

What's in the news at Edison?



KS2 Reading Champions

KS2 Reading Champions celebration for reading 500,000 or 1 million words! Here are the millionaire word count readers:

We had great fun today celebrating our reading word count successes all the way from fruit to hot chocolate! It was great to participate in a reading pass the parcel where, each layer, there was a riddle, passage to read aloud or a quote by a famous author. We were all able to make sensible guesses using the clues given. We then enjoyed playing a 'guess the character silhouette' game and 'emoji reading character quiz' where we used the clues to guess the characters correctly. After, we watched a snippet of Diary of a Wimpy Kid by the well-known author Jeff Kinney. To finish beautifully, we were awarded certificates for our achievements.



Message from Mrs Dokal

Mental Health Awareness week – what a great way to step into half term!. At Edison we pride ourselves on providing a caring, happy and safe environment for your children to learn, thrive and flourish. Being a child, these days is not easy, and we understand that. Children have to navigate learning, friendships, identity and many other things while on their journey to becoming a young adult. This week has been about looking after your mental and physical health. You may have heard of the saying, 'you can't pour from an empty cup'? Please look after your own mental health too, as this is paramount for successful parenting. Wishing you all a restful break!

KS1 Reading Champions

On 11 January two-star readers who were achieving well from Reception, Year One and Year Two were invited to celebrate with Mrs Kochhar! During their celebrations, the children played pass the parcel which was so exciting as when the children unwrapped each layer, there was a reading character riddle that they had to read to everyone and guess the correct traditional tale's character. The lucky winner received a prize!



Congratulations

These Term's Attendance winners are:

Newton – 92.4%
Bell – 89.1%
Watson – 89.9%
Franklin – 84.2%
Pasteur – 95.8%
Fleming – 89.5%
Curie – 92.3%
Faraday – 92%
Carson – 94%
Goodall – 88.8%
Armstrong – 94.6%
Jemison – 93.8%



Well done Armstrong Class!

Pupil Vacancies at Edison Primary

We currently have spaces for children in Years Reception, 2, 3 and 5.

If you know somebody who is looking for a school place for their child in any of the above year groups, and they would like to apply to Edison Primary School, please ask them to contact London Borough of Hounslow School Admissions by visiting: [In-year admissions | London Borough of Hounslow](#) or by emailing: admissions@hounslow.gov.uk or telephoning: 020 8583 2721 / 2711

We look forward to welcoming them to Edison Primary School!

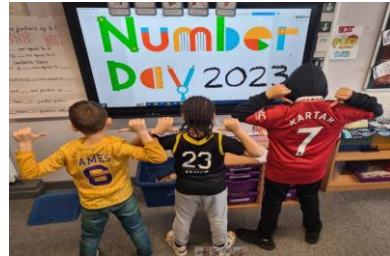
Maths Number Day - Friday 3 February

The children and staff had a fabulous day taking part in Number Day and celebrating Maths at school while raising money to support the NSPCC. It was fantastic to see the children and staff all dressed wearing an item of clothing representing a number. In the afternoon, the children took part in playing Maths games. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to raise money for the NSPCC by donating on the Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/edison-n-primary-school>.

We raised a grand total of £389.00. All this money will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC.

Maths Number Day Fun!



Reminders

The new term begins on **Tuesday 21 February (Gates open 8.35am – 8.45am daily)**

Breakfast Club will run as normal at 8am and After School Club at 3.45pm-5:45pm

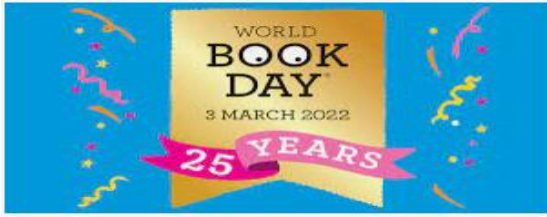
Absence

You must only keep your child off school if they are very unwell due to high temperature, vomiting and sickness. On the day of any absence, please call the school office absence line 02088733337 (option 1) by 8.30am.

Winter Uniform

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Please also ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit on their PE day.

World Book Day Friday 24 March 2023



This year, we are thrilled to be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 24 March. To celebrate, we will be asking children and adults to come dressed as their favourite book character with a focus on making their outfit creatively. There will be prizes for the most creative costume worn for each year group!

Furthermore, there will be plenty of fun and engaging activities planned for the day to help promote reading for pleasure. Please have a think over half term about what character you would like to come as and how you could make your outfit creatively.

