Edenfield News

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Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final issue of the newsletter for this half term. We started the year freezing cold with a broken boiler and it still does not seem to be much warmer, however we are already several weeks closer to the start of spring, lighter nights and warmer weather.

Young Voices

Last Friday, children in Singing Club had the most amazing experience at the Young Voices Concert at the Co-op Live Arena. Billed as the largest children's choir in the world, almost 9000 children took part in singing a wide repertoire of musical genres alongside different professional musical and dance performances, including Tommy Blaize, the lead singer on Strictly Come Dancing. It really was an electrifying choir experience where we were able to share the joy of singing on a grand scale.





Athletics

Big congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 athletics team who won their heat and are now through to the final. This takes place on Tuesday 25th February, immediately after half term. Good luck everyone!

PTA

The PTA held an initial meeting on Tuesday 4th February. Due to low numbers, we were unable to elect a committee on that day. However, a group of parents have indicated their support and willingness to take on the committee roles and so another meeting will now take place on Wednesday 26th February at 6pm. At this meeting, we intend to formally elect the committee so if you would like to nominate yourself or another parent, please use the form previously sent home or collect one from the office. Similarly, there is absolutely no pressure to be on the committee; we would love to see you there if you are able to assist in any way in organising future fundraising events. Please note after the initial election, most meetings will take place via MS Teams to fit around work and family commitments.

World Book Day

As always, school are planning an exciting reading week to coincide with World Book Day. This year, our theme will be award winning contemporary fiction. Please keep an eye out for the letter, with full details of the week, when we return after the half term holiday. It will involve old favourites such as: the readathon; read with my grandparent day; and the dressing up parade; as well as new initiatives such as the *Character Champion Challenge* and a new writing competition …

Writing Competition

Encourage your child to get their creative juices flowing over the half term holiday. We would like the children to enter a competition to find the best short story in East Lancashire. The aim of this is for your child to write for pleasure so the plot can be about absolutely anything that interests or excites your child. However, the tips below will come in useful in order to write an effective, well-structured story:

- Create interesting characters
- Use wonderful words and fantastic phrases
- Think about what happens next – build your plot
- Finish with a flourish
- Edit, improve and read aloud

Miss Greenhalgh (English lead) and Mrs Garner will make a shortlist of stories to enter the main competition and these will be announced during reading week. However, all entries will receive a prize from school with main prizes for the best entries from each key stage. This competition is open to all age groups and the deadline is Wednesday 26th February. Successful story writers will be informed if their story had been shortlisted and submitted to the East Lancashire competition.

Uniform

I try to keep the newsletter a celebration of all that is good about our school but I have no choice but to remind all parents of our school uniform policy. Increasing numbers of families are choosing to ignore the policy which is part of the home school agreement. I always provide copies of this policy at least annually, and make everyone aware of the school's expectation around uniform. The main issues arising are: unsuitable footwear, extreme haircuts, and inappropriate PE kits. I have attached the policy today to serve as reminder of what the school expects every child to wear for school. **Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform when we return to school after the half term holiday.**

Worship

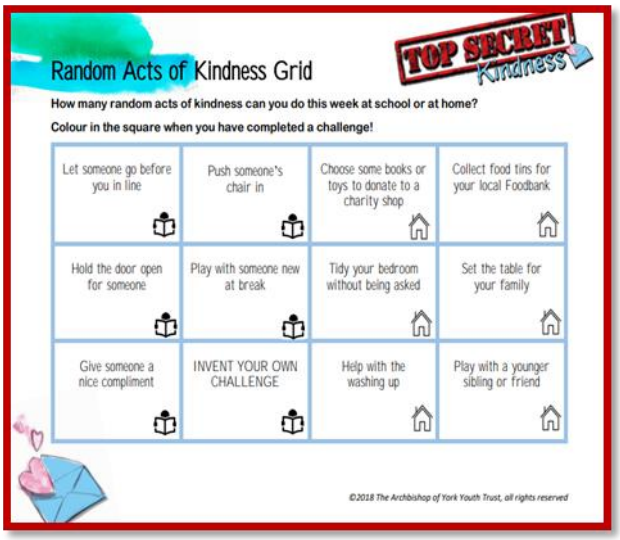
This week, we have focused on the importance of kindness, the power of which can be underestimated. The bible speaks a lot about being kind. In Corinthians, Paul says, 'Love is patient and kind.' In Colossians, we are reminded by Paul to clothe ourselves in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Most of all kindness is a way to do good to everyone, to be patient and forgiving. We agreed that it is a way of acting we can all adopt right now so that we continue to follow in God's footsteps just like our school vision reminds us. When we do something kind for someone else, it makes us feel good because we have helped others feel better. Also, kindness is contagious, one act of kindness can lead to many more. Always be kind.

