Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School

'Have courage, the good seed will grow in the children's hearts.'

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Our Ambassadors Find Their Voice for Human Rights

Our **Edmund Rice and RE Ambassadors** had a truly inspiring day at the Liverpool Archdiocesan Conference Centre, taking part in the *Junior Student Voices for Human Rights – Young Advocates for Change* event.

The day brought together young people who share a desire to make a positive difference in their schools, communities and the wider world. We were delighted to spend the day alongside pupils from St Mary's Prep, St Ambrose Prep and others, giving our children the opportunity to meet new friends, exchange ideas and recognise that they are part of a much wider community committed to justice, dignity and respect.

Working with **Edmund Rice International and Edmund Rice England**, the children explored the importance of human rights and advocacy and considered how young people can use their voices to stand up for themselves and for others. The message of the day **"Know Your Rights. Find Your Voice. Make a Difference"** was particularly powerful. Our Ambassadors learned that their age does not prevent them from being agents of change and that even small actions, when rooted in courage and compassion, can have a meaningful impact.

One of the highlights was the opportunity to be part of a global student discussion, helping the children to appreciate that the Edmund Rice family stretches far beyond Liverpool. It encouraged them to think about the experiences of children in other parts of the world and the responsibility we all share to promote fairness, dignity, justice and hope.

We were incredibly proud of the way our Ambassadors represented Runnymede throughout the day. They listened thoughtfully, contributed confidently and returned to school full of ideas about how they can use their roles to make an even greater difference within our own community.

The day reflected so much of what we want for our children at Runnymede: to have the courage to speak up, the compassion to notice when others need support and the confidence to believe that their voice matters. Inspired by Blessed Edmund Rice, our Ambassadors are learning that faith calls us not simply to recognise injustice, but to respond to it with love and action.

What an exciting opportunity for our young leaders – and we cannot wait to see how the good seeds planted during this special day grow in their hearts and inspire others.

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This week in Preschool, we have been thinking about how special and unique we all are. We have been learning that God made each of us special. We have also been remembering that it is our job to take care of God's wonderful world and thinking about how we can look after it. In Maths, we have been practising subitising to 2, learning to recognise two objects without needing to count them. In Literacy, we have been retelling our story, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, in different ways, using props, actions and story sequencing to help us remember what happens.

This week in Reception, we have been learning that everyone is made in God's image and is precious and special. We explored how we can show God's love through kindness, care and friendship, and began creating our colourful Global Family Bracelet. Each decoration represents a loving action we can take to care for others, both in our classroom and around the world. We also developed our fine motor skills by carefully threading conkers to make our own wonderful conker caterpillars!

Year 1 have been learning all about **stewardship** and the importance of caring for God's wonderful world. We explored Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* and reflected on our responsibility to protect and care for God's creation. The children thought carefully about the little things we can do to make a big difference and drew lovely pictures showing how we can help look after our planet!

Mystery Reader in Y2 is off to a successful start. The children can't wait for a Friday afternoon when they listen to a story read by someone special.

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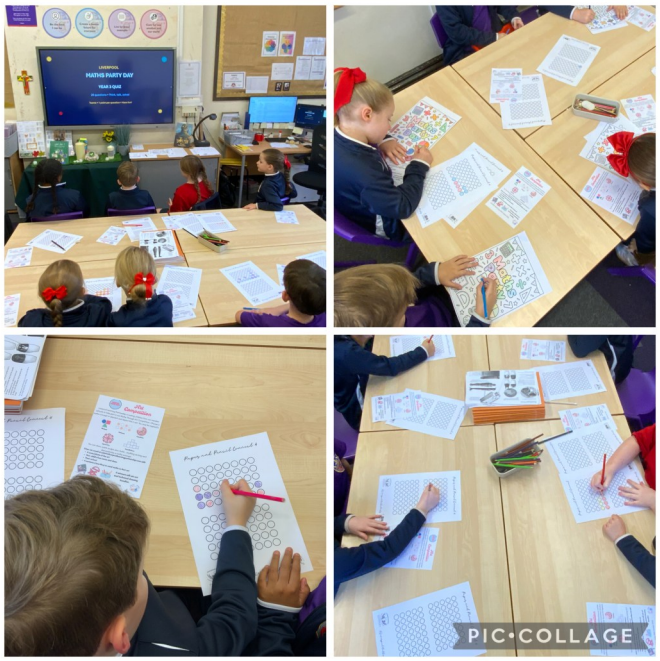

Year 3 have had a lovely maths party day completing maths games, maths colouring, maths competitions and a maths themed quiz.

This week, Year 4 have been learning about Saint John Henry Newman and reflecting on his words, *"Hope in God – Creator."* The children considered which lines spoke to them personally and shared their thoughts about their meaning. They created a chain to represent the bonds that unite us as a community, reflecting on the importance of hope, togetherness and faith. We also spent time in quiet reflection and prayer, asking Mary to help us with our fears and to guide us towards courage, peace and trust in God.

This week, Year 5 have been learning about the changes that come with old age in Science and have been practising some wonderful songs on the ukulele.

Year 6 took part in a fantastic workshop exploring the history of transatlantic slavery as part of Black History Month.
Most importantly, we reflected on the importance of celebrating our differences, respecting one another and living together in harmony. We are proud to be a school community that embraces diversity, promotes equality and celebrates what makes each of us unique!

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Thank you to your generosity, we are able to support **Mary's Meals** with another donation to support the vital work they undertake.

On 6th November we will be delighted to welcome Anna from the Charity to come in and talk to the children about the valuable fundraising they have undertaken and how this has positively impacted the charity.

We thank you for your continued support!

Harvest Festival—Last few days for donations

Many thanks for your generous donations so far. Please continue to donate non-perishable food items such as tinned foods, dried foods, pasta, rice of biscuits to help support our local food pantry.

