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PREP NEWSLETTER

17th November - 21st November Michaelmas Term Issue 9



Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Wednesday evening, the Headmaster of the College, Matthew Mostyn, took to the pulpit of All Saints' Church in Hertford and humbly pronounced, "In all my years as Headmaster, I have never been so proud." He was, of course, speaking of the dynamically magnificent concert of the Carmina Burana, produced and directed by our Director of Music, Andrew O'Brien. To have our Form Six children take part—and to receive plaudits of their own for their conduct and their singing among a choir and orchestra including a gifted group from an Italian music school—made me equally proud.

In classrooms this week, life has been more ordinary in comparison: assessments and lessons of all sorts and scales. We now begin the joyful rush towards the Nativity and our Carol Service, doing so with pride in our children's ambition and potential, and gratitude for the teaching and administrative staff who support them so wholeheartedly.

Over the weekend ahead, some of us will be travelling in support of our U11 Boys' Football Team at the National Finals at Millfield Prep on Sunday and we wish them well. Come on, St Ed's!

Mr S Cartwright

Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep School

Forms for Completion by Parents

- Nativity Form (EYFS - Form 2) complete [here](#)
- Carol Service (Form 3 - 6 but all parents are invited) complete [here](#)
- Whole School Pantomime complete [here](#)

Quote

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

William Butler Yeats

Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: How many sides does a hexagon have?

A: 6

Q: Why are flamingos pink?

A: In next week's newsletter

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Head Commendations

Samuel Adegbite	For a very informative piece of homework on the Tower of London
Noah Haines	For an excellently written piece of historical research that demonstrates a range and depth of historical knowledge and historical enquiry
Audrey Marçal	Using grammar skills accurately
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Mason Moran	Excellent writing, showing an understanding of a story
Hannah Osinibi	For excellent effort and research in her history research project, showing a chronological awareness and range and depth of historical knowledge
Gregory Scott	An informative piece of homework on our trip to the Tower of London.
Derry Tillbrook	Great effort with writing (HPL: Hardworking)

Important Dates - Next Week

Wednesday 26 th November	Inter-House Spelling Bee Forms 3-6 3:00pm - U11A&B Netball v Stormont – Away
Thursday 27 th November	9:00am - 12:15pm U7 Football Festival (Forms 1&2) – Home 3:00pm - U9A&B Netball v Stormont – Away
Friday 28 th November	1:00pm - U11A Netball @ Prep Partnership Cup – Away 1:00pm - U11A Football @ Prep Partnership Cup - Home

Important Dates - This Term

Wednesday 3 rd December	2:00pm – 3:00pm – Nativity Performance EYFS & Pre-Prep
Friday 5 th December	2:30pm – 3:30pm – Prep Carol Service Forms 3-6 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Friends' Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 10 th December	10:00am – 1:00pm – Whole School Panto
Thursday 11 th December	Campion House Charity Event – Santa Run
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day 2:30pm – Term Ends

E-Safety

ABC online safety checklist

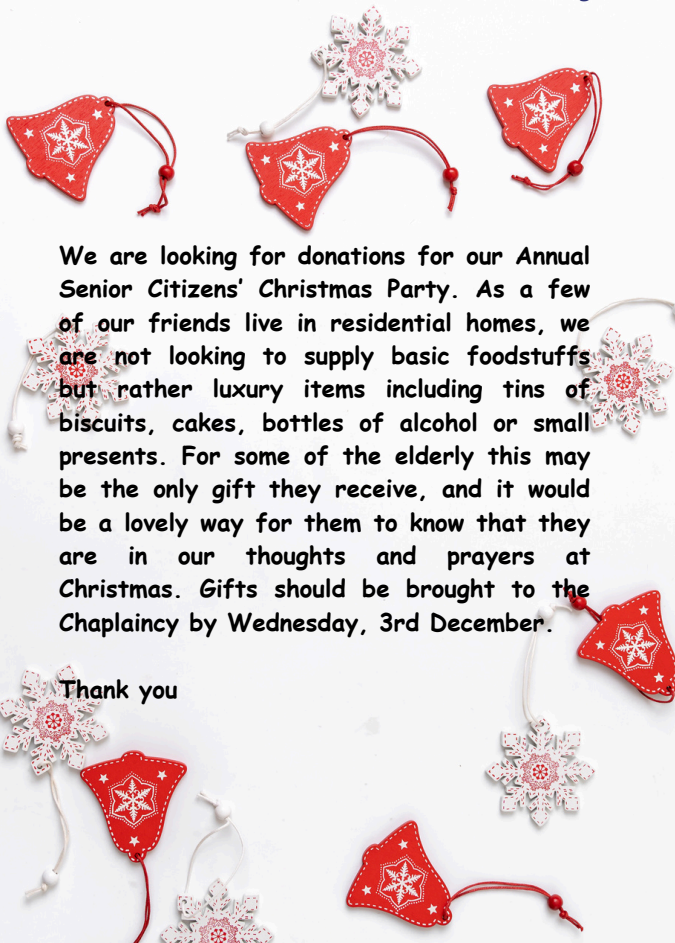
Click on the link below to find age-specific guidance to help children to stay safer on their devices.