Epic

This week, Class 1 are EPIC because...

The children have been looking at the values of love and kindness, reflecting on how God shows these qualities to everyone. Through worship, the children have explored kindness further, thinking about how spreading kindness helps us all to feel happy, secure and loved. Demonstrating kindness randomly, without the need for recognition, is something God instils in all of us. God inspires us to be caring and compassionate to everyone, putting other people's needs before our own.

In Class 1, the children have been completing their own kindness challenges, both in school and at home, as part of their Archbishop of York Young Leaders' Award. To mark the National Random Acts of Kindness Day which is celebrated on Monday 17th February 2025, Class 1 invite you to try and carry out some of the challenges listed below. As you complete the challenges, reflect on the positive impact that spreading kindness to those you love has had. Think about how if we continued to spread kindness to everyone, how beautiful our world would be, and how proud God would be of all of us.



All that remains is to wish you a very happy half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 24th February.

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 Reception
Class Reception enjoyed using the outdoor provision as part of their learning and play.



Class 3
Class 3 enjoyed investigating magnetic and non-magnetic materials.



Class 1
Class 1 enjoyed a trip to Staircase House where they reenacted the Great Fire of London; made wattle and daub; and created their own fire marks.



Class 6
Class 6 helped their buddies in Class R to read a special story, as part of the Class R marble in the jar celebration day. The Year 6 buddies encouraged their little buddies to talk about the story they had chosen.



Class 4
Class 4 enjoyed learning about teeth and the digestive system during their trip to Eureka!



Class 5
Class 5 created and performed a dance based on the planets.



Class 2
Class 2 worked in pairs to interview “Neil Armstrong” questions about the moon landing.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

Spring Term 2025

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	**Compassion Club**	Years 5 and 6 (Spring Term 2)
Tues	**Skiing**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tues	**Netball**	Years 5 and 6
Tues	**Reading and Wellbeing Club**	Year 1
Weds	**Lego Club**	Years 1 and 2
Weds	**Art Club**	Year 2
Weds	**Singing Club**	Year 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	**Horse Riding**	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Thurs	**Table Tennis**	Year 5 (Spring Term 2)
Thurs	**Climate Change Club**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	**Digital Leaders**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime club)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 14th Feb	Close for half term
Mon 24th Feb	School re-opens
w/c Mon 3rd Feb	Reading week
Thurs 6th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 10th Mar	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7pm
Tues 11th Mar	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5pm
Thurs 13th Mar	Class 2 visit to Chester Zoo
Tues 18th Mar	Class R visit to Manchester Airport Runway
Thurs 20th Mar	Class 3 visit to Deva Roman History Museum
Fri 21st Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 24th Mar	Class 5 and 6 PGL residential visit
Tues 25th Mar	Class 5 and 6 PGL residential visit
Wed 26th Mar	Class 5 and 6 PGL residential visit
Fri 28th Mar	Class 6 visit to Stratford-upon-Avon
Fri 4th Apr	Easter service at Edenfield Parish Church, 1.30pm
Fri 4th Apr	School closes for Easter
Tues 22nd Apr	School re-opens
Thurs 24th Apr	Class 5 visit to World Museum Liverpool

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

Thought of the Week

Saint Paul says that we should, "clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 7th February

Reception Class: Alistair Patterson, Jax Robinson

Class 1: All of Class 1, Molly Phillips

Class 2: Cole Roberston, Lily Carter

Class 3: William Walker, Jack Mangham

Class 4: Tommy Milne, Isabelle Bowes

Class 5: Connie Formby, Arthur Wilcox-Wood

Class 6: Daniel Sanderson, Ollie Giles

Friday 14th February

Reception Class: Darcie Ashworth, Lottie-Luna Taylor

Class 1: Penelope Cowl, Lottie Neave

Class 2: Jack Buggie, Evelyn Hamer

Class 3: Edie Hayhoe, Stylianos Chelas

Class 4: Cecily Sweet, All of Class 4

Class 5: Jack Seal, Lexi Carter

Class 6: Alfie Archer, Catherine Riley

Toast

If you would like your child to receive toast for the next half term, the cost is £6.00. Please make payment via ParentPay, by 9.00am on Monday 24th February. If you make payment after this deadline, please contact the school office to make us aware.

Red Nose Day

We will be supporting Red Nose Day on Friday 21st March. Red Noses will be available to buy on ParentPay after half term. Further details to follow soon.

Dinner Debts

A reminder, as per our School Meal Arrangements, Payment and Debt Policy, all school meals should be paid for in advance. ParentPay will allow you to apply credit to your account daily, weekly or monthly. Therefore no debit balances should appear on your account. If you have any queries, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

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.