

## What's in the news at Edison?



### World Book Week – Thursday 3 March 2022

World Book Day celebrations across Edison saw each class dressed as their favourite book character. Also, each class eagerly awaited the re-opening of our newly renovated School Library. It was fantastic to see so many children enjoying reading by selecting books of interest. Many of us had virtual visits from well-known authors! Throughout the day, we focused on Science links with some year groups completing experiments such as observing changes from solid, to liquid to solid again with melting and cooling chocolate. This was a great link with Year Three's learning when reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Furthermore, each class participated in a Ready, Steady, Read sponsorship to complete reading activities and raise money. With much excitement, we had a Book Fair where all children and parents shared their enjoyment for reading by choosing a book to read! A warm thank you to all children, parents and staff who participated with our celebrations.



### Message from Mrs Dokal

This term has been a very successful one and I want to thank you for all your continued support for our staff team.

This newsletter beautifully demonstrates curriculum coverage and all the enrichment opportunities our children have experienced in a term.

My personal highlight was meeting Tony De Saulles (Author/Illustrator) who is most well-known for illustrating the Horrible Science books.

At Edison, we enjoy every minute we spend enabling our children to thrive and I hope you enjoy reading this incredible newsletter. Have a wonderful time over the Easter

### Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

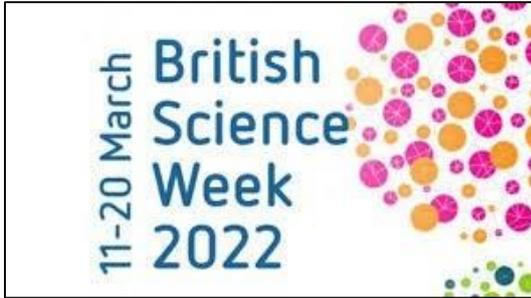
The children came to school dressed in superhero costumes in aid of Red Nose Day!

Everyone had such a fun day throughout the whole school. We also raised a grand total of **£370.65** for this great cause.

We would like to thank you all for your generous contributions!



## British Science Week- Science Masterclass.



During British Science week, Edison hosted a great scientist from Heston Community school. Mrs Brown came in to work with our eager scientists across KS2. Children were selected from Years 3, 4 and 5. The children explored the anatomy and properties of water. Our lovely host is passionate about 'hands on science' and

therefore, planned amazing experiments. Throughout the session, our children showed great subject knowledge and curiosity. Three experiments were carried out and the children were able to learn through investigation, which is what we love! The first experiment allowed children the opportunity to assess how to reduce the surface tension of water. They used pepper, water and soap to explore this and repeatedly attempted to break the surface of the water with their cotton buds. During the second experiment, the children raced paper boats – that were powered by dish soap! It was incredible. As the session drew to an end, our children used their cross-curricular skills to create an art explosion in milk. They used food colouring and milk to create amazing art. Overall, Mrs Brown commented on our children's impeccable behaviour, their inquisitive minds and their incredible subject knowledge. We look forward to working with Heston in the near future. Mrs Brown's last comment before she left was "You are the great minds of the future!"



## This Term's Learning

### Reception

Although this term has been a short one, it has been an eventful and exciting one. We have been learning about people who help us, and were visited by an oral health team who talked to us about the importance of brushing our teeth and ways of caring for them. We were also given our own oral health packs to take home! Last week we had an exciting and fun visit from the Local Fire Brigade, where we had the opportunity to sit inside the fire engine, use the firefighter's hose and listen to a talk about the role of a firefighter.

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as a book character and visiting our beautiful new library where we read books of our choice and explored the different areas of the library.

We also walked to the local church where we learnt about Easter and why it is celebrated. For Science week, we took part in some fun and awesome science experiments and investigations such as which liquid makes the most bubbles using baking soda and how cornflour acts as a solid and a liquid! Last week, we also had the privilege of visiting the ducklings in Year 3 and we were able to stroke and hold them. In Maths we have been looking at money and recognising coins. We also learnt about weight and used the balancing scales to talk about heavy and light. We looked at capacity and used the vocabulary of empty and full and compared how much different objects could hold using non-standard units such as multilinks and Numicon. It has been a busy half term and we can't wait to see what the summer term has in store for us!



## Year 1

Year 1 had a fabulous time during World Book Day. All the children looked amazing in their costumes, and they really engaged in the activities set by Mrs Kochhar.

Arya and Angad (Franklin) won a competition for creating a WBD poster and best costume respectively. Arik won competition for creating a science poster.

From Watson class, Anshika and Alexander won a competition for creating a WBD poster and best costume too.

Another fantastic week was enjoyed by children during the International Science Week. The children experienced first-hand teaching which brought out the scientist in each and every child.

We had the opportunity to spend a maths lesson with Explore Learning. They really modelled great maths activities to enhance the children's learning. The children had the opportunity to explain the different methods they had learnt and the different strategies they used when they were unsure about a problem.