Upcoming Dates for the Diary

First Day of Term

Tuesday 21 February 2023

After School Paid Enrichment Clubs

All Enrichment Clubs will commence on Tuesday 21 February 2023 and will run until Friday 24 March, except for the Monday clubs which will run until Monday 27 March.

Please note that there will be NO clubs on the following days; Wednesday 2, 15 & 16 March this is due to the teacher strikes.

World Book Day

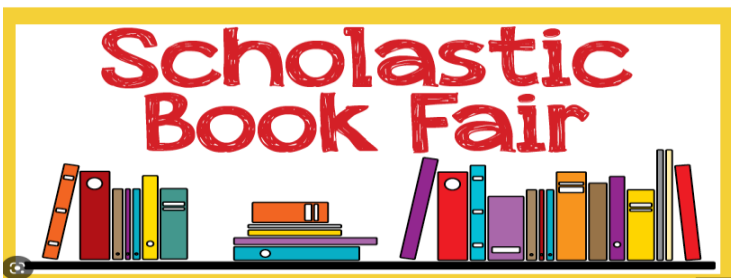
Also due to the teacher strike day, World Book Day will be held on **Friday 24 March 2023** instead. Please note that children come to school in their favourite book characters.

Edison Athletics Team

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 children who got through to the Athletics Borough finals.

Although we didn't win, it was an amazing achievement to get there and a brilliant experience for all involved.

We look forward to entering our Athletics team into upcoming competitions.



We are delighted that the Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Edison from week commencing Monday 13 March to Friday 17 March. Children will be able to come and visit the fair with their parents from 3:45pm until 4:15pm daily.

Please note that books can be purchased via the Scholastic website too, further information will be sent to you nearer the time.

This Term's Learning

Reception

What a busy half term we have had! The theme of this half term in Reception was 'Adventures', and we went on many different adventures in our learning. With Mrs Gipson in Science we did lots of fun and interesting investigations including a mini-beast hunt, exploring animals and their habitats and melting. In Literacy we looked at several interesting books, but Bell class' favourite was 'Whatever Next'. We wrote about what we would take if we went to the moon. Newton class enjoyed 'The Gruffalo', for which we created our very own Gruffalo and had fun role playing the story! In Maths we have been looking at knowing our numbers to 10 really well, which included learning all about one more and one less, finding different combinations of making 10 and counting using one to one correspondents. We also celebrated Number Day where we wore an item of clothing with a number on it and our teachers planned a fun Maths activity afternoon that we took part in.

The highlight of this term was a visit to the local library. We read various books and had a calm and relaxing reading session with Mrs Rahman. We really enjoyed Children's Mental Health Week, where we learnt to explore our feelings and emotions and how to connect with others. We did lots of activities in our class to celebrate the theme of kindness and filled up our own 'kindness jars' with ideas for how to show kindness to others. We ended the week with a 'Dress to Express' day where we all wore our favourite colour! We can't wait to find out what we are learning about next term, but first we are looking forward to a restful break!



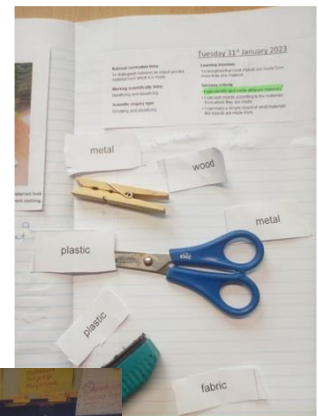
Year 1

This half term, the children have been very busy learning about their favourite Superheroes in English, and they were encouraged to role play and write sentences using adjectives to describe what their superhero looked like and their personality. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged in writing their character description using the skills that they have learnt from the past two weeks.

In Maths, the children have continued with Place Value, securing number knowledge to 20 and gaining a deeper understanding of number through counting, sorting, representing and comparing numbers and their value. The children have been using tens frames, number lines and counters to support their learning.

In Science, the children have been learning about everyday materials and were encouraged to identify and sort different materials into groups. They were able to use magnifying glasses to observe different materials and understand that not all fabrics are the same.

On Friday the 3rd February, Mrs Matharu organised a fantastic Number Day, during which the children enjoyed taking part in Maths activities which Mrs Matharu organised for each year group. What a fantastic afternoon it was! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had fun dressing up! Overall, it has been a great half term, we hope you all have a great break, and we look forward to seeing you when you are back!



Year 2

What an amazing start to 2023 for Year 2! This half term Year 2 have worked hard in English writing letters as classroom resources from the book 'The Day the crayons Quit!' Children wrote letters from the point of view of different classroom stationary items. It was fantastic to see all their creative ideas!

