

## What's in the News at Edison?



### Science at Edison

This term in Science we have been participating in exciting new projects here at Edison Primary and have lots to celebrate.

We have recently introduced a Science gallery. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Science Project, the gallery is a perfect way to celebrate the children's work. The children were very proud to showcase their work.

Next term, we have some exciting projects for the children to be a part of.



### Message from Mrs Dokal

What a full on term for all, and this newsletter celebrates all the terms achievements. Christmas is fast approaching and it's coming to the end of 2022! We hope you all enjoyed our Christmas concerts. A big thank you to all of the parents, carers and grandparents who came and watched the children.

The children really enjoyed performing in front of an audience. Another big thank you to all my staff involved in putting the shows together and their hard work and dedication to the children this term. We can now enjoy a well earned rest. Christmas lunch together was amazing, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed parties and movies too! Thank you for your ongoing support, we really do appreciate it. So as our Christmas holidays begin, I want to wish you all a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas. Take care of each other and most importantly enjoy this family time. See you all in 2023!

### Rocket Day at Edison

The children had an exhilarating day on Thursday 24 November when this spectacular rocket arrived at Edison!

The big wow factor was the 30 feet tall rocket (about 9 feet).

Skybolt 2 is a Sounding Rocket (a research rocket).

The day started with both Year 5 and 6 having a riveting Rocket Workshop, followed by all the year groups taking pictures by it.

All the children, staff and parents thoroughly enjoyed seeing and learning about this amazing rocket!



## Congratulations

This term's attendance winners are:

Newton	90.2%
Bell	93.5%
Watson	92.5%
Franklin	92.4%
Pasteur	94.6%
Fleming	93.5%
Curie	91.8%
Faraday	92.7%
Carson	94.4%
Goodall	92.7%
Armstrong	<b>95.7%</b>
Jemison	91.8%
Einstein	90.0%
Hawking	90.6%



**Well done Armstrong Class!**

### Multi-Sports/Football with Mr Hitchinson

Look at our children celebrating with their medals earned through football and multi sports clubs! They have all done really well, listening and applying themselves every week to achieve great outcomes to the sessions.



### Pupil Vacancies at Edison

We are delighted that we are almost a full school and we just have three spaces in Years Reception, Year 2 and Year 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](mailto:admissions@hounslow.gov.uk) or telephoning: 020 8583 2721 / 2711

We look forward to welcoming them to Edison Primary School!

### Polite Reminders

#### **Birthday Treats at Edison**

We would like to remind you that NO sugary/sweet treats are allowed. If you would like to provide a treat for your child's birthday, can you please send in fruit, or books for the class/library.

