 3

Class 4: Harvey Bracewell, Iris Riding

Class 5: Minnie Chapelhow, Sienna-Louise Farnworth

Class 6: Bay Flynn, Lydia Green

Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service will be held at Edenfield Parish Church on Monday 11th November at 10.45am, all welcome. Refreshments will be available in church from 9.00am in exchange for a donation.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

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

Friday 15th 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 22nd 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.

Children In Need

Our annual Children In Need raffle will take place on Friday 15th November. Further details will be sent home early next week.