A is for: Activate parental controls; B is for Balance screen time; C is for Check and chat.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/abc-online-safety-checklist/>



Donations for our Senior Citizens' Christmas Party



We are looking for donations for our Annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. As a few of our friends live in residential homes, we are not looking to supply basic foodstuffs but rather luxury items including tins of biscuits, cakes, bottles of alcohol or small presents. For some of the elderly this may be the only gift they receive, and it would be a lovely way for them to know that they are in our thoughts and prayers at Christmas. Gifts should be brought to the Chaplaincy by Wednesday, 3rd December.

Thank you

Little Edmundians Toddler Group

Discover the St Edmund's Prep community at our FREE toddler group, with woodland walks, music, rhyme time and stories, crafts and activities.

A weekly morning of stay and play with coffee for parents and carers, especially for little ones aged 6 months to 3 years.

Every Friday morning from 9am to 10.15am, join our team and discover our woodland forest school (weather permitting). Enjoy story-based play and sensory fun, music and singing and of course – coffee or tea for parents and carers!

[Book here](#)

November: The month of Remembrance

Should any parents or guardians have any names of loved ones that they would like remembered through Masses in school this month, please email the Prep Office directly at prep@stedmundscollege.org and we will add the names into our Book of Remembrance, preserved in the St Hugh's Chapel throughout the month of November.

Watch this space.....

Our reading ambassadors are planning something special for Christmas. More on this in the next few weeks!



Jam Jars

Please bring in your filled Jam Jars for the Friends' Christmas Fayre by Thursday 4th December. One house point will be awarded to every child who participates.



This Week In The Prep

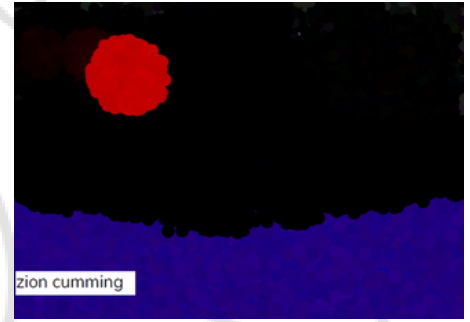


Form 2 - 🎨 Exploring Impressionist Digital Art

This week, Form 2 have been diving into the world of digital creativity by learning how to use a digital art tool to produce artwork inspired by the Impressionist movement.

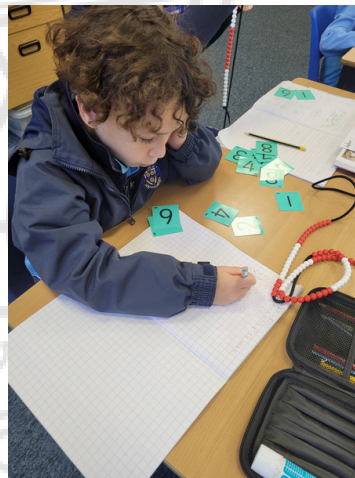
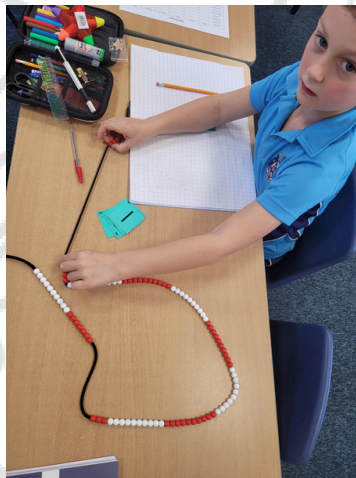
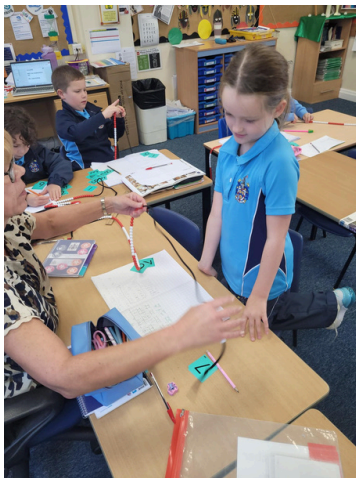
To begin our journey, we explored the work of famous Impressionist artists such as Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir, discussing their techniques, brushstrokes, and use of light. Inspired by their iconic styles, the children then applied what they learned to create their very own Impressionist-style digital masterpieces.

The results were fantastic—full of colour, texture, and imagination. The children embraced both technology and art beautifully!



Form 3 - Maths

Form 3 pupils used manipulatives to explore complements to 100. Through building and discussing number pairs, they discovered patterns such as tens adding to nine and ones to ten. The manipulatives made learning visual, engaging, and helped deepen their understanding of number relationships.



Form 5 - Rockets

Form 5 students enjoyed an exciting Rocket Workshop led by College Science Teacher Mrs Jauncey, learning basic aerodynamics and they also discussed the journey of Apollo 11!

