Edenfield News

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Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first issue of the second spring term. It has been an exciting week here in school as 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 **'award winning contemporary fiction'** alongside various events to promote a love of books and reading. These included:

- The annual 'Readathon'
- D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) initiative throughout the week
- Class teacher swap sessions to share the teachers' favourite contemporary children's books and stories
- Dressing up Day and Parade
- 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
- *Character Champion Challenge* competition and Oracy Project
- Read with my 'book buddy'
- Read with a Grandparent Day
- Story Competition

We will also be sharing a whole school presentation for parents and carers on the stories and novels studied, via MS Teams, on Wednesday 12th March at 9:15am.

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

- The focus in Class Reception has been stories set in France alongside stories about travelling and adventure. On Thursday, the children enjoyed listening to the special class book: ***A Walk in Paris.*** In the story, a little girl and her grandad go on an adventure around Paris. The children enjoyed exploring the different places through the detailed and vibrant illustrations. During the week, the children in Class Reception took part in different activities linked to the story, including creating their own Eiffel Towers from Lego and working in the French outdoor shop and French café.

- Class 1 enjoyed reading The Storm Whale by Benji Davies. The children acted out the story in groups, created a role on the wall to describe the main character and explored the feeling of loneliness. They then created their own beach scene using sponge painting, water colours and printing techniques. Links were also made to geography and science before they wrote their own stories and made book covers to match.

- Class 2 have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves into the class text 'Bertha and Blink - Rumble in the Jungle'. They have designed different inventions, explored the contrasting characters and predicted what could happen next in the sequel to the story. They also loved reading with their older buddies in Year 6, as well as their grandparents and parents. A highlight was dressing up and taking part in the parade on World Book Day.

- The children in Class 3 enjoyed reading Ottoline and the Yellow Cat. They described her disguises, wrote postcards from her parents and created stories about naughty dogs and Mr Munroe going missing. They also loved reading with the children in Year 5 and sharing new books together.

- Class 4 read the book 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. They followed the adventures of April as she moved to the arctic with her father and became friends with the last polar bear on Bear Island. The children particularly enjoyed creating art work based on the story as well as learning about how polar bears are affected by climate change.

- Pupils in Class 5 read 'The Treasure Hunters' by Lisa Thompson and explored the themes of the text through discussion and questioning. They researched the life of the author to discover more about her personally, including her route to literary success and her motivation to write. Year 5 wrote letters about their upcoming camping trip, from the point of view of one of the characters, as well as researching dyspraxia – an important theme in the story. To end the week, they created their own treasure hunts just like the children in their novel.

- Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, a thrilling adventure about four children stranded in the Amazon Rainforest after a plane crash. Alongside exploring the story, pupils took part in a range of creative activities. They wrote messages in a bottle and researched and crafted detailed, non-chronological reports on dangerous Amazonian animals. They also shared their top five survival tips - imagining themselves in the shoes of the main characters. The experience culminated in a fantastic celebration on World Book Day, where Year 6 dressed up as characters inspired by the book, bringing the adventure to life with imagination and enthusiasm.

Athletics Competition

Last week, a team of nine boys and nine girls from Years 3 and 4 represented Edenfield in the Rossendale School Games Athletics Final. To earn their place in the final, the team had previously delivered an outstanding performance in the qualifying round, securing first place with strong results in both field and track events.

In the final, Edenfield faced tough competition from the other schools in their group. The team showcased their skill and determination, ultimately achieving an impressive runner-up position, missing out on the top spot by just five points.

Every team member performed brilliantly, and the organisers gave a special mention to Edenfield, noting that the team had been leading the competition after the track events. This recognition highlighted their talent and perseverance and teamwork on the day. Congratulations to all of our athletes in Years 3 and 4!



PTA Update

I am delighted to announce that a new PTA committee was successfully elected at the AGM on Wednesday 26th February. The committee is as follows:

Chair: Tanya Robertson
Vice Chair: Erena Pillitteri
Secretaries: Carolynne Nelson and Isabella Brook-Steel
Treasurer: Nicola Rhodes

Thank you to all those who supported the PTA by attending on the night – it was a record breaking turn out for which the PTA and school are very grateful. After the AGM, an initial brainstorming session led to the planning of the first event for the children ….

PTA Event – Easter Disco (save the date)

The newly elected PTA are thrilled to announce the first fundraising social event for pupils and families. Having consulted with families, this will be two Easter discos (one for each key stage at different, consecutive times) at Marl Pits Rugby Club, both scheduled for Thursday 3rd April. Please keep the date free and see the PTA flyer, sent home separately, for full details.

If you would like to become more involved with the PTA, or future fundraising events, please make contact with the committee above. They have already launched a new PTA Facebook page or members can also be contacted via the school office.