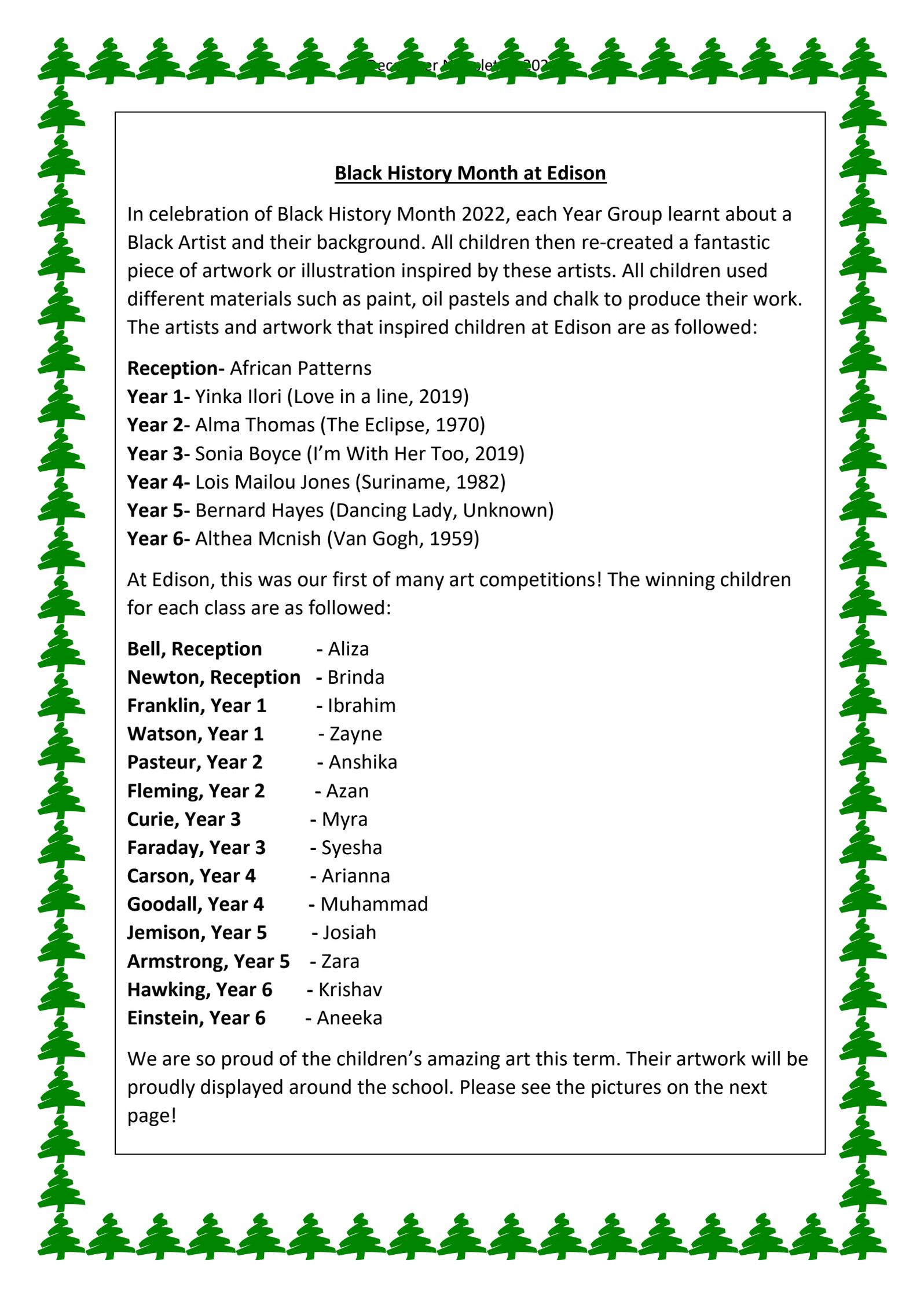
Please check with the school office if you are unsure of what to send in. We appreciate your support with this!

#### **Wet Collection End of Day Procedure**

On days that it is raining, please collect your child from the same area as the morning drop off.

ONLY Year 4 children will need to be collected from the Science room doors leading into the playground, you can access these via the main pupil entrance.





### Black History Month at Edison

In celebration of Black History Month 2022, each Year Group learnt about a Black Artist and their background. All children then re-created a fantastic piece of artwork or illustration inspired by these artists. All children used different materials such as paint, oil pastels and chalk to produce their work. The artists and artwork that inspired children at Edison are as followed:

**Reception-** African Patterns

**Year 1-** Yinka Ilori (Love in a line, 2019)

**Year 2-** Alma Thomas (The Eclipse, 1970)

**Year 3-** Sonia Boyce (I'm With Her Too, 2019)

**Year 4-** Lois Mailou Jones (Suriname, 1982)

**Year 5-** Bernard Hayes (Dancing Lady, Unknown)

**Year 6-** Althea Mcnish (Van Gogh, 1959)

At Edison, this was our first of many art competitions! The winning children for each class are as followed:

