



**ST EDMUND'S
SCHOOL**
CANTERBURY



8th November 2019

Junior School News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today the Junior School has been celebrating National "Wear Blue Day" today to raise awareness ahead of Anti-Bullying Week next week. During that week, in all of their PSHEE and ICT lessons, Junior School pupils will be learning about and discussing various types of bullying, including considering what to do if you are bullied, what to do if you know someone who is bullied, what 'bystanders' and 'upstanders' are, and how small changes can make a big difference to prevent bullying and create a safer and happier environment for everyone. They will also be given the opportunity to enter various competitions (all on the topic of "Change starts with us") including: writing their own rap song, writing their own poem, writing their own role-play or designing their own comic strip. We will be showcasing all of the children's work during a special assembly on Thursday 21st November. Please do consider encouraging your child to enter one of the competitions and take some time to talk to them next week about what they have been learning.

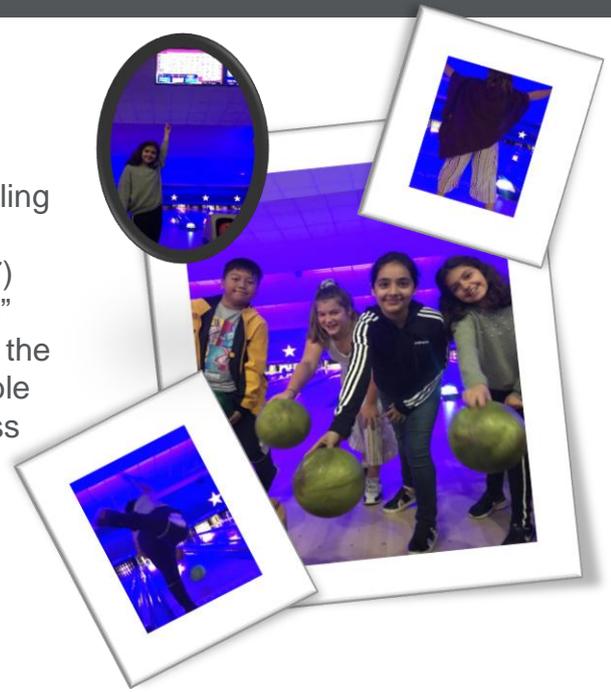
In fact, next week will be another busy week for the children as in addition to recognising Anti-Bullying week we will mark Remembrance Day with a special service in the Chapel on Monday. After that, on Thursday morning we will be holding our St Edmund's Day Service at the Colyer-Fergusson Building at the University of Kent followed by an off-timetable afternoon full of exciting workshops covering everything from code breaking to stop motion animation and from making a rock band to running a soup kitchen. We hope that the children will enjoy working with their friends from other year groups across the school, have fun and learn some new skills. The Michaelmas Concert will round off the week on Friday evening. I think we are looking forward to a bumper newsletter next week to cover all of that information!

In other news, Form 3 have had lots of visitors this week as a number of children have had taster days ahead of Chorister Voice Trials which take place tomorrow, 9th November from 9am. I am very much looking forward to Voice Trials. It is wonderful to see how much pride the potential Probationers take in the fact that they are participating in them and it reminds me just how privileged all of our Choristers are to do what they do when you see how much the potential Probationers want to be successful. I have been very proud of the existing Form 8 and Form 5 Choristers and Form 4 Probationers who have explained what they do and what they enjoy it most eloquently to the visiting parents. In fact, Dr Flood is becoming quite the media sensation! Hot on the heels of his TV appearance over half term, I wonder if any of you heard him on Radio Kent on Monday, 4th November at 6.50am where he was interviewed again about this year's search to find the new Form 4 probationers?

This week I have particularly enjoyed going into Form 7 and hearing some somewhat 'tongue in cheek' predictions about what their adult lives might be like during their PSHEE lesson. Their accounts showed their wonderful imaginations and the fact that they believe that anything is possible!

Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

Whilst all were enjoying the rugby (or perhaps finding it frustrating!), the boarders from School House took a trip bowling at the weekend. Whilst it was all doom and gloom outside, it was beginners' luck inside the bowling alley for Setayesh (F7) who beat everyone, including two, shall we say "experienced" bowlers! A big 'congratulations' to Setayesh, a 'thank you' to the boarders from Mrs Swatman and Miss Barnes for an enjoyable morning, and a 'thank you' from me to Mrs Swatman and Miss Barnes for giving up their morning to take the boarders out.