We will close our collection on Wednesday for St Andrew's Foodbank.

We are delighted to welcome M&M Productions back to school on the 12th November for a live performance of Aladdin! Please log onto Arbor and make a contribution of £5 for this amazing pantomime!

FamilyFirst

Family First magazine is published quarterly and focuses on promoting the health and well-being of families living in the UK. As the UK's largest and most widely distributed family publication, our main goal is to encourage children and their parents to lead more active lifestyles by participating in sports, exercising regularly, and adopting healthier eating habits.

Please click here to view the magazine.

The Royal British Legion (RBL) (click to access the website) carries out its primary annual fundraising and remembrance work in October and November through the Poppy Appeal and nationwide commemorative events .

The Poppy Appeal (starting late October through November 11) support veterans, serving personnel, and their families.

All children will be making their own Poppy for our display in school. We believe it is vitally important for future generation to remember those who have served in a war and those who have lost their life or been seriously injured for our freedom. It really is a wonderful sight to see around 500 poppies in our school.

Please, if you can, make a £1 donation via Arbor School Shop.

Congratulations to our choristers on a fantastic performance of *Messiah* in the Anglican Cathedral.

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Download My Happy Mind

Have you downloaded the **My Happy Mind** app yet? Many of you have already joined and are benefiting from the wealth of resources available! The app offers activities and practical tips to help you support your child's mental health, build resilience, develop confidence and understand their emotions.

One of our parents commented: *"It's lovely to be able to use the same exercises and techniques at home that my child is learning at school. It helps us reinforce what they're learning and support their wellbeing together!"*

Download the My Happy Mind app from your usual app store and use our unique access code **148177.** We encourage all parents and carers to explore the app and make the most of the **FREE** resources available to support your child's wellbeing!

Show Racism The Red Card

We were absolutely thrilled to welcome Liverpool's very own **Stephanie Carr** to support our *Show Racism the Red Card campaign*!

Steph shared her incredible journey with us, from growing up in Liverpool to dancing for global superstars Katy Perry and Pink, working alongside Robbie Williams on *The X Factor*, and now shining as a television presenter and choir master for a Liverpool-based choir!

What an inspiration and a wonderful role model for our Young Edwardians! Steph showed us that with passion, determination and hard work, amazing things are possible. Steph thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic performance from our **very own choir**, who did us incredibly proud! A truly special moment that we won't forget in a hurry!

A huge thank you to Steph for spending time with us, inspiring our pupils and helping us spread such an important message.

Show Racism the Red Card. Stand together. Celebrate diversity.

Be the change!

STEP-BY-STEP PARENTAL CONTROL GUIDES FOR POPULAR DEVICES

Scan the QR codes to access the setup guides:

- PLAYSTATION 5
- XBOX SERIES X
- NINTENDO SWITCH
- PC
- IPAD/IPHONE
- CHROMEBOOK

Remember: Parental controls are most effective when combined with open conversations about online safety and responsible internet use.

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Edmund Rice 8 Essential 'Be the Best I can Be'

RF: **Tobias S** for listening carefully, being ready to learn and always trying his best and **Adam F** for trying hard with his work, following instructions carefully and always doing his best.

RP: **Lylah O'D** for trying really hard to listen and sharing some lovely answers and **Noah K** for showing great bravery and courage, and always trying to be the best he can be.

1S: **Reeny-Rae B** for always trying her best in every lesson and showing a fantastic attitude towards learning and **Charlie G** for taking pride in his work and always trying to improve.

1W: **Grace B** and **Etta C** for always trying their hardest.

2H: **Reuben Mc** and **Ella E** for being the best they can be.

2W: **Elliot H** and **Harper J** for being the best they can be.

3D: **Niamh B E** and **Louisa P** for always working to the best of their ability.

3Q: **Charlie C** and **Theodore A** for being the best they can be.

4D: **Felicity Mc** for showing kindness and being supportive to those around her and **Freddie F L** for showing fantastic dedication to improve their own handwriting.

4DO: **William C** for producing work carefully and trying to make it the best it can be and **Penny L** for being the best she can be by showing kindness to others.

5B: **Emmeline B** and **Caleb C** for being the best role models they can be.

5N: **Edith Mc** for making fantastic contributions in every lesson and **Francis L** for working hard on his handwriting.

6D: **Oliver B W** and **Penelope G** for being the best they can be everyday.

6Mc: **Florence S** and **Sofia C** for speaking so confidently at the Edmund Rice Junior Advocacy Conference.

Attendance—Our target is 97%

Monday 12th October until Friday 16th October 2026

is as follows:

96.83%

Every day in school is a step towards success—thank you for helping your child be here, ready to shine!

RF: 97%	**1S:** 96.75%	**2H:** 92.75%	**3D:** 99.75%	**4D:** 98.5%	**5B:** 97.5%	**6D:** 98.75%
RP: 95%	**1W:** 97.5%	**2W:** 99%	**3Q:** 95%	**4DO:** 98%	**5N:** 90%	**6Mc:** 99%

Happy birthday to all children who have had a birthday this week! We hope you had a lovely day!

Lucia M, Connie S, George D & Lana A

Week commencing 19th October

Monday	Y1, Y3, & Y5 PE Monday Staff Led Clubs LDCSA Cross Country City Champs @ Wavertree
Tuesday	Y2, Y4 & Y6 PE Flu Immunisation
Wednesday	'Come Pray with Me' with Ann Nichols Afterschool Drama with Mr Tallant LDCSA Cross Country City Champs @ Wavertree—reserve date
Thursday: **Friday**	REC PE Y3-Y6 Swimming - subject to the SEC being repaired

School Closes for half term at our normal time.

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PRE-SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE

30 HOURS ONLY

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