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PREP NEWSLETTER

9th March - 13th March Lent Term Issue 8

Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A list of synonyms, and a challenge for you to guess the root word: genuineness, originality, legitimacy, truth, factuality, actuality, verity... the word? Authenticity.

There is something about authenticity that I have always found deeply inspiring.

Following our Oz-themed day last week, one kind parent wrote in thanks and commented on the "genuinely authentic ethos of care for the children." Our aim, of course, was to inspire and engage the children in a continued love of literature, broadening imaginations and stretching and supporting them along the way. In doing so, the staff team — supported in no small way by you, our parent body — reflected clearly the strong and passionate authentic ethos and heart of the school.

Authenticity and heart are two things that are both priceless and rare. Here, in the St Edmund's community, we are blessed to count them in abundance. I hope that you enjoy the newsletter this week and find time to reflect on the joy and wonder created that day, savouring the fact that — though it might take a jolly great deal of hard work and sacrifice — we are blessed to count ourselves part of this community, and blessed all the more so for being a cherished and authentic part of it.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Cartwright

Headmaster
St Edmund's Prep

Religious Theme

Catholic Social Teaching - Community and Participation

Quote

"Make a pact with yourself today to not be defined by your past. Sometimes the greatest thing to come out of all your hard work isn't what you get for it, but what you become for it. Shake things up today! Be You...Be Free...Share."

— Steve Maraboli, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: What is the centre of our solar system?

A: The Sun.

Q: What English city had a great fire in 1666?

A: In the next newsletter.

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Head Commendations

Samuel Adegbite	For an excellent piece of creative writing.
Gabriel Daodu	Excellent creative piece using a range of grammatical devices to convey a disastrous atmosphere.
Jessica Driscoll	For a wonderful piece of creative writing that considered vocabulary choices and sentence structure.
Noah Haines	For an excellent piece of creative writing.
Marcus Hartley	For an excellent piece of creative writing.

Important Dates - Next Week

Monday 16 th March	1:00pm – U11A&B Netball @ Beechwood Park Tournament - Away
Tuesday 17 th March	1:30pm – 4:00pm Forms 3-6 watch Wizard of Oz College Performance 3:00pm – U9A-C Netball v Bishops Stortford College - Away
Wednesday 18 th March	Mayne Charity Event – See newsletter article for additional information 2:30pm – U11A&B Girls Football v Beechwood Park - Away 3:45pm – U11A&B Boys Hockey v Woodford Green Prep
Thursday 19 th March	3:00pm – U9A and U8A Rugby v Duncombe - Home 3:00pm – U9A-C Girls Football v Duncombe - Home
Friday 20 th March	Grade Cards Live to Parents 9:30am – 12:30pm College and Prep Open Morning 3:30pm – U11A&B Boys Hockey v Heath Mount - Home

Important Dates - This Term

Monday 23 rd March	5:00pm – 8:00pm Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 24 th March	2:00pm – Easter Story Production (Forms 1-6) – Doors Open at 1:30pm
Wednesday 25 th March	5:00pm – 8:00pm Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 26 th March	2:30pm – Lent Term Ends. No Tea Time Club
Tuesday 14 th April	Trinity Term Starts

E-Safety

[What is Monetisation? Online safety guidance for parents.](#)

Monetisation is how content creators earn money through views, which means that content with higher engagement (likes, comments or shares) can reach more people and earn more money. Some creators may attempt to drive engagement through whatever means possible. This can lead to the spreading of disinformation and posts which intentionally provoke anger or frustration.

Help your child to train the algorithm by encouraging your child to follow uplifting content and positive accounts. Please remember that YouTube, TikTok and snapchat have a 13+ guide.

For the full article, please visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-monetisation-online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

World Book Day – Welcome to Oz



After months of secret planning, the moment for World Book Day surprises finally arrived. The night before, staff – together with two wonderfully talented parents – worked late into the night transforming the school. By morning, St Edmund's had become Oz.



The Wonderful Wizard of St Ed's... or perhaps Oz... welcomed children and parents to a day filled with fun, creativity and learning. A yellow brick road wound through the corridors, guiding pupils to their classrooms and the adventures awaiting them.



Perform Theatre Company launched the day with workshops bringing The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum to life. Younger pupils enjoyed learning dazzling choreography from the Buntingford School of Dance, while the Art room buzzed with biscuit decorating and colourful bookmark making.

There wasn't only one tornado in the meeting room – pupils created swirling cyclones in jars in the science room. Outside, the PE team led energetic orienteering across the field and in the library, Mrs Crook delighted children with games and quizzes based on the story.

To round off the day, Mrs Christodoulou led a joyful assembly celebrating books and reading, with a special surprise performance from the College students ready for their curtain call for the college production.



Heartfelt thanks to all involved in enabling this spectacular event. A wonderful day was had by all – and as Dorothy reminds us, "there's no place like St Edmund's."