Camilla plays in Head's Line



This week, it was the turn of Camilla Boarman-Powell (F7) to play in Head's Line. Camilla played a lovely rendition of "Sicilienne" by Fauré on her flute. Camilla has also been working hard at the Cathedral recently where she volunteers with her sister and two brothers. Here they are at the All Souls Requiem service where Billy was Crucifer, Isabella and Angus were Taperers and Camilla was carrying the Boat.

The choristers get slimy!



Whilst our choristers work extremely hard, they also make time to have fun too! Last weekend they took part in a slime making workshop with Mrs Stones and greatly enjoyed the result. Hopefully they haven't got it hidden under their cassocks when they are in the Cathedral!

Form 5 start the Accelerated Reader Programme



Not a sound could be heard in the library, today as Form 5 were so engrossed in their books. They have made an excellent start with using the Accelerated Reader scheme. Well done Form 5!

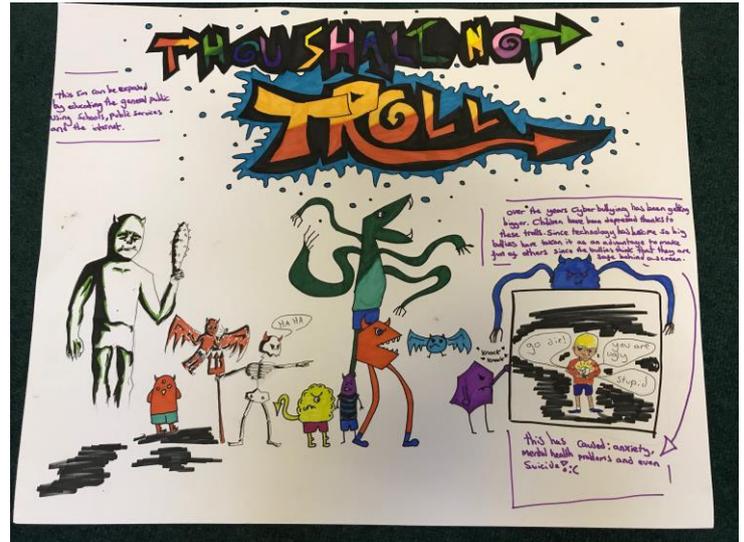


The 11th Commandment

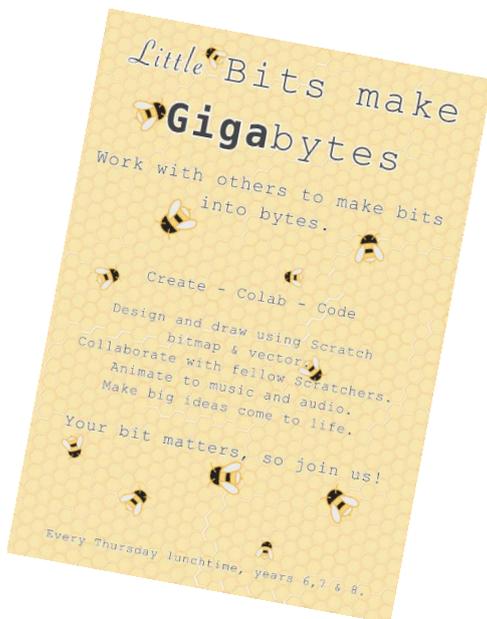
Form 8 have been doing some lovely work considering whether the 10 Commandments are still relevant in today's modern world.

For prep, the pupils were asked to think of an 11th commandment that could be added to the original list. Thomas Harper-Cox has used his creative talent to bring us right up to date with this important current issue.

"Thou Shalt Not Troll".



Annabel's work for Scratch Club



Since returning from half term, many of our Form 8s have been creating fantastic and exciting clubs which they lead and develop as part of their Seniorship roles. Here is a wonderfully thought out and professionally designed example, promoting the Thursday Lunchtime 'Scratch Club' by Annabel Ogston-Lemmens. The club is aimed at pupils in Forms 6, 7 and 8. Annabel has designed a poster promoting the club, using a play on words with the title, considered the colour scheme in terms of attracting both girls and boys to join, and incorporated bees and the hexagonal shape because bees are very collaborative. As one of the key themes of the club is to collaborate, Annabel has thought carefully about the subliminal messages portrayed through her design. A very impressive and well thought out design; well done, Annabel.

School Council's First Meeting

School Council met for the first time this year today and the main point on the agenda was how to make St Edmund's more eco friendly. They have been looking at recycling facilities in school (bins, etc), and also at how we can reduce the school's waste. e.g. in the kitchen, offices, classrooms, looking at the use of one-use items such as handwriting pens, glue sticks and considering the possibility of using recycled paper for the printers.



