



**Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School**  
**20/03/16**



**Daft as a Brush sponsored event** On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, our school took part in a sponsored run event to raise money for a local charity; Daft as a Brush. We were also lucky enough to have one of the ambulances come to school to show the children what this important charity does. Thank you to everybody who took part, we raised over £750!

**World Book Day**

Our World Book Day event on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March was a fantastic success. We had many different characters (Snow White, Harry Potter and an Oompa Loompa to name a few!) Well done to the winners of Mr Glenton's book quiz who received a £5 book voucher. Also thank you also to everybody who supported our book fair; through books sold, we have raised £437 towards new books.

**Raising Money for Charities ... Red Nose Day Friday 24th March**

Children are invited to wear their Red Noses or other Red Nose merchandise on Friday 24th March which have previously been purchased. No further contributions to Comic Relief is needed in school. Staff took part in a 'Gallopathon' for Comic Relief last week, inspired by our pupils raising so much money for the three chosen charities this year. Please see our facebook page for photographs!

**Easter Egg Competition** We would like to invite all children from Nursery to Year 6 to get creative! Each class teacher has chosen 'egg themes' linked to what your child is currently learning in class.

Nursery – DINOSAURS  
Reception - WEDDINGS  
Year 1 Miss Scott's Class - AROUND THE WORLD  
Year 2 Miss Hopper's Class – DRAGONS AND CASTLES  
Year 3/4 Miss Skidmore's Class – CLIMATE AND WEATHER  
Year 4/5 Mrs Anderson's Class – SOUTH AMERICA  
Year 5/6 Mr Mander's Class - EGYPT

An entry fee of £1.00 would be gratefully accepted to purchase further OPAL equipment and to fund the first, second and third prizes for each class.

Please bring the eggs either Wednesday 5th April from 3:30pm or Thursday 6th April from 8:30am - 9:00 to the school Main Entrance to be displayed in our School Hall. Nursery entrants to Nursery please.

Good luck!

**Change to packed lunches from school lunches** Please remember to let our office staff know if you have changed from School lunches to packed lunches so that firstly you do not get billed and secondly, we can reduce School food waste.

**Nursery** Mrs Wall has been successfully approved to adopt a child (we never had any doubt at all!) and will begin her adoption leave after the Easter break. We wish her and her husband all the very best for their future family life together.

**Science Workshop Day** A big THANK YOU to Mr Mander for organising the science workshops throughout our school from Nursery to Year 6 on Friday. Everyone enjoyed it and had many opportunities to learn some new scientific investigative skills.

14.3.17

Dear Mrs Rees,

I was reading the Sunday Times at the weekend and the article about the most desirable places to live, and Durham was one of them.

The reasons given were the excellence of two schools, one of which was Edmondsley.

I felt proud and very nostalgic. I attended Edmondsley in the 1950s and after passing my eleven plus examination, moved to Durham Girls Grammar School. After 14 levels, I went to Leeds University to study medicine, and worked with great pleasure and satisfaction as a GP in Leeds, until I retired three years ago.

More to the point, however, my father was headmaster at the school at that time and for many years until he moved to Searisken school. His name was Mr. Henry Kennedy (known as Harry).

Sadly he died several years ago, but I know he was much loved at your school and was very highly thought of.

He would have been so proud to know how the school has progressed with such excellence.

Kind Regards,  
Sant E. Baquall.

I often receive messages and e-mails of thanks and compliments to pass on to members of our staff at Edmondsley but I have never received such a lovely letter as this one!

I am delighted to know that a past pupil, whose father was once head of Edmondsley Primary School many years ago, would be thoughtful enough to write a letter to us.

After reading the letter in assembly on Monday, our children felt that it would be appropriate for us to respond. Children excitedly thought about all the things they would like to tell Ms Baquall about Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School now.

Please help your child to do this at home. If all letters can be brought to school by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, we can post them all together.

Many thanks

Mrs Rees