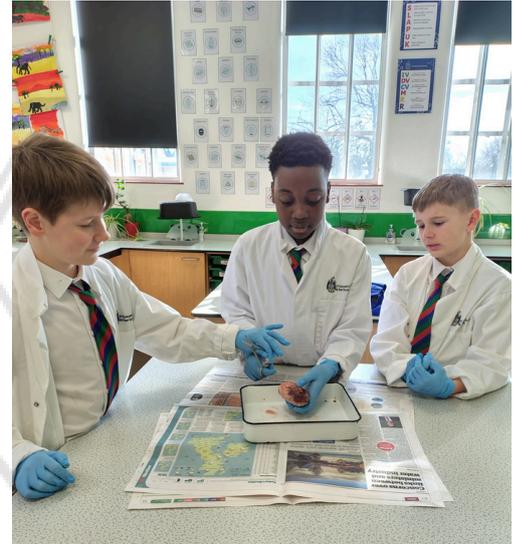
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Form 6 - Science

To support their Science curriculum, Form 6 took part in a hands-on investigative experience dissecting a lamb's heart. The children worked in groups identifying each part of the heart and found the experience fascinating. The children realised the benefits of the session with one child stating that it was amazing to see a real heart rather than just look at images. The College staff responded to a barrage of questions which helped to consolidate their learning. A truly memorable experience for all of Form 6 and one that will inspire them to continue to ask more questions about the human body.



Form 3 - Forest School

Form 3 had a fantastic time at Forest School this week, embracing the outdoors with curiosity and confidence. The mud kitchen was a clear favourite, inspiring imaginative play and teamwork. The children explored, created, and discovered!





Performing Arts



Congratulations to Phoebe and Audrey on achieving Distinction in their recent ballet exams! 🎭🌟



Eco Corner

Eco Ideas

The Eco Ambassadors have thought of little ways we can try to be more Eco conscious in and around the school as well as in our lives.

If you have a garden, use a compost bin.



Book Fair News

Thank you for your support at the book fair. Thanks to your generous purchasing, we have raised over £450 of rewards to spend on books for our school.

Photo's of the Week

Nature Photography Project
Rafe Weston



Nature Photography Project
Faustine Bussmann





Mini Mondays **little EDMUNDIANS** Forest Fridays

Our Mini Mondays toddler group sessions offer a free weekly morning of stay and play, with coffee for parents and carers, for little ones aged 1 to 4 years. With staff-led indoor and outdoor activities, including plenty of engagement in an educational environment, this is an ideal opportunity to explore imagination, communication, and social skills, while encouraging motor skills and coordination through play.

Join us on Mondays from 9.15am–10.30am, in the Prep School.

[Book Here](#)

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. [Book here](#)

Mayne Charity Event - Wednesday 18th March

Mayne Charity Sponsored Maths Event

Children from Forms 1 to 6 will be taking part in a sponsored maths quiz to raise money for our Charity Roots and Shoots. Please could you sponsor your child on how many questions you think they will get correct. The sponsorship form will be in your child's bookbag and is also attached to the Friday mailing. There will be 15-20 questions in total.

Nursery and Reception will be choosing their favourite number and attaching that number of items to their uniform, eg: 7 badges or 7 stickers. Any donation would be gratefully received. Thank you for your continued support.

Breakfast Club

Late arrivals Breakfast Club: The Breakfast Club doors close at 7:55am promptly each day. In the event of reported bad traffic, every effort is made to afford some latitude to the door. We will endeavour to make a final check at the door shortly after 8am, but no later than 8:05am.

For all bookings, please continue to email wraparoundcare@stedmundscollege.org

WCSA & Tiger Club Easter Holiday Camp

Following the success of our February Holiday Camp, we're excited to be running another camp at St Edmund's College & Prep School working alongside Mr Goodfellow and Miss Dee and their Tiger Club team.

Please see our attached flyer for our list of activities. Further information can also be found on the [Water Creations Swim Academy website](#) and you can book your space [here](#).

Easter Camp Dates:

 Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

 Ages 3 - 12

Early bird discounts are ending soon.

We look forward to welcoming your children for a fantastic April half-term experience!

Kind regards,

WCSA Team

Water Creations Swim Academy



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EASTER CAMP

30 MARCH - 2 APRIL
7 - 10 APRIL

AN EGG-CITING HOLIDAY
CAMP THAT CHILDREN LOVE

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3-12



WHY JOIN US?

EXPERT PROGRAMMES

- Daily Swimming
- Sport & Group Activities
- Arts and Drama
- Outdoor Adventures

PRICES

3-4 Year Olds
9 AM - 1 PM
From **£24***

4-12 Year Olds
9 AM - 4 PM
From **£44***

Extended Day: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

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*EARLY BIRD (ENDS 13/03) + BLOCK BOOKING DISCOUNTS
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