

NEWS

from Edward Betham Church of England Primary School

Technology in every classroom

During the summer holiday, work was feverishly afoot to put interactive white boards in every classroom, bringing a vital teaching aid to the finger tips of every teacher and indeed every child. These boards are superb tools of the teaching trade, with many features which enhance teaching and learning. Technology can be a bit daunting at first, but once it becomes part of the teacher's daily routine, the possibilities are enormous, if not infinite!

Website

The school also launched a really good website, thanks to Miss Chamberlain, the ICT co-ordinator. Have a look at the website and you will see what I mean. www.edwardbetham.ealing.lgfl.net
You will find information about the school, the Governors, the children's days at school, the history and background to the school, as well as copies of school bulletins.

Training Day

This term will see a training day focused on Religious Education which will aim to make the lessons interesting and interactive experiences. Training days are a vital part of every school's programme as new ideas are shared and new insights filter through from experts to assist the practice of teaching.

Sponsored Learn

This term there will be a sponsored learn which will hopefully raise money for improving school equipment, including the external environment. The playground and environment have improved dramatically over the past 4 years, and the children enjoy their time outdoors much more as a result.

Ofsted

The recent Ofsted inspection report is now published on the School website and on Ofsted's website. Parental feedback to OFSTED expressed fantastic support. The team were very impressed with the comments the children made about the school. Good things about the school were recognised but as the team were in the school for a very short time we felt the focus was very narrow. All the staff and children worked hard to give a great impression. What a super school community we have at Edward Betham! As we are an Aided Church school we will undergo a second inspection this term which will look closely at worship, RE and the distinctive character of the school. In the meantime we will all continue to make sure every child at Edward Betham is getting the best education we can give them!

Two awards for our school

We have been re-accredited as a Healthy School. The criteria has changed and so we have now been awarded the quality mark under the new criteria. We have also just been awarded the ACTIVEMARK 2006 for 'exceptional delivery within the National School Sport Strategy.' Well done to all our pupils, staff and parents who strive to keep us a healthy and active school!.

Neil Richardson - Chair of Governors