The session sparked creativity and continued their love for science and developed their topic of Earth and Space. Thank you very much to Mrs Jauncey and the amazing College Science department for providing this learning experience for the children.



✨ Stepping back through time! ✨



The school was alive with imagination and excitement as children and staff stepped back in time, each year group immersing themselves in a different decade. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of engaging activities: fact-finding challenges, close studies of key historical events and inspiring figures, and a lively "Guess the Year" competition that had everyone thinking creatively. Every class also enjoyed a fantastic dance workshop, exploring styles inspired by their chosen decade—an energetic highlight that had children smiling from start to finish. It was wonderful to see how confidently the children shared their learning, asked thoughtful questions, and embraced the spirit of the day. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and brilliant costumes made the celebration truly special.

A huge thank you to all our pupils, staff and families for helping to make St Edmund's Day such a memorable and joyful occasion.



Forms 6W and 6M immersed themselves in the 1920s by learning about how life was different in the decade.



Forms 1 and 2 enjoyed learning that on 29th May 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa mountaineer Tenzing Norgay became the first climbers confirmed to have reached the summit of Mount Everest. They also learned about Jackson Pollock, the artist famous for his splatter paintings.

Form 3 dived into a day of exploration and research. They found different items from the 80s decade around the classroom and then proceeded to research and collate information about the different topics.



Tell me what you want, what you really, really want! Nursery and Reception children enjoyed looking at technology such as old mobile phones, a video player and the videos. The Reception children made a 90's name card and the Nursery children made a collage of 90's memorabilia.

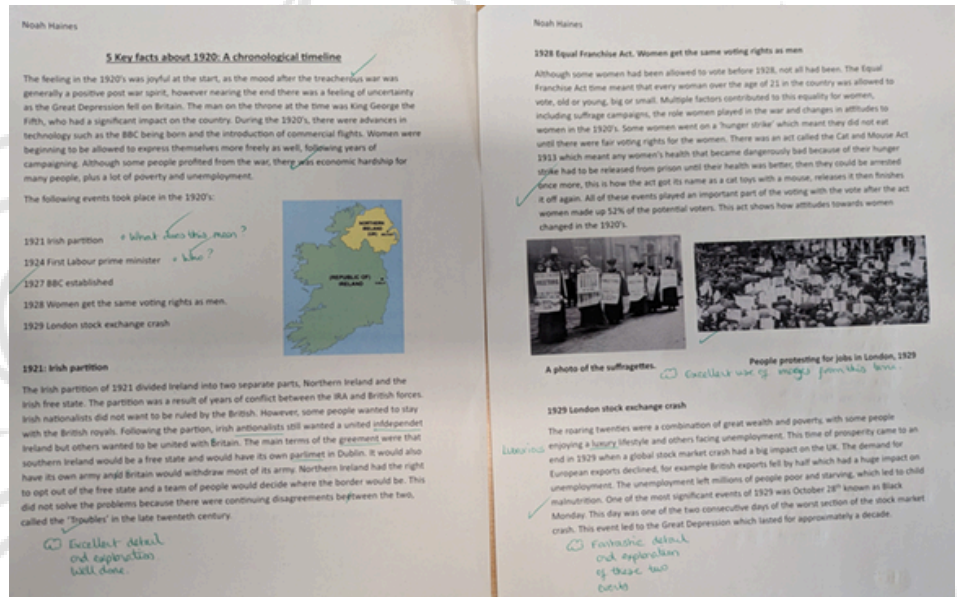
Stepping back through time! ✨

Form 5 children learnt about 'Operation Pied Piper', where children were evacuated from large cities to the countryside during WW2. The class looked at what they might pack in their suitcase if evacuated and wrote a letter home to their parents as if they were an evacuee living away from home in the countryside.



Congratulations to our Guess the Year competition winners!

- 1 Winner: Aden in Form 5B
- 1 Runners up: Tilly in 6M Bella and George in 6W



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Mass for St Edmund's Day

After dance workshops throughout the morning and early afternoon – 1920s (Form 6), 1940s (Form 5), 1950s (Forms 1 and 2), 1960s (Form 4), 1980s (Form 3) and 1990s (Nursery and Reception) – the Chapel was a colourful sight as we gathered together for our annual Mass to celebrate our patron saint. Children and staff enjoyed singing our school Hymn to St Edmund at the start of the Mass and 'Oh When the Saints go Marching In' at the end.

Carmina Burana

All their hard work in rehearsals with Mr O'Brien (College Director of Music) over the course of this term resulted in a performance that will surely linger long in the memory of our Form 6 pupils. They took to the stage alongside the College Schola Cantorum, Cantores and Elements choirs, staff and parents, and the College Orchestra, in an exciting performance at All Saints' Church, Hertford, on the evening of Wednesday 19th November. Well done to Form 6, who experienced a long day of rehearsals and an evening performance, in which, impressively, they followed their musical scores, singing in both German and Latin. Thanks are due to Form 6 parents for your support of this special event and to Mrs Habergham (Form 6 LSA) who accompanied the trip.



Photo of the Week

UV Paint & Light Photography Photography Project - Brooke Sales

