



# ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL CANTERBURY



## Pre-Prep Newsletter

28th June 2019

Dear Parents

Thank you all for the support you have given the children and staff this week in our mad whirl of events.

At our non-uniform day on Tuesday we raised £81 for the RNLI. Thank you for your donations.

It was lovely to see so many Grandparents on Wednesday finding out about what their grandchildren get up to all day. It was a pleasure to meet them all. Later that day we were proud to open the first Pre-Prep Art Exhibition as part of the St Edmund's Festival. The children had worked very hard in preparing the work and the staff in mounting and displaying all of the creations. I think you will agree that it is a wonderful exhibition. If you have not seen it yet, please do pop in one morning or at pick up time.

On Thursday the three older classes sang a beautiful song in the Music Festival and a number of soloists and small groups played instruments. It was a great way to get the young children used to performing and we certainly have some talent in our midst. I am pleased to say that later in the day Mael won the piano elementary class and came second in the musical theatre class. This success comes on top of a super busy week when he sang Elgar's The Apostles in Canterbury Cathedral with the Canterbury Choral Society on Saturday and achieved his Trinity Grade 2 Piano and tomorrow he is dancing for the Royal British Legion's Armed Forces Day! Well done, Mael.

In the afternoon we had a wonderful Sports day organised brilliantly, as usual, by Mrs Millard. The children showed off their skills, ran their fastest and behaved very well. They were also delighted with their real gold medals.

Your child's report will come home with your child today. If your child is not at school, today it will be put in the post. If you would like to discuss your child's report with your class teacher please can you make an appointment, after school, from Monday to Wednesday next week.

I hope you will all be able to join us for our End of Year Service and Prize Giving on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45pm in the Chapel. All the children will be taking part.

I am delighted to announce that St Edmund's has been shortlisted for the Independent School of the Year Awards 2019 in the category of "Performing Arts". The judges will make their decision on the winner in October, but to be shortlisted is a tremendous achievement and a fitting tribute to the extraordinary work done by pupils and staff in music and drama across the 3-18 school.

Best wishes

Head of Pre-Prep



## Dragonflies

16 Ancient Egyptians arrived at school on Monday - it was the Dragonfly class's Ancient Egyptian Day! The Ancient Egyptian children studied artefacts - and learnt what they were for; ordered the jobs needed to build pyramids; carved scarab beetles from soap; made Lego pyramids and they finished their fun day with the infamous "Wrap a Mummy" game - involving lots and lots of loo roll!

As well as rehearsing their dance for Abba-Dabba-Doo next week we have also had our Sports Day, had a very fun afternoon in our new Form 3 classroom and enjoyed performing and listening to wonderful music in the Music Festival.

There has been a little time for work too - we have been learning about Ancient Egyptian gods and goddess (Mrs Sherwin's Top Trumps game proving a very popular way to learn the gods!) and have created our own god or goddess, choosing special powers and symbols inspired by those we are learning about. What a busy week!



***Mrs Sherwin***



## Cricket

What a packed week the Crickets have had! It was an absolute pleasure to welcome the children's grandparents and to share work and activities that they have completed. There was lots of laughter and chatting and the class proudly waved them off at the end of the morning. The children enjoyed visiting their new class and Mrs Sherwin on 'Move up afternoon' and came back excitedly swapping experiences. Following our work on going to the seaside, we have used drama, film clips and a picnic basket of clothes and props to inspire us to write stories. We have used adjectives, similes, metaphors and connectives to describe experiences. In Maths, we have used cards to describe the place value of numbers and revisited areas from the maths curriculum that we have learnt this year, including time, shape and money. What a fun Sports Day we had! It was a chance to show our families all the skills we have been learning and how we work well in teams. Our art exhibition has made us feel very proud and grown up and we used the opportunity to visit the senior school art department to admire their work. We are now very excited to one day create masterpieces over there!

***Mrs Purnell***







## Honey Bees

The Honey Bees have had a busy, exciting week!

The children enjoyed their last swimming lesson of the year on Monday. They should be very proud of themselves and how far they have come on with their swimming this year; it has been lovely to watch their progress.

Wednesday was a jam-packed day, full of lots of exciting events. The Honey Bees loved welcoming their Grandparents in for the morning and they enjoyed sharing all of their lovely work with them. There were certainly lots of proud Honey Bee Grandparents. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed spending time with their new teacher Mrs Purnell, in preparation to be a Cricket next year. The children came back buzzing and they were wearing fabulous Cricket hats, which they had carefully made during the afternoon.

The children worked hard on their art exhibition pieces and it was super to see them all on display in the hall. I know the children enjoyed showing their families around the exhibition and again they should be proud of their hard work.

Wow! I was so impressed with team Honey Bee during Sports Day. They all took part in each of the stations to the best of their ability and they all ran extremely well in the running races. It was a lovely afternoon.

**Miss Bodle**



## Ladybirds

The Ladybirds have had a wonderful week learning from the award winning book, Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. The class have thought about what makes a good friend and why it is important to think about others' feelings. Sharing has been an important theme. We have, of course, enjoyed lots of rainbow fish art activities with the children undertaking some fabulous colouring in and creating their own wonderful watercolour rainbow fish along with Brusho work underwater pictures for the rainbow fish to be stuck onto. Some really stunning work. In maths the children have had fun giving the rainbow fish a specific number of pebble bubbles to match a given number, with some children working up to 20. They have also been sorting and sequencing different sized rainbow fish cut outs. The older children have also been using the interactive white board to undertake simple addition work. The younger children have worked hard using tweezers to move pom poms onto a rainbow fish cut out to give it different coloured scales. Great fun but very hard work!

The children are watching carefully for the emergence of the butterflies. As this is being written we have one just about to emerge from its chrysalis... a wonderful learning opportunity for the children.

**Mrs George**





## Looking Ahead

<b>W/b 1st July</b>	<b>PP Parent consultations</b>
<b>1st July</b>	<b>Ladybird trip to Broadstairs</b>
<b>3rd July</b>	<b>Trip for Honey Bee, Cricket and Dragonfly classes to see 'Peter and the Timber Wolf' and Quex Park.</b>
<b>4th July</b>	<b>PP End of Year service 2:45pm in Chapel (All children will be taking part and parents welcome)</b>
<b>5th July</b>	<b>PP term ends 2:30pm (Late stay only for those with siblings in Junior School until 3.00pm or Senior School 3.30pm)</b>

## Notices

There will be a second hand uniform sale on Monday 8th July from 10.00-11.00am and on Monday 2nd September from 5.00-6.00pm. If you would like to donate, sell or buy any items please come along. If you are selling clothes please can you let me know and leave your child's name labels on each item.

## What's On

### St Edmund's Festival 26 June - 2 July

There are still tickets available over the next few days. **Fairy Tales** (drama production), **Salsa Dancing** workshop, **Open Water** (acoustic folk-inspired music in the Marquee), **A Soulful Celebration** (a night of soul and big band music), **Passion** (music and drama to celebrate 'passion'). Tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-edmunds-school-canterbury>

We regret that tickets for Abba-Dabba-Doo, and the Mad Hatter's Tea Party have now sold out.

**E Safety** If parents have any concerns about their son or daughter's online security, they should immediately contact Ross Underwood, DSL & E-Safety Co-ordinator. He can either be called via the school office on 01227 475600 or emailed at [rpu@stedmunds.org.uk](mailto:rpu@stedmunds.org.uk).

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