Form 7 consider what makes a 'Renaissance Man'

This week, Form 7 had a renaissance party to celebrate the conclusion of their studies on the renaissance. Pupils had to guess the identity of their classmates who were masquerading as different renaissance figures. Using 'yes', 'no' questions, the class had to identify their peers before challenging them as to explain why they were the ultimate 'renaissance man'.



Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

Miss Glinn has now released the cast list for next term's Junior School production "Ernie's Incredible Illucinations". In the end, over 80 children auditioned for a play with a cast of just over 30 and Miss Glinn tells me that everybody who auditioned did a fantastic job and should be proud of themselves. The nature of the show meant that she was looking for exaggerated characters. This is a difficult style to perform and not everybody's strong suit and so some of the children struggled with the style. This meant that they were not successful in being cast this time but Miss Glinn is keen to encourage them not to give up.

Throughout the rest of the school year there are more opportunities to perform, for example the Nativity for the Lower School and the Inter-House Drama competition for pupils in the Lower and Upper School. The cast of Ernie's Incredible Illucinations will take a back seat during the House Drama competition, and those who were unsuccessful at the auditions last week will have priority when auditioning for the lead roles in the House Drama. In the Summer Term we will also have our Festival which is full of performance opportunities for dancers, singers and actors!

If any pupils would like to talk to Miss Glinn about their audition and where they could have improved then they are welcome to speak to her during a break-time or lunchtime. Miss Glinn will be in contact with parents of the cast in the coming weeks with regards to a rehearsal schedule. She intends to have a light start this half term so that the cast can hit the ground running next term and make the most of the time we have. Miss Glinn says that she is looking forward to working with the cast to create something exciting showcasing their skills!

A Chapel Visit from KRAN

We were very pleased to welcome Fawzia Nabi-Worsley from KRAN (the Kent Refugee Action Network) and Tanja Odobasic one of our Senior School staff who also volunteers at KRAN to our chapel service on Tuesday. Fawzia told us a little more about the work of KRAN and also explained to us how many young people end up as refugees in the UK. She explained to us how the Christmas Boxes which we are currently collecting in Junior School for young refugees for Christmas will make a real difference to the lives of others. We hope that lots of Junior School families will choose to support this worthwhile initiative. More information about KRAN's work can be found at <https://kran.org.uk/>.



Form 4 Consider the Feeding of the 5,000



This week in RS, Form 4B thought about how the crowd may have been inspired by Jesus when he fed the 5000. The children also thought about who inspires themselves to share; to be thankful and to be generous. As well as making thoughtful comments during the discussion, the children also had fun retelling the story using stick puppets.



Junior School Sport

This week has seen an extremely hectic week for the Junior School PE Department. Wednesday, our traditional match-day, saw 8 boys' football teams, 5 girls' hockey teams, 1 boys' cross-country team and 2 girls' cross country teams participate in fixtures meaning that over 150 pupils pulled on their kit to represent St Edmund's competitively across a whole range of abilities.

Highlights included the fact that the Under 13A girls' hockey team continued their 7 match unbeaten run with a convincing win over the Duke of York's School, with wins being celebrated by the B and D teams as well.

The Under 11 girls moved briefly over to cross-country this week and ran brilliantly as a team in the Spring Grove competition, coming 3rd out of 12 competing schools. It was also the first competitive cross country fixture for our Form 3 runners. A big crowd cheered them home with all of our 16 runners finishing in the top 20 of their respective age group fields of 60+ participants. A small mention must go to Louis Adsett-Noble (F3) for his first top 10 finish and Lola Saunders (F6) 5th overall.

The Under 13A boys' football who were recently crowned cup winners still remain unbeaten and favourites to do the league and cup double having drawn 1-1 at home to Junior King's. It is now in their hands with 2 fixtures to go!

The rest of teams had varied success in the other 7 matches but there were good wins for our Under 11B and D teams at home to Junior King's. The Under 11A team are still unbeaten in their league and face Junior King's on Friday afternoon in what will be a crucial fixture.

Basketball continues to be a winner as a form of fitness as the numbers continue to grow at the Thursday before school Wake Up and Shake Up club, but reports from the inside still confirm that Mrs Relf's 1970's playlist is not a winner!!!

"On Wednesday, St Edmunds was invited to Spring Grove to run the cross-country race. The team was Oscar, Louis and Mael for the boys, then Lucy, Niamh and me for the girls. I felt excited when I found out I was picked for the team. You had to run 1000 metres! The course was one lap and you had to run downhill and then uphill. It was tiring and I was quite puffed out at the end. At the start, I ran off like a loony, and close to the end I fell over. A girl from Spring Grove came past and helped me up, and we ran to the finish together. Even though I fell over, I still came 12th, out of 60 girls, and the School came third overall."