**Bell, Reception** - Aliza

**Newton, Reception** - Brinda

**Franklin, Year 1** - Ibrahim

**Watson, Year 1** - Zayne

**Pasteur, Year 2** - Anshika

**Fleming, Year 2** - Azan

**Curie, Year 3** - Myra

**Faraday, Year 3** - Syesha

**Carson, Year 4** - Arianna

**Goodall, Year 4** - Muhammad

**Jemison, Year 5** - Josiah

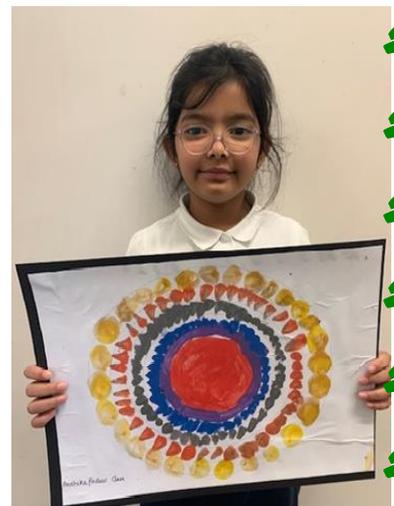
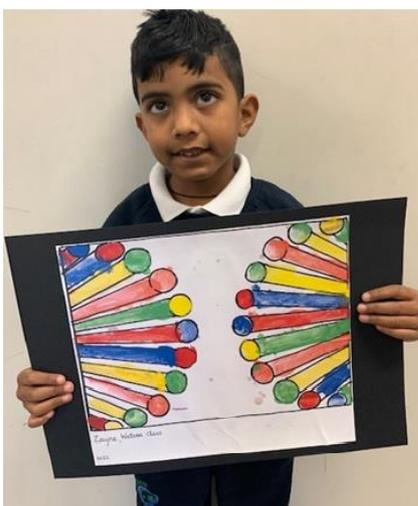
**Armstrong, Year 5** - Zara

**Hawking, Year 6** - Krishav

**Einstein, Year 6** - Aneeka

We are so proud of the children's amazing art this term. Their artwork will be proudly displayed around the school. Please see the pictures on the next page!

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# This Term's Learning

## Reception

What a busy half term Reception has had! We have had so much fun and have done a lot of learning. In Maths we have been learning about representing, sorting and matching numbers and we have been working hard practicing our number bonds to 5. We have also been learning to sequence activities that we do every day within the context of time. We have been reading lots of books about winter in Literacy. Bell's favourite was The Jolly Christmas Postman where the Jolly Postman is delivering greetings to various fairy-tale characters. Then, in science we had an amazing exhibition of our previous topic of the human body. This half term we have been learning all about Autumn and Winter, the signs of weather change, animals and crops. We went on an Autumn walk and collected leaves to make some autumn crowns. We also decorated some pine cones to make mini Christmas trees!

Last month, we marked the start of Friendship week with Odd Socks day to show our uniqueness and we also celebrated Children in Need with Pyjama Day. In November, we visited St Leonard's church as part of our topic of Celebrations and Christmas in "Understanding of the World". We walked safely there and were welcomed by the Youth Minister, Nikkita, who shared the Nativity story with us and talked about being kind and caring towards one another, especially at a time of joyous Christmas. We enjoyed ourselves and were able to have a real feel of the festive season in a holy and spiritual environment. Reception also performed a fantastic Christmas production in the church which was so magical and mesmerising!

Thank you to all the parents for their support. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy 2023. Have a lovely and restful Christmas break!



## Year 1

This half term Year 1 have been really busy with lots of activities and workshops. They had an experience learning about space. A rocket was organised and we all took part in an assembly. This was fun! Year 1 also had an opportunity to go outside in the playground grass area to look for snails as part of our science topic 'Animals and Humans.' Franklin and Watson enjoyed putting a Christmas production for the parents, which was an amazing experience where all pupils took part in acting, singing and dancing – what a truly wonderful sight this was. They also had a pyjama day to raise funds for children in need, an odd sock day, a drama workshop, and many other events throughout the term.

We studied nonfiction texts in English, learning about elephants and giraffes, and each student produced a fact file. The concepts of counting forward and backward, number bonds up to 10, one more and one less, knowing less than and greater than, addition by counting on, reading and comprehending word problems, and utilising visuals to enhance learning have all been taught to children in Maths. The children have been studying weather in Geography and have made a weather wheel to help them comprehend the many seasons, recognising hot and cold climates and knowing what to wear in the summer and the winter. The next step is to recognise weather symbols so that they can make a daily weather report. Finally, Year One were able to create a map of our neighbourhood and its various features.

We wish you a happy Christmas and New Year.



## Year 2

Year 2 have had an amazing term full of fun - here is just a few things Year 2 have done! For Science this term we have been looking at 'Animals including Humans'. The children learnt to describe the importance for humans to exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and the importance of hygiene. We have carried out lots of fun scientific experiments and the children have learnt a great deal. The children had an incredible experience walking around the Science gallery that we set up for the children to showcase their 'Big Finish' Science projects as part of their half term homework. It was fantastic to see all the different ways that the children presented their learning and how proud they were to share this with each other.

We continued our theme of 'The Great Fire of London' this half term with the children, where they were able to recount the story; 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London', write instructions about how to keep safe if there is a fire and writing poems about fire. The children should be extremely proud of the work they have produced this half term and how determined they are to achieve their writing targets.

