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PREP NEWSLETTER

27th April - 1st May Trinity Term Issue 2



Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In a first for both the College and Prep School, half of our Form Five cohort and almost all of our Form Six pupils proudly participated in Monday Night is Music Night last week. Thank you, parents, for your support of the children and the school.

Mr Mostyn described it as perhaps the finest concert he had seen during his tenure, praising both its quality and range. More than that, however, it served as a powerful reminder of what a school concert truly represents.

A public musical performance says much about a school's ethos. It reflects opportunity, showing a commitment to developing children not only academically, but also creatively, emotionally and socially. It demonstrates confidence, courage and high standards, while also revealing the teamwork, discipline and perseverance that excellence requires. Above all, it speaks of community and of a belief in nurturing the whole child. In many ways, a school concert is a public expression of a school's soul.

The following afternoon, many of you also joined us for our Prep Hall recital, where around thirty children performed beautifully. Once again, we marvelled with pride at the talent, ambition and joy of our most amazing and simply inspiring students.

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend — and please do say a prayer for great weather next week as Forms Five and Six head off on their residential adventures. Happy packing (and don't forget bin liners for wet clothes...).

Yours happily,

Mr S Cartwright
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep School

Religious Theme

Dignity of Workers

Quote

"I know not all that may be coming, but be it what it will, I'll go to it laughing."

— Herman Melville, Moby-Dick

Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: What bird can fly backwards?

A: A hummingbird.

Q: What is faster, the speed of sound or the speed of light?

A: In next week's newsletter.

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Head Commendations



Araminta Forbes	For working in a group to create an excellent sound story in our computing lessons.
Samara Geraldine Kitone	For working in a group to create an excellent sound story in our computing lessons.
Sammuel Junior Kitone	Creating: wonderful art work depicting the Holy Spirit.
Audrey Marçal	Analysing: Answering questions thoroughly and in detail, using clear evidence to support findings and conclusions.
Ariana Payne	For working in a group to create an excellent sound story in our computing lessons.
Noah Pillai	Agility.

Important Dates - Next Week

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th May	Forms 5 & 6 Residential to Norfolk Lakes (return Friday 8 th May)
Friday 8 th May	Bikeability Level 1 (Forms 3 & 4)

Important Dates - This Term

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th May	Forms 5 & 6 Residential to Norfolk Lakes (return Friday 8 th May)
Friday 8 th May	Bikeability Level 1 (Forms 3 & 4)
Monday 11 th May	Inter-House Cross Country
Wednesday 13 th May	6:30pm-8:30pm – Form 5 Parent’s Cheese and Wine Evening, College
Thursday 14 th May	Pre-Prep Music, Drama and Dance Morning Whole School Mass (Ascension)
Friday 15 th May	Southworth Charity Fundraising Event
Monday 18 th May	Form 4 Residential to SPEC
Wednesday 20 th May	Sports Day Field Events
Friday 22 nd May	Sports Day – Nursery and Reception in the morning, Forms 1 to 6 in the afternoon After School Parent & Staff Sport and Social 5:00pm-7:00pm
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May – Half Term	
Monday 1 st June	First day back to school after half term
Friday 5 th June	8:45am-9:45am – Welcome Back Coffee Morning with Mr Cartwright, Griffiths Room (College)
Monday 8 th June	Assessment Week
Tuesday 9 th June	Moving Up and New Students Induction Day
Friday 12 th June	2:00pm – EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic 3:00pm – Reception to Form 1 Parent’s Transition Meeting
Friday 19 th June	8:45am-9:45am – Forms 1 & 2 Father’s Day Celebration (Prep Hall) Form 2 Big Camp Out (until the morning of Saturday 20 th June)
Monday 22 nd June	Colour Run (Southworth Charity Fundraising Event)
Thursday 25 th June	2:00pm – Prep Prize Giving, Butler Hall
Friday 26 th June	Nursery & Reception Shepreth Wildlife Park Trip
Saturday 27 th June	Exhibition Day
Monday 29 th June	2:00pm – Mass (Celebration of First Holy Communion Children)
Thursday 2 nd July	6:30pm – Prep School Production with refreshments from 5:45pm
Friday 3 rd July	6:30pm – Prep School Production with refreshments from 5:45pm Reports live to parents
Monday 6 th July	Form 6 Parents & Children’s Leavers Party
Wednesday 8 th July	Final Assembly 2:30pm – Last day of term finish (no Tea Time Club)



Pre-Prep Performance

The Pre-Prep Performance morning will take place on Thursday 14th May. Invitations to parents of pupils in Forms 1 and 2 will follow soon.

College Dog Show

All Prep children are warmly invited to attend the College Dog Show with their parents from 3.30pm, should they wish to. Children may make a donation and purchase refreshments as their contribution towards the event.

E-Safety

Reducing Your Child's Screen Time and Digital Footprint

Children today are growing up in a digital world. While there are many benefits, it's also important to think about their digital footprint — the information they leave behind online through clicks, posts, downloads, and app use. This can build up over time, often without children realising it. There are simple steps families can take to help manage this, such as reviewing privacy settings, limiting screen time, and talking openly about safe and responsible online behaviour.

