



St Edmund's Catholic School News

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A message from Mr Wilson

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Easter! Lent lasts for forty days, but Easter lasts for even longer – right up until the feast of Pentecost on 4th June. So, all of term 5 falls within the Easter season, and I am looking forward to seeing the blossoming of much of the students' hard work this term.

We are delighted to be welcoming the Sion Evangelisation Community into school this week. Please do come along on Thursday evening at 6pm, when members of the team will be showcasing their mission in school this week.

Well done to everyone involved with last term's fantastic performance of *High School Musical on Stage*. I hope everyone keeps their 'head in the game' this term as we run up to the exam season which runs from 8th May to 22nd June.

Finally, I would like to offer our congratulations to Mr McNeill, who ran the London Marathon on Sunday with an incredibly impressive time of 2 hours, 57 minutes and 30 seconds. Mr McNeill has so far raised £591 for Kelly Turner. If you would like to make a donation you will find a link to his "Just Giving" page on our Facebook page.



Dates for your diary:

- Monday 24th – Friday 28th April
- Tuesday 25th April
- Saturday 29th April – Sunday 30th April
- Monday 1st May
- Thursday 4th May
- Thursday 11th May
- Wednesday 17th May
- Thursday 18th May
- Wednesday 24th May – Friday 26th May
- Friday 26th May
- Monday 29th – Friday 2nd June
- Monday 5th June

- Visit from the Sion Evangelisation Community
- Year 7 Subject Consultation Evening 4pm-7pm
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Weekend
- School Closed for Bank Holiday
- Year 9 Option Evening 6pm
- New Intake Information Evening 6pm
- Feast Day Celebration for Kolbe House
- Performance of *Chicken*, 6pm
- Year 9 Retreat to Whitstable
- Year 11 Celebration Mass
- Half term
- Start of term 6

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Don't forget:

- Homework club every evening Monday-Thursday from 3pm until 4pm. Meet in the SEN Room.
- Prayer Meeting Wednesday lunchtimes in the Carmel Centre with Mr Harrison.
- Anyone interested in Horse Riding Club please see Mrs Marsden or Mrs Carter.



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Very well done to everyone involved in last term's production of *High School Musical on Stage*. It was a *Highly* successful production!



Members of the audience not only enjoyed the show, but commented on the sense of togetherness and fun which radiated from the stage. The cast, crew and staff who helped out, certainly were, "all in this together"!



Mr Harrison put in a stellar performance as Coach Bolton, Troy's father. You can see his "Dad dancing" on the school's Facebook page!

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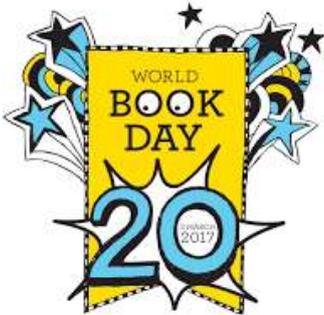




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On Thursday 11th May Year 6 Information Evening will take place. Good transition is something we pride ourselves on at St Edmund's, and what visitors always find striking about our school is the family atmosphere. Older students support the younger students and younger students have been helping to support Year 6 as they prepare to join our school family in September. At the end of March the English Department ran a fantastic trip to The Globe Theatre and Year 6 pupils from St Mary's Catholic School in Deal were invited to join us.

"It was an amazing day," said Faye Austin, Key Stage 1 Leader from St Mary's in Deal. "First we had a tour of Shakespeare's Globe from one of the actors who performs there, and then the students and pupils took part in a drama workshop. It was a great opportunity for our pupils, just over half of our Year 6 children are moving on to St Edmund's in September. The actor who ran the workshop praised the Year 8s and Year 6s for working so well together, particularly as they hadn't met before and didn't (yet!) attend the same school. The trip was excellent because the pupils first of all got to see The Globe, learn about Shakespeare and actually see a play at The Globe, but while enjoying and learning from all of that, they got to meet staff and students from St Edmund's." The trip was a brilliant opportunity for all the students who went along and enjoyed the wonderful performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* which brought Shakespeare's work to life. Thank you to Mr Renihan and all of the English Department for making the day possible.



This year's World Book Day celebrations included a visit from Kathryn Evans, author of *More Of Me*, which was nominated for the Carnegie Medal. Kathryn gave an awe-inspiring talk about her life, the world of publishing, and why reading is so fantastic.

Students also had the chance to get involved with craft events, like making Bookworm bookmarks, as well as taking part in a book swap where they had the chance to talk about books they had read. Sales of refreshments during this event raised £15 for Kelly Turner. Thank you to our wonderful librarian, Mrs Stradling, for all her work organising these celebrations.



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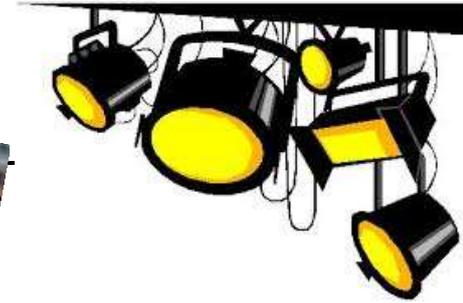
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Spotlight on...Mrs Lively's Super Science Club

When does it happen? [Thursdays at 2.50pm](#)

Where does it happen? [Lab 4](#)

What do you get up to? Last term, among other things, we tested the laws of physics with our Twirly Birds, and did some biology when we learned about lungs. As you can see in the photo, at the bottom of the bottle there is a rubber glove that acts as a diaphragm; push up to represent a relaxed diaphragm, and you 'exhale' – the lungs deflate. Pull the glove down to represent a contracted diaphragm and the lungs inflate (like inhaling).



What's happening this term? This term has a Harry Potter theme. Thanks to Mrs Marsden for some wonderful resources including 'potion' bottles and a book of potions! Students who come along to participate this term will receive a special themed certificate at the end of term!



Thank you to Mr Harrison for organising a trip to Flame 2017. Flame is the largest gathering of Catholic youth in Britain, with young people attending from across Europe. We came alive on God's great dance floor! Here is some of Georgia's amazing photography from our day at Wembley. It was an incredible experience which affirmed, challenged and inspired.



Lord, by your love for those you created, you have lit a spark in the heart of every single person. Help those sparks not to die out, but to become powerful Flames. Bless us as we move forward with our lives, and bless all those we care about. Amen.