The Year 2 trip to Hounslow Urban Farm was a great day out, where the children had the opportunity to feed the animals, learn about different habitats and food chains. The children got an opportunity to see llamas, pigs, tortoises, parrots and many more. As well as this, the children were able to get up close with some exotic animals such as a snake, centipede, scorpion, and tarantula, not forgetting an owl flying over their heads! It was incredible to see how fearless some of our Year 2 children were to touch a snake and have the snake around their shoulders!

In addition, our 'Christmas with the Aliens' Christmas production made us all proud of our outstanding skills of performing. The children worked hard to learn their lines, remembering different actions and projecting their voices clearly to an audience. Thank you, Year 2, for an extraordinary performance. We are looking forward to seeing the children in the Spring term for lots more fun learning and hope you all have a fabulous Christmas break! A very happy Christmas and Happy New year to you all from Mrs Matharu and Mrs Chandale.



### Year 3

This term has been filled with excitement and the pupils have gained excellent experiences with their learning! Year 3 have participated in a range of exciting workshops such as Maths Fruit Workshop and a Festive Reading Workshop! Furthermore, Year 3 took part in an engaging Ancient Egyptians Workshop learning about the gods, goddesses and key facts about Ancient Egypt. It was so much fun helping Isis to unpick her poem and learn more! We enjoyed making Ancient Egyptian pyramid shapes and places using different body shapes and movements.

Another great learning experience was when we visited Shree Ram Mandir. We listened attentively to the Pandit who told us about the different gods and goddesses as well as how Diwali is celebrated in the Mandir. We enjoyed observing how Hindus worship and asking questions to learn more.

The children in Year 3 came to life when participating in their weekly Music lessons on how to play a recorder instrument effectively. The children excelled at reading music and identifying patterns.

Our 'Higgledy Piggledy' production made us all proud of our outstanding skills of singing and performing. Our teamwork has enabled us to prosper in singing and practicing actions for the songs.

Thank you Year 3 for a truly magical term of learning! We hope you have a restful yet FUN break and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!



## Year 4

We have had an exciting half-term continuing our Story of Water unit. In English we learnt about the water cycle through the book Rhythm of the Rain, followed by descriptive writing using The Lighthouse clip. Linked with our Story of Water unit both classes had an immersive experience carrying out science experiments and gained geographical knowledge on our main source of water River Thames. This supported our research that we had been conducting in geography about the climate of Kerala and comparing rivers and water supply in London and Kerala.

In Maths we have been focusing on addition, subtraction, and area. We have explored different methods that can be used to solve a problem, such as column method, number line and partitioning. Furthermore, we took part in a problem-solving workshop by Explore Learning in which we had to create the cheapest shop names using lines which had different values.

In science, we investigated the state of matters by conducting a lot of experiments: testing condensation, boiling and evaporation and creating our own water cycle in a bag. We were lucky enough to be joined by a Thames Water speaker through zoom who discussed how water is treated and the importance of not wasting water. She explained how the water cycle is used to source our water. We were lucky to experience a real rocket at Edison! We were given a box which explains what astronauts need to survive in space. It was then followed by a thrilling assembly.

Luckily, this half-term we have had the opportunity to take part in a few workshops, such as the coding workshop. The children experienced creating their own game using coding. Furthermore, to enhance their love of reading children received two workshops by the world-renowned author Liz Pichon. She walked us through how to illustrate some of the main character from her Tom Gates series. Furthermore, we were joined by Drama Hut to take part in a creative writing workshop about Superheroes. We were able to mime and act out different scenarios using onomatopoeia. We discussed what creates a great story. Additionally, we took part in a figurative writing workshop by Explore Learning. We had to imagine aliens have arrived on Earth and we had to write a letter to them describing Earth.

Through this half-term we celebrated anti-bullying week where we came in with odd socks. During the week we discussed what creates a healthy friendship and how to use kind words to each other. We also created blackout poems and artwork in memory of Remembrance Day, and took part in the one minute silence.

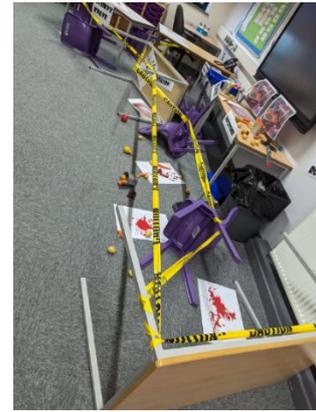
Finally, we have been in high festive spirit creating props and decoration in the classroom. We have been working hard rehearsing for our school production 'When Sasha went up the Chimney'. We are very proud of all the children they have impressed us with their acting and singing skills.