By Josie Weed (F3)

Have a lovely weekend!
Best wishes

Dr Emma Margrett
Head of Junior School





Looking Ahead

Monday 11th November Remembrance Service, we will be holding our Junior School Remembrance Service in the Chapel at 8.35am. This is a service solely for pupils, and we ask that all children wear a poppy.

Monday 11th November, there will be a **St Edmund's Association** (formerly the Parents' Association) get-together in the Junior School Library after morning drop off. There will be discussions about the Christmas Fair, amongst other things but you are all welcome to come along for a cuppa and chat.

Thursday 14th November, St Edmund's Day Celebrations, please can all children come to school in smart dress with a waterproof rain coat which has a hood for our St Edmund's Day service? Your child will be told which workshop they have been allocated to on Monday but you will be contacted today if they need to bring any special clothes or items with them for their workshop.

Friday 15th November, Children in Need, To mark Children in Need, Junior School pupils may come into school wearing official Children in Need ears, a wristband or pin badge.

Friday 15th November, 7.30pm, Michaelmas Concert, Colyer Fergusson Building, University of Kent at Canterbury Adult tickets are available from the Gulbenkian Box Office at £5 each by clicking on this link <https://basket.thegulbenkian.co.uk/1281/1282> Under 18s are free but these tickets must be obtained in person at the Gulbenkian Box office.

Monday, 25th November, 7pm My School Portal: Parent Forum My School Portal is the School's new information and communication platform for parents, staff and pupils. MSP keeps parents fully up to date with school life and can be used to access pupils' reports and attendance data. It can also be used for emails, forms and the School Calendar.

As part of an environmental drive, we intend to stop sending out School reports and School Calendars from January. These documents will still be available on request from the School Office. Now that parents and guardians have had a little time to try MSP, we are interested to hear how you find it, to offer assistance with any technical or other queries, and to discuss the school's intention to become paperless from January. A Parents' Forum will be held in the School's Music Recital Hall on Monday 25th November at 7:00pm.

To log into MSP please click onto the link: <https://stedmunds.myschoolportal.co.uk> then use the email address that received this newsletter and your SchoolPost password or you can request a new password here: <https://stedmunds.myschoolportal.co.uk/request-password> The move to My School Portal will greatly improve the efficiency of our communications systems. If you experience any problems setting up MSP, please email aeb@stedmunds.org.uk.

Thursday 28th November, Home Clothes Day, Children may come into school in their Home Clothes on Thursday 28th November in exchange for a donation of brown paper for wrapping presents on the family present stall or a donation of chocolate for the Chocolate Bed. (A list of chocolates will be provided by our

Thursday 28th November - Saturday 30th November, Chicago Tickets for the Senior School production of Chicago are on sale at £10 each or tables still available on the Thursday evening performance at £75 for four including 2 bottles of prosecco. Please visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-edmunds-school-canterbury

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th December, St Edmund's Association Christmas present buying and wrapping for parents and family members in the library at lunchtime. More details to follow

Sunday 8th December, 2.30pm, School Big Band and 'Hullabaloo' St Edmund's Festival presents The St Edmund's School Big Band with special guests 'Hullabaloo' for an afternoon of Swing, Big Band, Rock 'n' Roll, Jive and a touch of Christmas! Tickets £12/£8 are available will be available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-edmunds-school-canterbury

Friday 13th December The St Edmund's Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 13th December. Parents are invited to accompany their children to the Fair after the end of the school day, choristers will be given the chance to attend before they leave school for Evensong. More information to follow.



Congratulations to:

Monty White, Evan Gallagher, Isla Berry, Omna Arora, Aidan Kearney, Sonny Mortensen, Niamh Davis, Josie Weed, Emma Sharp Kinsey, Alice Florence, Ana Vukosavovic, Oscar de Varennes, Thomas Hamilton-Woodthorpe, Mael Staehler for gaining their Bronze star certificates.
Ben Coleman, Lucy Standen and Tabatha White for gaining their Silver star certificates.
Autumn Goodey for gaining her Bronze speed award for front crawl and her Rainbow swimming award for 1 mile.

Pick-up times:

Wed 13th Nov	Football	Wellesley House	U11 A,B,C	Home	3.30pm
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Wed 13th Nov	Hockey	St Lawrence	U11 A,B	Away	4.30pm
Wed 13th Nov	Hockey	King's Rochester	U13 A,B	Home	4pm

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