



Edwinstree Middle School

A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School
June

As a Christian school we recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone. As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.

We took time out to celebrate the Royal wedding and our great British tradition of inclusivity. As part of the day, we dressed as Royal guests and wedding well-wishers and students took part in a celebration cake bake off. During the afternoon, our students took part in the 'Strictly come Dancing' Edwinstree House Competition, whilst the remainder of the school watched, munching their cake creations!

Dance couples from each house entered the competition and students had two hours to create their own routine. The choreography had to include five set steps and they were encouraged to be creative as they danced to 'Can you Feel it' by Michael Jackson. We were so lucky with the weather. Thank you to our neighbours who were kind enough to put up with the loud music as the whole school danced to the Macarena at the end of our celebrations! Lea House were the overall winners!



A Selection of Celebration Cakes baked to celebrate the Royal Wedding



UKTSDF Tang Soo Do visit Edwinstree

We are actively encouraging local coaches to use our facilities after school, particularly if they offer reduce rates to our students to attend the clubs. To support this initiative, we are not charging them rent for the year. To encourage students to participate, we all had the opportunity to watch a demonstration of Tang Soo Do, which is taught in a non-

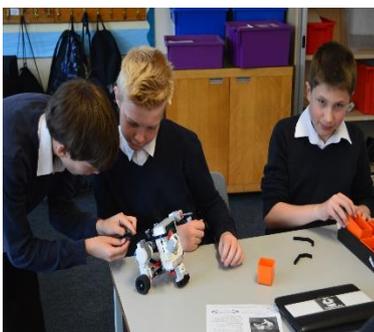


contact environment, thus reducing the risk of injury whilst learning. Training includes the teaching of self-defence techniques, controlled sparring, free fighting and pattern forms. Accuracy is given to speed and power. Two members of staff were brave enough to act as volunteers, much to the delight of the students! We are huge fans of the discipline that martial arts teaches and the importance of control over anger. We look forward to seeing how our students get on!



Year 7 Robotics Day

Year 7 students had the opportunity to take part in a Computer Robotics Day, fully funded by the school. Nowadays, robots and drones are starting to control more and more of our everyday activities. Year 7 have been learning how to design and construct a robot using lego-type equipment. After creating their own robot, they then developed a program that allowed the robot to navigate around a space and to take avoiding action if another object appeared in its way. Our students could become future designers of new generation driverless cars. This was followed up by two year 8 pupils delivering a Collective Worship based around their passions for programming. We call these Collective Worship, "Sharing my Wonderful" as they give students the opportunity to share what makes them special and what they are interested in!



School roll increasing

As our reputation improves within the community, over this half term, we have had a number of new students joining Edwinstree Middle School, with more to arrive following completion of the SAT assessments. Our Year 5 and Year 7 intake will be increased to a four-form entry for the next academic year. Parents are always welcome to view the school in action during a normal working day; please contact the school office to make an appointment.

This term we look forward to exploring our new Christian value of 'Compassion'. As we begin to discover the importance of 'compassion', we have been introduced to a word we think might have been forgotten: 'humility'. We are working hard to put this word into practice and not to see ourselves as the centre of the universe! It was nice to hear from a grandparent with a toddler remark on seeing our students returning from the park that they were lovely and kind to her, as they stepped out of the way and helped her child over the wires laid out by the fair.

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