## Year 5

It's hard to believe the year is nearly over but we have loved every minute of it! It has been a busy yet delightful term filled with new learning, workshops, science investigations, flower dissections, and Christmas production preparations!

In English, we started the topic of 'Romeo and Juliet' with an exciting market scene hook. We wrote narratives, persuasive letters, soliloquys and newspaper reports on 'Romeo and Juliet', often in the style of Shakespeare- *Thee wonneth't believeth t!* Role plays and dramas truly immersed us in our riveting experiences.



The children were so excited to have a Rocket Workshop and got to see a real rocket and learn about rocket launches. Linked with their Science topic on Space, children made their own rockets and even launched them. They also had engaging science lessons learning about life cycles

which inspired them to create their own 3D model of a frog's life cycle. Additionally, the children enjoyed the first-hand experience of dissecting a lily flower, which aided them in understanding a flowering plant's life cycle.

In our history topic on Tudors, children have had a blast from the past. To hook children, we had a trip to Hampton Court Palace where children learnt about 'Jobs at Court' such as meat turners, spit-boy, executioner, etc. We learnt a lot of interesting facts about Tudors such as religious reformation, Bloody Mary, Crime and Punishment in Tudor times, all of which helped us deepen our understanding and answer our overarching question in history: When Tudor period came to an end, was it a good thing or a bad thing?



In light of Christmas, Year 5 created Christmas cards, decorated their class tree and performed amazingly in their Christmas play: Christmas Is Forever. We are so proud of our Year 5s and we cannot wait to see the wonderful work they produce in the upcoming terms! We hope you have a lovely break and stay safe and we hope to see you soon in the New Year.



## Year 6



What an incredible term Autumn 2 had been. With the magic of Christmas, it really has gone in a flash. We have been incredibly busy. Assessments, Christmas play, Sports competition, Workshops and Trips! The highlight of this term was the Harry Potter World trip, the children really got to see behind the magic the world of Hogwarts. We were full of laughter throughout and everyone left with a smile on their face.

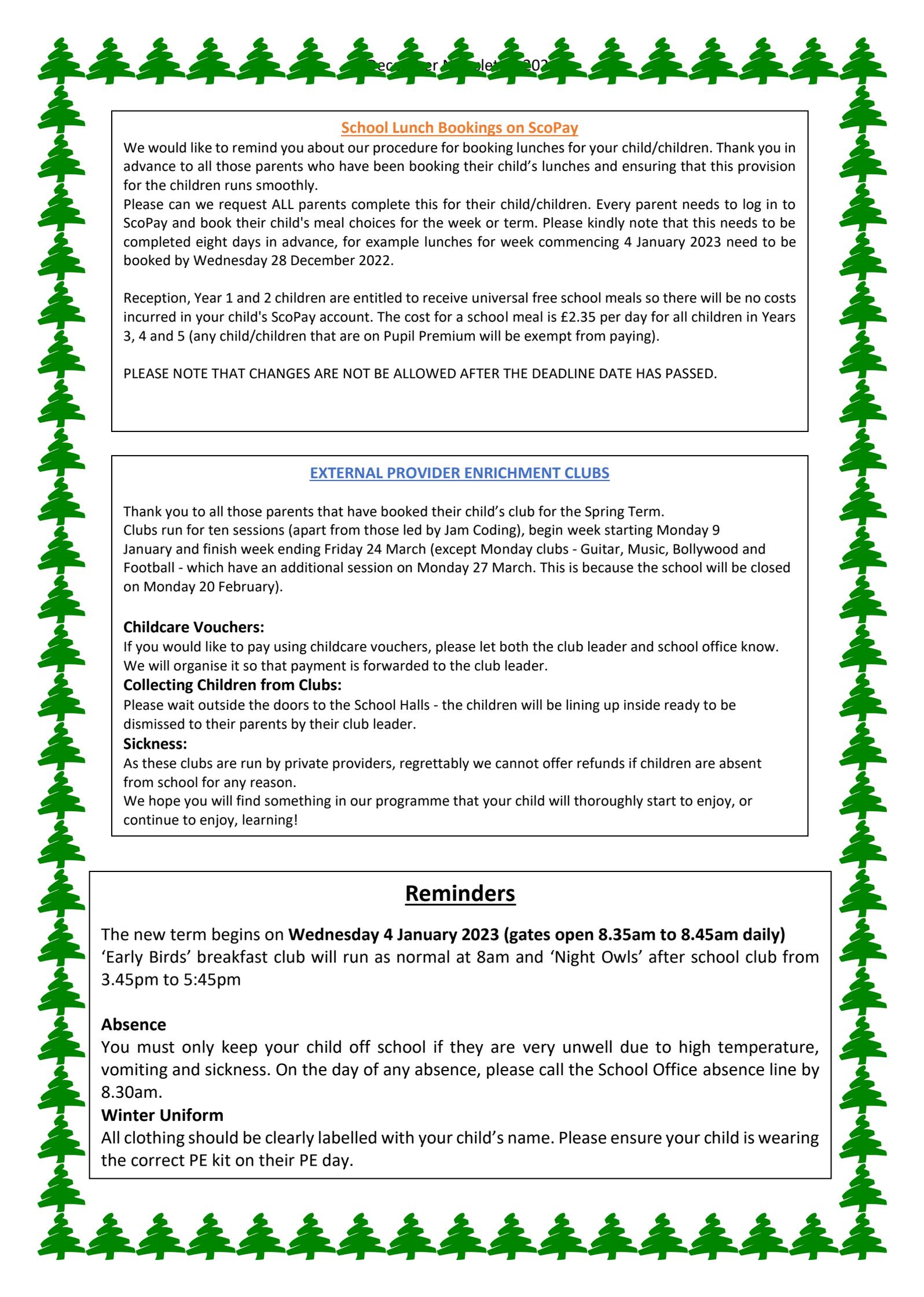
We have upped our game this term with the sports competitions we are participating in. Year 6 are keen to put Edison Primary School on the sports map as with each competition they are doing better and better, which is fantastic to see with the support of year 5 too of course!