Trip – Year 1 also visited the local church in Heston. They had lots of questions prepared for Father Davidson, who was more than happy to answer. The children represented Edison Primary School extremely well. In English children wrote a recount of the trip.



## Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic term with lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place. The term started with a special visit from Metro Bank. The children learnt the importance of money and were excited to take home a certificate and a goody bag at the end. The children celebrated World Book Day. They took part in a range of reading activities in their classes and enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters.

In English, the children learnt to write different types of writing texts. The children used a variety of sentence starters, conjunctions, suffixes and punctuation to write the story 'The Tunnel'. The children were excited to come up with their own version of the story by changing the ending. To really immerse children in the story, towards the end of the term, the children focused on newspaper reports. The children had the opportunity to explore the features of a newspaper report and write their newspaper report based on 'The Tunnel', where the boy goes missing. To support children's speaking and listening skills, they were able to act as reporters to present their reports to each other.

In Maths, the children explored 2D and 3D shapes. They have learnt how to describe different shapes using mathematical vocabulary including: sides and vertices for 2D shapes and faces, and vertices and edges for 3D shapes. Using this knowledge, children identified a range of shapes and sorted them according to their properties. They also learnt how to arrange shapes into patterns and find the next shape in the sequence. The children also explored fractions by using Cuisenaire rods to find equivalent fractions. They learnt how to find fractions of a number and a shape and used their knowledge of division to make links with fractions.

From the 14th to 18th March the children took part to celebrate British Science Week. Year 2 carried out different scientific investigations each day. The children had lots of fun and learnt what happens when certain chemicals are mixed together and what reaction they have. It was fantastic to see the children excited and enthusiastic about their learning. Mentos and coke and making Lava lamps were the children's favourite experiments of the week!

Overall, this half term has been an exhilarating learning experience for all of us. Thank you to all the parents for your continued support. We wish everyone a lovely, relaxing Easter break!



Year 3

Our term has been full of engaging learning ranging from whole school celebrations to our day to day lessons. In English we have thoroughly enjoyed reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* as a class and reading aloud using expression for different characters. In addition, we wrote captivating letters and diary entries in role as key characters, exploring their thoughts and feelings. We've had a fun-filled term and have had two author visits! We had a virtual workshop with Chris Callaghan, author of 'The Great Chocoplot' and Tony De Saulles, Author of 'Bee Boy'.

World Book Day celebrations enabled us to investigate how chocolate can turn from a solid to liquid and then back to a solid by making our own Wonka Bars! Also, on World Book Day, our newly renovated Library was opened for us to visit – it was exciting for us to visit each of the zones and read for pleasure. Our School Book Fair was a great experience for us to discover new books and to choose which ones we would like to read.

Science Week celebrations enabled us to create an eco-system terrarium using succulent plants. Furthermore, our Science learning tapped into our curiosity and exploration of the human skeleton. We now know the names of many of our own bones! To complete our terrific term, we were given five duck eggs to look after and monitor. It was a breath-taking experience to witness the hatching of the ducklings and to see them work together as a team. We are very impressed with the children's learning this term.



## Year 4

This half-term, Year 4 classes have been fully immersed in our topic The Rainforests linked with English. Children have produced extended writing using diary entries, letters and non-chronological reports on Rainforests. We also had a workshop held by Explore Learning where children looked at descriptive writing techniques. Our very compassionate children also wrote persuasive letters to Putin, urging him to stop the war against Ukraine. A display of these letters have been put up in the corridors and admired by many others in the school.

In Science, we have been learning about habitats and making use of the good weather outside; we have managed to do a lot of outdoor learning this half-term. Children have been learning about different types of habitats, the organisms that live there, why they have certain adaptations and how the environment affects the species as a whole. In Art, children have created rainforest animals using different art forms such as Zoom in art, aboriginal art form etc. Lastly, we have had a lot of emphasis on Times Table via 'Timestable Rockstars' which the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing.

There has been a buzz as we have been observing a lot of important days. On International Women's Day, we learnt about Greta Thunberg and her immense contribution. We also had a blast dressing up for World Book Day and doing various activities such as making our own comics, dressing up a potato, and taking part in 'Sponsored Read'. In addition, we also celebrated 'Red Nose Day' by dressing up as superheroes (or ourselves) for a very good cause.

During British Science Week, we learnt Science every day, and also conducted various science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) experiments. In our Magic Milk experiment, we explored the surface tension of milk which made colours disperse. In Walking Water activity, we looked at capillary action in plants which helps water travel from roots all the way to the leaves at the top of the plants. Children also took part in a Science poster making competition and an assembly on British Science Week. We were also very fortunate to be able to go on a school trip this half-term. We visited St Leonard's church, linked with our topic on forgiveness. The youth pastor Miss Nikkita gave us a plethora of information on Christianity as well as forgiveness. We also visited Heston Park where children got to thoroughly enjoy themselves with their friends.





## Year 5

How is it summer already? Although this term has gone by quickly it has truly been amazing to see the children flourish throughout. It has been wonderful to have so many creative additions to our class reading journals. We can't wait to see what else is to be added!