In History, we looked at significant people, and we focused on the life of Florence Nightingale. The children took part in a workshop related to her. They were able to explore how the hospitals had changed over the years and what an important role she played in making these changes. Year 2 wrote letters to her sister explaining about her journey from England to Scutari hospital. They were able to explain her emotions she would have felt when she was whilst travelling to save the wounded soldiers.

Science has been fun and engaging this term as the children explored materials. They carried out different experiments to test different materials for their purposes. The children learnt to predict based on their prior learning, learn about variables in order to make sure the tests they carried out were fair and how they can best record the results. This was also linked with maths where children drew their own bar charts to collate and to explain what they found out from these experiments. During the half term, children created incredible projects on healthy eating which are now on display in our science room for other children to see. The projects were very informative, and the children were excited to see the projects from others in their year group.

In maths, the children have been learning about multiplication and division. They were able to learn about equal and unequal groups and link equal parts to repeated addition. Children used their knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables to solve multiplication and division calculations. During Number Day, children came dressed in with numbers on their clothes and some were very imaginative and created their own number t-shirts. Children also took part in different maths games and enjoyed maths millionaire game the most. They worked together to solve maths problems.

This term we also looked at children's mental health and discussed with them how they connect with other people. Children were amazing and gave lots of ideas how they can help each other, use kind words, kind hands and show kindness to each other. They were also able to relate to the story of the good Samaritan from previous R.E lesson and how important it is to be kind to each other. Well done Year 2 for your incredible work this half term!

Wishing everyone a restful half term from Year 2 team.



Year 3

Our half term has been full of engaging learning with our Ancient Egyptian Day where we dressed up as Pharaohs, mummies or Gods and Goddesses! As part of our celebrations, we made papyrus paper, set up our mummifying fruits investigation, wrote a letter in role as an Egyptian child and bought and sold Egyptian relics in Maths by using our knowledge of Money.

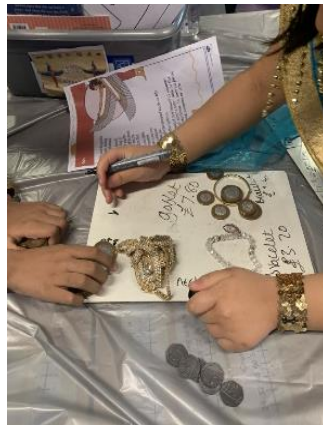
Furthermore, in Art, we focused on creating our own Egyptian headdresses using sketch pencils and oil pastels. They all were creative and bright! We imagined that if we were pharaohs, what would our headdress look like?

For team building, we worked as a table group to create the tallest pyramid that could stand freely using spaghetti, cello tape and marshmallows! It was a challenging task, however, we learnt how to communicate effectively with our team, talk in turn and take turns in sharing materials.

On Number Day, we enjoyed dressing up and participating in activities relating to our current Maths learning. We played multiplication and division board games with our learning partner.

For Mental Health Week, we focused on kindness, appreciation, and self-awareness. We listened to calming music with the diffuser on and created a relaxing environment for us to learn in – we really enjoyed our learning!

We hope you all have a restful break, stay safe and enjoy your time. We look forward to the next half term's new and exciting learning.



Year 4



The first half of the spring half-term has been full of many exciting educational experiences for Year 4. We had a scintillating time reading 'The Village That Vanished' and making links with history to the Benin Kingdom and Slavery. We wrote persuasive letters, diary entries, play scripts, descriptions, and poems. We also used drama to explore characters' feelings or motives.



In topic, our theme was 'Benin Kingdom' looking at Benin art, beliefs, and history of the Benin Kingdom. Additionally, we also looked at locational knowledge and explored the location of past as well as present day Benin. In art, we created, then painted, Benin clay tiles based on religion and beliefs.

The highlight of this half term has been children learning about Teeth and Digestion in Science. We conducted experiments to discover the function of different types of teeth. We looked at food chains and explored predators and preys. Additionally, we looked at the human digestive system and created a 3D working model to explore the process.

We also observed the Number Day, focusing on many maths skills whilst learning maths through fun games. In maths, we have focused mainly multiplication and division. We have been exploring multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We have also explored different written methods to divide and multiply such as number lines, long and short multiplication and division.



Jam Coding has been very popular amongst all Year 4 pupils. The focus has been photo editing using techniques such as cropping; changing brightness and saturation; changing composition and different layers to merge photos. Our music sessions with Mr Eastmond have been helping pupils in developing and learning new skills such as being able to recognise notes. Using cornets, pupils can now recognise and play C, D, E and F notes.



