



St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

Diocese of Westminster

www.st-edmunds-school.org/website

Follow us on @stedmundsschoo1

Newsletter to Parents **Tuesday 28th February 2023**

Nursery Learning

Our topic this term is 'Books by Julia Donaldson'.



We had lots of fun using salt dough to create our very own Gruffalos!



In maths, we used sponges and paint to print different animal footprints from the Gruffalo story. We then used cubes to measure each animals footprint!



After reading Monkey Puzzle, we grew cress seeds to make our own mini jungles. We loved learning about what the seeds need to grow.

As part of English, we wrote Monkey Puzzle missing posters to help baby monkey find his mummy.



Dear St Edmund's Community,



Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Antonis Antoniou and I have recently been appointed as Head of School for St Edmund's Catholic Primary School.

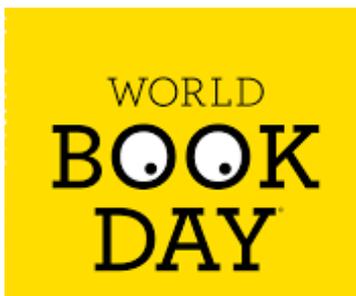
I have over 20 years' experience within the education sector and have enjoyed an interesting and varied career so far, working across both the state and independent sectors, both in UK and overseas. After gaining insight into a range of different educational settings and roles, I am excited to bring my experience in St Edmund's Catholic Primary School.

The past few weeks you have all parents, children and staff made me feel extremely welcomed and part of the community. The coming months are exciting times ahead, with the school beginning to initiate actions towards a common vision and belief that a school should be a place where the children are, above all, happy and learn through Christ. My aim is to create an atmosphere filled with joy and opportunity that fosters a lifelong love of learning. As a school, we will encourage a consistent celebration of achievement, so that each child grows in confidence and aspires to go on to live flourishing lives, contributing in a positive way to society.

I am also passionate about establishing a strong partnership with parents so that they always feel valued as part of their child's education. I also place strong emphasis on the well-being of staff, ensuring that they feel appreciated and supported in their work. Along with our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Amanda Ruthven, and all the staff in St Edmund's we have aligned, in planning a co-ordinated curriculum provision which encompasses the experience of Specialist teachers to enrich our curriculum such as Music, PE and MFL (Spanish). We are also aiming to work in partnership with our sister school, St. Monica's to share best practice and develop all our staff members through Continuous Professional Development schemes and new initiatives. Exciting times are ahead, a special thanks for your continuous help and cooperation in ensuring a successful future for our children.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Antonis Antoniou



World Book day is soon approaching!

This year, World Book Day will take place on **Wednesday 8th March 2023.**

Children will be invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. For more information or inspiration, click on [this link](#).

We encourage families to make a costume with their child, using art, crafts, junk modelling and other resources that can be found at home.



This year, for our Lenten appeal we will be raising money to support the victims of the Turkish and Syrian earthquakes. We will be sending out more information soon.

Class Assemblies



Here are the dates for the upcoming class assemblies:

Thursday, 2nd March: Year 1

Thursday, 9th March: Reception

Thursday, 16th March: Year 6

Thursday, 23th March: Year 5

Thursday, 30th March: Year 4

Assemblies now start at 9am in the hall and finish by 9.15am.

Parents are advised to wait in the playground with their child when it is class assembly for their child.



Do remember, the Daily Mile takes place daily, at 8.40am in the football pitch. If it is raining, children will go straight to their classes.



Parent meetings will take place on **Monday 27th March and Tuesday 28th March.** There will be more information nearer the time. Please ensure your 'eSchools' log in is working in order to book your time with the teacher. Slots will go live on 10th March.

What do our students say about their learning?

Nursery – “We mixed water, salt and flour to make the Gruffalo.” Primrose

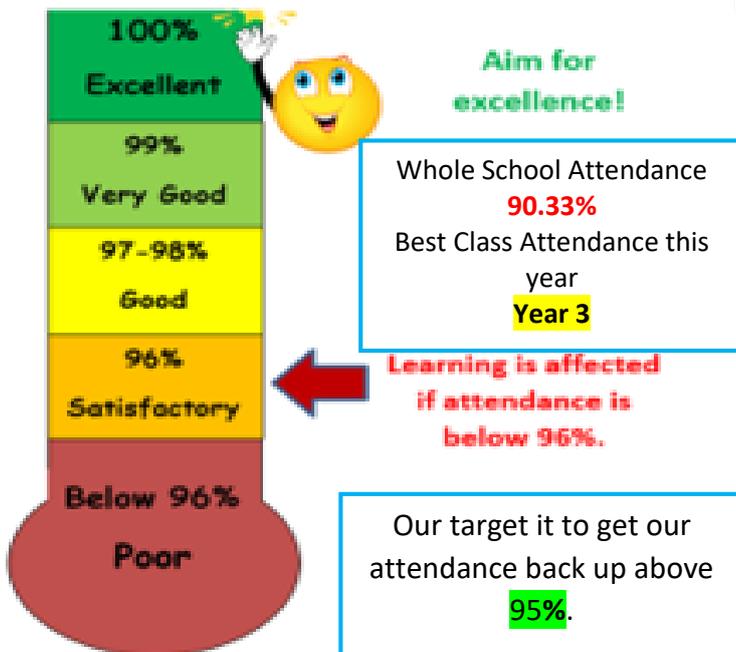
Nursery – “I liked watching the seeds grow.” Denny

Nursery - “We used cubes to measure the footprints.” Sara

Nursery – “The seeds need water and sun.” Andre



St. Edmund's Attendance



Every School Day Counts

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned
5 days absence over the whole year 97% - 100% Good chance of success and progress	20 days absence over the whole year 90% Less chance of success. Harder to make progress	20+ days absence over the whole year Under 90% Detrimental to success and progress

Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

Each week we will be sharing and celebrating the class with the **highest attendance** or the **most improved attendance**.

The class that achieves this award will make healthy smoothies. We understand that some children are unable to attend school every day for various reasons, and we will continue to support them and celebrate their attendance too.

