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PREP NEWSLETTER

20th - 24th November Michaelmas Term Newsletter Issue 9



Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school is starting to come alive with the music and sight of Christmas and it is a joy – and slightly frightening in the best possible way – that in just under two weeks' time our Cygnets Nursery, Reception and Pre-Prep children will be taking to the stage as angels, donkeys and of course so many other prominent Nativity characters. Sent out via parentmail today was an invitation, for the parents and grandparents of those most directly concerned, to the Nativity on the 6th December at 2pm and our thanks for your attention to the RSVP via online link. Of course, anyone is welcome to share some Christmas cheer and historically speaking many have remarked that they consider that special occasion to be the official start of Christmas. Who am I to disagree.

Perhaps with a sense of the festive season ahead in mind, in assembly on Monday, the children and I were reflecting on the theme of Solidarity, one of the six pillars of the Catholic Social Teaching agenda. Our conversation began with some words from the Bible, paraphrased here, 'Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do to unto me'. It's a nice thought to reconsider and review, as we approach Advent, how we engage with one another in the many and various spheres of personal and professional life that we occupy. I continue to be thankful and proud of our own little part of the world and count myself fortunate that around the Prep School anyway, the air is so often filled with the sound of laughter and happiness and of course most importantly, the sound of busy chatter and excitement amongst the children.

My note here this week is written just before the Prep Parent Rep meeting but I will be asking them to convey on the school's behalf, the importance of sending the children into school with their winter coats, which should be school issue. Having reviewed the necessity for waterproofs with the staff this week, we are of more or less resolute mind that yes, the children should have a set of them in school and yes, they must be worn at breaktimes. Getting fresh air, going outside to play, growing in friendship, learning about self-reliance and organisation helps develop resilience, an important aspect of the children's character development. Please please then, make sure that your child has blue waterproofs – from wherever you might source them. Hats, scarves and gloves will soon be needed too. Ah yes – lest I forget, please name EVERYTHING!

Wishing you the best for the weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Cartwright
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep School

Quote

"The oak fought the wind and was broken, the willow bent when it must and survived."
— Robert Jordan, The Fires of Heaven

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Religious Theme

Solidarity

Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: Are worker bees male or female?

A: In the next Newsletter

Q: A lobster has how many legs?

A: 10

Head's Commendations

Nellie Rigby	Maths
George Shipton	Enthusiasm for lessons
Lochlan Barr	Reading
Barnaby Purves	Maths
Tito Adepegba	English
Ryder Easton	English
Adam Bussman	Homework
Alexander Ivnik-Sotiriou	Homework
Kayden Wong	Maths
Jack Button	Science
Hudson Guinchard	Science
Sophie Smawfield	Sharing her knowledge and understanding in coding

Upcoming dates - November

Wednesday 29th	U11 A-D Football v Westbrook Hay (Away)
	U11 A-C Hockey v Heath Mount
Thursday 30th	U11 A & B Boys and Girls Football v Bishops Stortford College
Saturday 2nd December	Form Six Carol Singing at Pearce's Farm Shop

Reminder to bring in your old Christmas Jumpers by 8th December



Join us at
Tiger Club

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Please use the links below to book onto our wonderful Tiger Club over the Easter and Summer holidays.

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CVMW>

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CVNH>

E-Safety

How much time should I spend online (for children aged 4-11)?

The time you spend online should just be one small part of your day alongside other activities like going to school, eating meals, doing homework, playing sports, spending time with family and friends and much more.

Top Tips

Finish homework and chores before going online.
Don't charge devices in your bedroom overnight.
Don't promise friends you can be online at the same time as them.
Put devices down whilst they charge to give yourself a break.
Plan breaks from online activities and stick to them.
If you have any worries, speak to an adult you trust for help.

For more information, visit:

