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July 2022 'Good News' Newsletter

We have been so busy this half term. It seems like, at last, we have been able to resume many of our normal school activities and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enjoying the opportunities on offer. I thought it would be nice for you to see some of the highlights of this term so far!

Kind regards,
J McQuillan.

St Edward's 50th Anniversary (1972 - 2022)

On Friday 24th June, Bishop Patrick celebrated Mass for us to commemorate 50 years since St Edward's was first opened. It was a very special day and it was lovely to celebrate with parents, parishioners, past pupils and staff, Governors, members of the Diocese and St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. The children read and sang beautifully. This was followed by the blessing of our new mosaic in the front of the school by Bishop Patrick. This was designed by our pupils and then turned into a reality by Wendy at Foxglass of Curborough. Many thanks to Mrs Farmer for working with the children and seeing the project through to fruition. It looks amazing! There was also a presentation to our CEO, Mr Sean McClafferty, to mark his retirement.



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Winners!

Our Year Six pupils, together with Mr Cassidy and Mrs Herring, have been looking at ways to improve the outdoor space and transform a forgotten area of the school to be more sustainable and ECO friendly. With the help of Jo Pettifer, Sustainability Lead for the Trust, they submitted their designs and following judging were informed that our school will be awarded **£10,000** from the East Midlands Airport Community Fund - the full amount of funding we indicated we would need to deliver our Eco-Garden design. We are absolutely thrilled to have secured this funding and look forward to transforming this neglected area of the school. Have a look at our designs for this area below!



Stronger Together

A group of our Year 3 children took part in a musical performance at Derby Theatre. This was part of the Trust's Stronger Together project, involving pupils from across 25 schools. It was a very long day but, as always, our children were amazing! Thanks to Miss Prabatani and Miss Sidwell for accompanying the children.



Phiz Lab—Ogden Trust

We work closely with the Ogden Trust and are a hub school for the local area. The Ogden Trust is a charitable organisation supporting physics education and engagement for all young people (4-18). Miss Prabantani is our lead practitioner and leads the local Hub and thanks to all her efforts, she has secured funding from the Ogden Trust of £2500 to develop a Phiz Lab in school. This will be developed in the former Reception classroom and will hopefully be ready for September. It will be equipped with a selection of science resources and accessible storage to encourage child-led science investigations. A huge thank you to local companies; Clipper for their input to transform the classroom and also to Integrex for moving the screen. We can't wait to get it up and running!



Mrs Hadley

We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Hadley has started back to work. It has been a very long and difficult journey but she has completed her treatment

and finally been given the all clear from cancer. She has asked me to thank you all for your prayers and good wishes over these last 18 months. I'm sure you'll be seeing her around school soon.



Thank You to Our Volunteers!

Thank you so much to the ladies who volunteered to tidy up our front garden. The raised planters have been painted, the loom refurbished, weeding done and the willow dome reworked. Thank you so much for giving up your time it is really appreciated!

If there are any keen gardeners out there please do get in touch!

Year 5—Eddie's Angels

Our new Eddie's Angels for 22/23, currently in Year 5, were invited to a commissioning Mass with Bishop Patrick at Christ the King in Mackworth on June 22nd. Here they celebrated Mass with fellow Chaplains from across the Trust's 25 schools.



Wider Opportunities - Music

Our Year 5 children have been learning the clarinet this year as part of the Derbyshire Wider Opportunities programme. On Thursday 30th June they performed a concert in the hall in front of families and pupils! Well done Year 5!



Sports News

At last we have been able to take part in a range of sporting activities against local schools and with our Trust schools. We certainly have some stars of the future especially in our cross country running.

Cross Country Event

On June 27th some of our KS2 pupils represented the school at the South Derbyshire Schools Cross Country event. The children were amazing and we had some excellent results - our best ever at the event!

Year 3: 1st place overall Year 4: 1st place overall

Year 5: 1st place overall Year 6: 2nd place overall

A special mention to Seb who came first in the Year 5 race and Austin and Leni who were both placed third in their individual events. Mr Cassidy and Miss Prabatani said they were so proud of the effort the children put in and the way they represented our school. A huge well done to everyone.

Rounders' Tournament

Pupils took part in the South Derbyshire Rounders' Tournament at Eureka part in June. This was against local schools. The children all played brilliantly and finished in 2nd place in their group, only missing out on a place in the final by 4 rounders! Well done to all those that took part!

Sports' Days

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Sports' Days; Nursery and Reception on 28th June; KS1 on 4th July and KS2 at Eureka Park on 6th July. It was wonderful to be able to hold these events again having not done so for the last 3 years. Thank you for all your support.

Primary Quads Kids

Some Y4 pupils took part in a Trust event held at Blessed Robert Sutton. They completed four events including running, throwing and jumping. They all tried so hard and they represented the school brilliantly!



Visit to Cadley View Residential Home

And finally... our Year Three children brought a ray of sunshine to the residents of Cadley View Home on Darklands Road when they visited on 8th June. The children spent time with the residents looking at games from the past and present, they also had a tour of the house and gardens. We hope to make many more visits to the home and hope to welcome some of the residents to visit school in the near future.