We celebrated 'Mental Health Awareness Week' by focusing on learning how to control our emotions and to recognise non-verbal emotion cues. We also learnt different techniques teaching us how to stay calm. In Spanish, we have been looking at family relations in Spanish and writing simple sentences. We have used games, drama and singing to improve our articulation

of Spanish language. Lastly, our main focus in RE has been to learn about death, greed and selfishness through Buddhist stories.

Overall, this half term has been a busy but riveting learning experience for all of us. We look forward to lots of learning through our upcoming themed topic of the Rainforests. Thanks to all the parents for your vital, continued support.

February Half Term Newsletter

Year 5

It's hard to believe that it's half term already! The last five (and a half) weeks have gone flashing by, full of new learning, trips, workshops, and science investigations!



In English, Year 5 read the tragic story of the Highwayman and Bess, bringing their learning to life with role plays and drama lessons. They also wrote character descriptions, narratives, designed 'Wanted' posters, and best of all, their own fantastic versions of this classic

poem by Alfred Noyes that would have given him a run for his money!

The children had a trip to Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha that linked to their RE learning on Sikhism this half term. They learnt about Sikh values and traditions, the Sikh belief in reincarnation, and interesting stories related to Sikh history, all of which helped deepen their understanding of their overarching question in RE: Are Sikh stories important today?



The children also took part in the 'Number Day' celebrations, helping raise money to support services provided by the charity NSPCC such as 'Speak Out' Stay Safe and Childline,

while dressing up in number shirts and having a fun-filled day of maths activities and games.

The school organised a workshop on internet safety to promote safe, responsible, and positive use of digital technology for children. In accordance with this year's theme, the workshop focused on encouraging children to talk about the online safety support that they receive: What issues concern them? What changes do they want to see? How can we work together to ensure the support is available to them in future?

In line with our school's focus on keeping Science and practical learning at the forefront, children conducted experiments and designed fair tests related to their Science topic, Properties and Changes of Materials. They also planted garlic and potatoes, proving they have green thumbs as evidenced by their beautifully grown harvest!



Finally, Armstrong class visited Heston Library for a relaxing morning of reading. It was also the end of



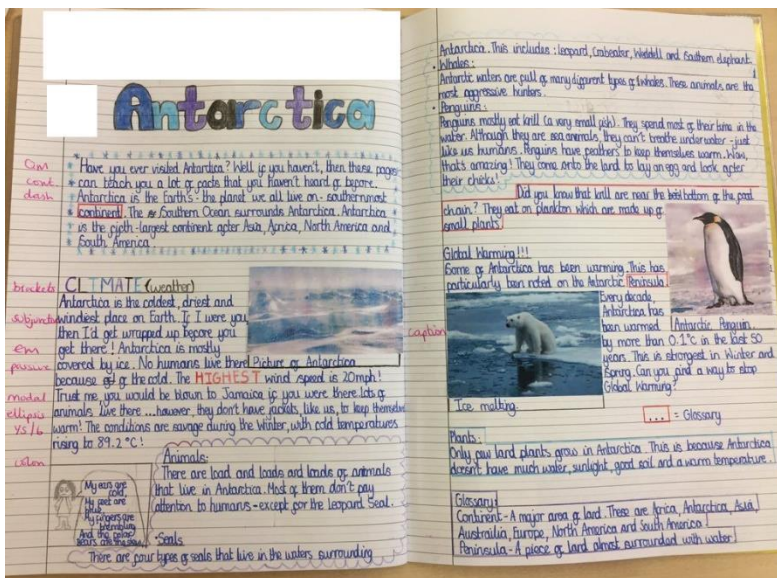
swimming for Armstrong, an experience that they enjoyed immensely. With Jemison all set for their library visit and swimming lessons to begin, the children can't be more excited! We hope you have a lovely break. We look forward to seeing you after half term!

Year 6

It has been wonderful to welcome our Year 6 students back to school in the New Year. We are so proud of the massive amounts of effort they have put into their learning, and this is evident in the tremendous progress they have made. With only nine school weeks until the KS2 SATs, our students are showing a reflective attitude towards their learning.

This term we have been learning about the great frozen south – Antarctica. Our students have become familiar with the famous polar explorer Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton and his great expedition to the South Pole. The children have produced lots of great written pieces: persuasive letters to encouraging the London’s elite to sponsor Shackleton’s expedition, a biography of Shackleton and a double page information spread on Antarctica.

We ended the term with a trip to the Science Museum to watch a 3D film about Antarctica. The children enjoyed learning lots of new facts about the Southern Ocean and about the wildlife native to Antarctica.



We wish you a safe and relaxing half-term break.

Year 6 team.