Hawking and Einstein's engagement with homework has been incredible this term and this was evident in our first Science Gallery. The children had a chance to showcase their science projects and we were all truly impressed. Continuing with their passion for science, we were able launch our very own rockets into space (well not quite but pretty high in the sky!).



We want to thank all the parents and guardians for your endless support and hope you all have a wonderful, well-earned break.



### School Lunch Bookings on ScoPay

We would like to remind you about our procedure for booking lunches for your child/children. Thank you in advance to all those parents who have been booking their child's lunches and ensuring that this provision for the children runs smoothly.

Please can we request ALL parents complete this for their child/children. Every parent needs to log in to ScoPay and book their child's meal choices for the week or term. Please kindly note that this needs to be completed eight days in advance, for example lunches for week commencing 4 January 2023 need to be booked by Wednesday 28 December 2022.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 children are entitled to receive universal free school meals so there will be no costs incurred in your child's ScoPay account. The cost for a school meal is £2.35 per day for all children in Years 3, 4 and 5 (any child/children that are on Pupil Premium will be exempt from paying).

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHANGES ARE NOT BE ALLOWED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE HAS PASSED.

### EXTERNAL PROVIDER ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Thank you to all those parents that have booked their child's club for the Spring Term. Clubs run for ten sessions (apart from those led by Jam Coding), begin week starting Monday 9 January and finish week ending Friday 24 March (except Monday clubs - Guitar, Music, Bollywood and Football - which have an additional session on Monday 27 March. This is because the school will be closed on Monday 20 February).

#### **Childcare Vouchers:**

If you would like to pay using childcare vouchers, please let both the club leader and school office know. We will organise it so that payment is forwarded to the club leader.

#### **Collecting Children from Clubs:**

Please wait outside the doors to the School Halls - the children will be lining up inside ready to be dismissed to their parents by their club leader.

#### **Sickness:**

As these clubs are run by private providers, regrettably we cannot offer refunds if children are absent from school for any reason.

We hope you will find something in our programme that your child will thoroughly start to enjoy, or continue to enjoy, learning!

### Reminders

The new term begins on **Wednesday 4 January 2023 (gates open 8.35am to 8.45am daily)** 'Early Birds' breakfast club will run as normal at 8am and 'Night Owls' after school club from 3.45pm to 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 by 8.30am.

#### **Winter Uniform**

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