For helpful advice and practical tips, please visit:

[Digital Footprint - what you need to know](#)

With the warmer weather and longer days, it's a great opportunity to encourage children to spend more time outdoors. Fresh air and active play not only support physical health and boost mood, but also help children learn, explore, and develop important skills. Why not try family walks, nature treasure hunts, or simply allow time for unstructured play outside?

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.

Do not waste food and only cook the amount that you will eat.



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This Week In The Prep



Sunshine, Science & Budding Botanists

Sunshine and science made the perfect combination for the start of Form 1's Growing Plants topic. Our young botanists explored the school grounds, spotting and identifying as many plants as they could along the way. With sharp eyes and plenty of enthusiasm, they discovered the wonderful variety of greenery around them. Their curiosity is already in full bloom, and we look forward to seeing their knowledge grow throughout the topic.



A Roaring Adventure in Nursery

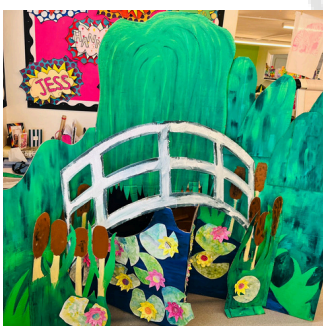
Nursery have been enjoying an exciting topic all about jungle animals. The children have explored the wonderful world of the jungle by painting their favourite animals, singing lively songs, and dressing up as zebras, tigers, and lions. They have also had great fun using their imaginations in our very own Jungle Café.

Alongside all the excitement, the children have been learning fascinating facts about jungle animals too. Did you know that a group of zebras is called a dazzle of zebras? What a brilliant discovery.



Exploring Impressionism: Forms 1 & 2 Discover Monet

Forms 1 and 2 have been investigating Impressionism in art. They explored the work of Claude Monet and discussed his paintings in detail, focusing on his unique artistic style and use of colour and light. Working collaboratively, the children created their own version of his famous Water Lilies painting.





Form 3's Memorable Residential Adventure

Form 3 enjoyed an exciting one-night residential visit to Longridge Activity Centre, packed with adventure, teamwork, and fun. Throughout their stay, the children enthusiastically took part in a range of activities designed to challenge and inspire them.

They worked together during the team challenge, developing valuable teamwork and problem-solving skills, while the Nightlight activity encouraged clear communication and cooperation. There was plenty of excitement during the fast-paced laser tag sessions, as well as lots of laughter with crate stacking and the energetic fun of aero ball.

The residential was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to build confidence, support one another, and create lasting memories together.



Form 4 Become Tropical Weather Presenters

Form 4 have been exploring the fascinating topic of climate in the Tropics. Through their learning, the children developed their understanding of what the Tropics are, where they are located around the world, and how tropical climates differ from the climate we experience here in the UK. Working in pairs, each group was given a city located within the Tropics and tasked with researching its typical weather conditions. Using their findings, the children then created their own weather forecasts before presenting them to the rest of the class as professional weather presenters. The forecasts were creative, informative, and delivered with great confidence. It was wonderful to see the children speaking so enthusiastically and using geographical vocabulary accurately. A fantastic effort from all of Form 4!



This Week In The Prep



Performing Arts



Monday Night is Music Night Concert

On Monday evening, Prep pupils from Forms 5 and 6 took to the stage alongside College students for the annual Monday Night is Music Night concert in the Douay Hall. It was a wonderful evening of music, celebrating the talent, dedication, and enthusiasm of pupils across the school. Form 5, supported by Form 6, delivered a thrilling performance of The Battle of Jericho, followed by a moving rendition of Wade in the Water from Form 6. Both groups impressed the audience with their confidence and musical ability, fearlessly tackling challenging harmony lines and showcasing the wealth of talent within the Prep.

Form 6 then joined the College Schola Cantorum for an uplifting performance of The Rhythm of Life, singing in up to three concurrent parts at times. Their commitment and hard work were evident throughout, and they proved themselves to be a true credit to the Prep. Following their own performances, the pupils were able to enjoy the rest of the concert, which featured the College orchestra, wind and string ensembles, and the rock band. These inspiring performances gave many Prep students an exciting glimpse of the musical opportunities that await them in the College.

A huge congratulations to all who took part for their dedication and superb performances. Thank you also to all parents and guardians whose support and encouragement helped make the evening such a success.

Prep Concert

On Tuesday this week, more than thirty Prep students from Forms 3 to 6 took part in the annual Prep Concert, delighting the audience with an afternoon of outstanding musical performances.

The programme featured a wonderfully diverse selection of music, ranging from rock to baroque, and highlighted the impressive breadth of talent within the Prep. Pupils performed on a wide variety of instruments, including piano, violin, cello, recorder, flute, drum kit, guitar, and voice. Each performer brought their own confidence, individuality, and musical flair to the stage, creating a truly memorable celebration of the students' hard work, dedication, and love of music. It was a fantastic showcase of the enthusiasm and talent that continues to flourish across the Prep.

A special thank you goes to all the visiting music teachers for preparing their students so well, to Mr Pringle for accompanying pupils on guitar, and to the parents and guardians whose support and attendance helped make the concert such a success.

Photo of the Week

Shutter Speed (Movement) Photography Project

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