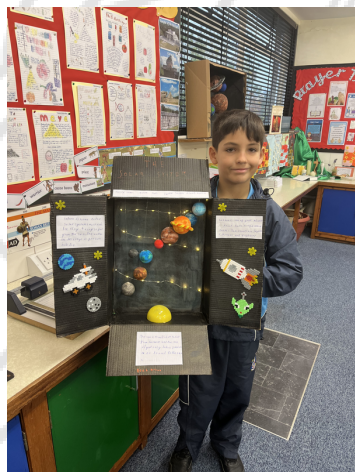
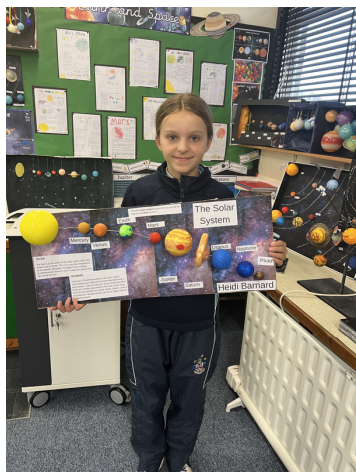
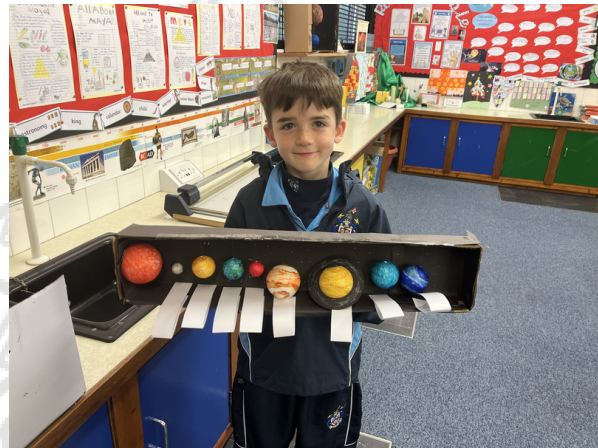
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This week in the Prep

Form 5 Science Project-The solar system

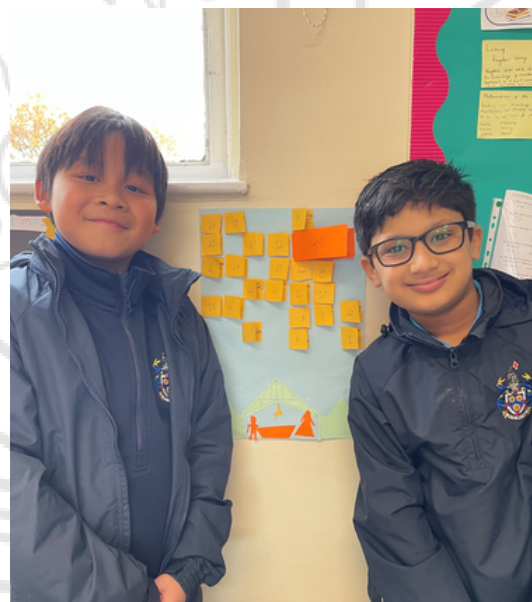
As part of The Earth and Space project Form Five are studying, the children were asked to create their own models of the solar system. over the half term break. They all worked very hard to create original, lifelike and colourful 3D models. They are all different: some light up, some are made from paper mache, some from foil and one is made from clay baubles. Many of the models also give interesting facts about the planets. The projects are on display in the Form Five classrooms. The children are very proud of their work. Well done, Form Five!



Chaplaincy chat

In the Prep we have been learning about Preferential Option for the Poor. This is one of the Catholic Social Teachings. In Forms Five and Six we have made Advent Calendars. Every door is a request to do something or a feeling you should share with others, some include Bible verses. We learnt that we should respect others and donate to the charities that help those less fortunate than ourselves. We realised how many good things we can do for our world and want to share the message that everyone should be kind and make the needs of the poor a priority.

Heidi and Ebele



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Form Six Carol Singing at Pearce's Farm Shop on Saturday 2nd December at 2:45pm (for 3:00pm)

Nativity and Carol Service

Further information is to follow about these two special events in our calendar.



This week in the Prep

St Edmund's Prep Are Crowned NE Herts District Champions

On Thursday 23rd November, St Edmunds Prep travelled to King James Academy in Royston, to participate in the annual North East Herts District qualifier for under 11 football.

Our first match was against Ralph Sadleir. Our team quickly settled into their stride and ended up winning the game 4-2. The second match was against the hosts, King James Academy. Over the years we have had many tough games against this school who are always notoriously strong. On this occasion, our boys ended up on the winning side, thanks to a thunderous long-range strike by one of our defenders. This was reward for the way that our team controlled the match and played throughout the game with such confidence and skill. Our third game was against St Mary's. We won this game 3-0 to set up a final match against Edwinstree.

This game was against the winners from last year and after falling behind, and losing by one goal going into the final stages of the match, our team showed great strength and resilience to come back and win the match 3-2.

We were crowned as North East Herts District football champions. This means that we will go forward to represent our district at two events later on in the school year, qualifying for the county round of the ESFA National Cup and also the Wix County quarter-finals.



Photo of the week

Pet Photography Project - Sophie Smawfield