In March we not only had World Book Day but also Science Week. It was so lovely to see the children dress up as their favourite book characters and it wasn't an easy decision for the class teachers to choose just one winner! During Science Week, we learnt more about growth and investigated further about reversible and irreversible changes. The children were excited to see the role oxygen plays in burning things. We even had a scientist from Heston Community school come in during science week and work with some of our year 5 children.



Our topic this term was Tremendous Tudors and the children learnt about King Henry VIII, the Tudor rose, Tudor housing and much much more.

We celebrated International Women's Week this term and looked at inspirational women across the world and in the past.

The children have made so much progress in their weekly music lesson and they are now able to play a short tune independently. Armstrong class completed all of their swimming lessons successfully and were awarded with certificates for the amazing progress they made. Jemison class are also doing so well in their swimming lessons, already making lots of progress.



## Congratulations

Newton	94.3%	
Bell	<b>95.9%</b>	<b>Well done Bell Class!</b>
Watson	93.5%	
Franklin	94.0%	
Pasteur	93.8%	
Fleming	93.6%	
Curie	93.1%	
Faraday	91.0%	
Carson	94.6%	
Goodall	93.7%	
Armstrong	92.1%	
Jemison	90.7%	



## Sopay Lunch Bookings

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 make a humble request to ALL parents to complete this for their child/children too. Every parent needs to log in to Scopay and book their child's meal choices for the week or term. 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. If your child is bringing a packed lunch you still need to book this in as P code.

The cost for a school meal is £2.35 per day for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 (any child/children that are on Pupil Premium will be exempt from paying). Please kindly ensure your child's dinner account is

## Book Author- Tony De Saulles

Years 2,3,4 and 5 were full of delight when an author and illustrator Tony De Saulles came to visit us in school! Our workshop focused on the 'Horrible Science' books he has illustrated and his newer releases of 'Bee Boy.' We all watched in awe as Tony illustrated many of his famous illustrations for us and we were able to sketch too! We really enjoyed how he told us facts about animals as he was sketching such as the worker bees and queen bees. We listened avidly as Tony took us through his journey to becoming a successful author and illustrator. What really took us by surprise was when we had to guess what illustrations Tony drew!



## Some quotes from children in Year 3:

"I was excited to meet Tony and couldn't wait to read his Bee Boy books. I have just finished a book and it was FANTASTIC!" Alex, Year 3 Faraday Class

"I love reading and writing so I couldn't wait to meet a real author! Tony inspired me with his drawings too!" Emaan, Faraday Class

"Tony is an amazing illustrator. I like how he showed us how to draw a dinosaur with blood to make it look real!" Shannon, Faraday Class

"The session was very fun as we learnt how to draw realistically." Mason, Curie Class

"It was really fun. I enjoyed learning how you illustrated the books." Sauravi, Curie Class

"It was lovely how you introduced us to new, exciting vocabulary." Ganeza, Curie Class

## Reminders

New Term begins **Tuesday 19 April 2022 at the usual start time of 8:45am, gates open at 8:35 am daily.**

'Early Birds' Breakfast Club will run as normal at 8am and 'Night Owls' After School Club at 3.45pm-5:45pm

### After School Club Collection

Our school office will close at 4.30pm. If you are picking up your child from Night Owls after this time, please use the bell at the school office entrance, and either Mrs Mahal will come to meet you and fetch your child from the club.

If you have rung the bell and there is no answer, please kindly call 07814 021729. This will only be necessary on the occasions that the children are taken outside to play. We appreciate your patience and support with this.

### Absence

You must only keep your child off school if they are unwell due to high temperature, vomiting and sickness! On the day of any absence, please call the school office before 8.30am and choose option 1 to report absence.

### Summer 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.

**Upcoming Dates for the Diary:**

**Summer Term begins**

**Tuesday 19 May 2022** - Pupils return to school for the Summer Term

**Thursday 20 May 2022** - Jam Coding Club ONLY recommences

**Monday 25 May 2022** - All Other Paid Enrichment Clubs will recommence

**Monday 25 May 2022** – All Free Teacher Led Clubs will recommence

**Monday 2 May 2022** - School CLOSED May Bank Holiday

Children return to school on **Tuesday 3 May 2022**

**Thursday 5 May - School CLOSED for Polling Day**

This year our school will be used by the Local Authority as a polling station for the Local Elections.

We would like to notify you in advance that the school will be closed to ALL pupils on **Thursday 5 May 2022**.

However, on this day the children's learning will still take place remotely, as teachers will hold online zoom lessons via Seesaw.

We will update you with further information closer to the date.

**Friday 27 May 2022 - Queen's Jubilee Celebration at Edison**

To celebrate this grand upcoming event, the children will have a special picnic lunch in the playground.

Children can come to school in Royal Attire, i.e. suits, dresses and party wear. Please see the menu that has been attached in the end of term email.

More information on to follow in due course.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter from all the Edison Team!