Worship

This week we have been thinking about the season of Lent. This important time in Jesus' life reminds us how he made difficult sacrifices to show his faith and love for God, as well as teaching us to try to put others' needs before our own. Jesus knew that his special powers were given to him to help other people, not himself. Today, we can follow this message by either giving up different foods or treats, during Lent, like Jesus did, or by doing something special for other people at this time. This is our way of saying thank you to God and remembering Jesus' time in the wilderness.

The school also attended the Ash Wednesday service at Edenfield Parish Church, led by Miss Thomas. The children behaved and listened beautifully as we reflected on the sacrifices Jesus made. Everyone was given the opportunity to receive the ash cross to show our belonging to God and the Church. It was a very tranquil service filled with peace.

EPIC



Class Reception are EPIC because …

They have been thinking about how we can live out our faith each and every day by showing kindness, and love to those around us. During Reading Week, they shared the book ***Welcome*** by Barroux, which tells the story of a group of polar bears forced to leave their home when the ice melts. As they travel, they ask different animals if they can stay on their islands, but each time they are turned away. Eventually, they find a new island to call home, and when a boat of monkeys arrives in search of shelter, the polar bears choose to welcome them with open arms - remembering how it felt when they were not welcomed themselves. This story helped everyone reflect on how important it is to make others feel included. We spoke about times when we might have felt left out and how we can ensure everyone in our school and community feels welcome. We know that in the Bible, God tells us, **"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."** – Hebrews 13:2.

With this in mind, Class Reception want to encourage everyone to "look up." Next time you are out and about, instead of looking at a phone, iPad, or magazine, let's look up and notice those around us. Is there someone who might need a smile, a kind word, or a helping hand? Let's be the people who share God's love by living his word each and every day.

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 4
Class 4 created information texts about polar bears.



Class Reception
Class Reception enjoyed working in the outdoor shop and selling lots of French food.



Class 5
Class 5 made bread as part of their DT unit on food staples.



Class 6
Class 6 wrote messages in a bottle imagining they were stranded in a deserted place.



Class 3
Class 3 enjoyed making a human timeline in history, about Boudicca's life.



Class 1
Class 1 worked in pairs to gather ideas for writing their own poetry.



Class 2
Class 2 thought carefully about the characters' appearance, thoughts and feelings when completing roles on the wall for Ratty, Mole, Mr Toad and Mr Badger.

Reading Week















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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

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
Mon 31st Mar	The Last Choir Singing Competition
Wed 2nd Apr	Whole School Awards via MS Teams, 9.15am
Thurs 3rd Apr	PTA discos at Rossendale Rugby Club, KS1 – 5.30pm-6.45pm, KS2 7pm-8.15pm
Fri 4th Apr	Easter service at Edenfield Parish Church, 1.30pm
Fri 4th Apr	PTA Bake sale
Fri 4th Apr	School closes for Easter
Tues 22nd Apr	School re-opens
Thurs 24th Apr	Class 5 visit to World Museum Liverpool
Fri 2nd May	INSET day
Mon 5th May	May bank holiday
Wed 7th May	Class R Learn to Ride
Thurs 8th May	Class R Learn to Ride
Fri 9th May	Class R Learn to Ride
Wed 14th May	Class 1 visit to Smithills Farm
Fri 23rd May	School closes for half term
Mon 2nd Jun	INSET day
Tues 3rd Jun	School re-opens

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 28th February

Reception Class: Emilio Dewhurst, Charlie Sanderson

Class 1: Tommy James, Delilah Howard

Class 2: Eliza Riding, Ivana Holt

Class 3: Joshua Bailey, Alfie Smith

Class 4: Heidi Elmer, Oscar Major

Class 5: Riley O'Toole, Jack Firth

Class 6: Ollie Giles, Penny Milne

Friday 7th March

Reception Class: Rupert Heaton, Eva Brooks

Class 1: Alice Ma, Oliver Foster

Class 2: Ralphie Turner, Lola Carter

Class 3: Seth Onley, Jessie Dawson

Class 4: Lucia Cuddy, Harriet Hayhoe

Class 5: Max Irwin, Freddie Hulme

Class 6: Archie Taylor, Esme Smethurst

Readathon

Readathon sponsorship money can be paid via ParentPay. If you would prefer to bring donated monies, we can accommodate this due to it being a fundraiser.

School website

Can we remind parents that letters, newsletters and term dates can also be found on the school website.

PTA Easter Disco





Thursday 3rd April

KS1 – 5.30pm-6.45pm, KS2 – 7pm-20.15pm

Venue: Rossendale Rugby Club, Marl Pits

£5 per ticket, payable via ParentPay

Reminder - water bottle each day

Please can we remind you to send a water bottle every day with your child. It is important that they can keep hydrated throughout the school day. These can be refilled at school as necessary.

Thought of the Week

Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. (Corinthians 13.8)