What's in the news at Edison?

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Football Tournament

Our Year 4 Football Team entered their first tournament on Tuesday 8 February. They played really well coming away with one win, one draw and two losses. It was an amazing start to their footballing journey!

Everyone displayed an amazing attitude throughout the tournament and represented the school brilliantly.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Monarc Builds for sponsoring our football kit. The children were extremely excited and proud to be wearing the kit and representing the school.



Message from Mrs Dokal

Can you believe we are half way through the year! Although the Omicron variant has continued to throw us its challenges with absence, this newsletter celebrates the exciting new learning that we have managed to achieve in just six weeks! The well-being workshops for Mental Health Week have gone down a treat, what a great way to end the half term! The staff are really looking forward to starting their free clubs after the holidays. Please enjoy the spring half term break and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 22 February.

A Message from our Sponsor



Monarc Builds are delighted to sponsor & support Edison Primary School. At Monarc Builds, we thrive at design and build. We also believe that young people are the future, and we hope to help design and build a more positive one for them.

It's our way of giving back to the community. Company contact number 020 8088 8787 Company email address <u>info@monarcbuilds.com</u>

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Congratulations

These Term's Attendance winners are:

Newton -	94.7%	
Bell –	96.6%	Well done Bell Class!!
Watson –	92.8%	
Franklin –	94.2%	
Pasteur –	93.7%	
Fleming -	93.3%	
Curie -	93.1%	
Faraday -	91.4%	
Carson -	94.3%	E
Goodall -	93.2%	
Armstrong	- 92.4%	
Jemison -	89.7%	



Maths Number Day - Friday 4th February

The children and staff had a fabulous day by 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/ediso n-primary-school.

All the money we raise at Edison will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC.

Pupil Vacancies at Edison Primary

We currently have spaces for children in Years 1, 3 and 4.

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 Fun!

Reminders

New Term begins Tuesday 22nd 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 really unwell due to high temperature, vomiting and sickness! On the day of any absence, please call the School Office by 8.30am and press 1 for student absence.

Please also follow the COVID Government guidelines and adhere to the school's protocols regarding any illness due to the Coronavirus.

If you or your child develops a high temperature, loss of taste and smell or a continuous cough, please ensure you isolate until you take a COVID test.

Autumn 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.

This Term's Learning

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Reception

What a busy half term we have had! The theme of this half term in Reception was 'Adventures', and we went on so many different adventures in our learning. We did lots of very fun and interesting experiments with Mrs Gipson including looking at dissolving and melting - we got to melt chocolate! Delicious! In Literacy we looked at several interesting books, but Newton class' favourite was Whatever Next. We wrote about what we would take if we went to the moon. Bell class particularly 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 20 really well, which includes learning all about one more and one less and counting using one to one correspondence. We really enjoyed the wellbeing workshop where we learnt to explore our feelings and emotions and how we could manage them. 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, year 1 have had an exciting time learning all about numbers on Number Day. The children were encouraged to come to school wearing a number. Some wore football shirts, others wore patterns and some children were extremely creative and designed their own number top! On Friday afternoon all years were involved with Maths number games and activities. The children enjoyed learning through the use of dice, number lines and Numicon. We all had great fun and enjoyed learning in a practical way.

Recently, Year 1 were involved in a wellbeing workshop. The workshop encouraged children to talk about their feelings and how to express themselves through role play. All pupils took part in contributing towards the importance of other children's emotions. We discussed the importance of speaking to a trusted adult when children are feeling down so that they can get help. We also spoke about how children can regulate their emotions by finding ways to resolve problems they may face. The children then completed a worksheet to extend their learning.



World Book Day Thursday 3rd March 2022



This year, we are thrilled to be celebrating World Book Day as a school. 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, we will take part in a 'Ready, Steady, Read' sponsored read to raise money for new books. 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.

Paid Enrichment Clubs

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Paid clubs will recommence after the Half Term from Monday 28th February 2022 3:45pm to 4:45pm Please note that these clubs are now FULL! If your child has received a confirmation email for their club choice, please ensure that you have topped up their Scopay account with at least £30 which is 6 weeks' lessons. For enquiries email the school office.

All Enrichment Clubs cost £5.0	00 per week and are run on the f	ollowing days:	
Please note that clubs will be	given on a first come first serve	basis.	
f you would like your child to	attend any of the below clubs, p	please inform the school office by Friday 15	th October 2021
Club confirmations will be em	ailed by Thursday 21st October	2021 ALL Clubs will commence week be	ginning Monday 8 th November
Club:	Indian Dance	Football/Multi-sports	Street Dance
Time:	3:45pm -4:45pm	3:45pm - 4:45pm	3:45pm-4:45pm
Name:	Mrs Sood	Mr Hitchinson & Staff	Miss Grant
Club Running On:	Monday – Years 1,2 Tuesday – Years 3,4,5	Monday — Years 3, 4, 5 (Football) Tuesday – Years 1, 2 (Football) Wednesday – Years 1, 2 (Multi-sports) Thursday – Years 3, 4, 5 (Multi-sports)	Wednesday – Years 3, 4
Takes Place:	To be confirmed	Outside playground	To be confirmed

Please also ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit if they are in Football or Multi-sports club.

Athletics Fun!

We would to say well done to our Year 5 children who represented us in the Indoor Athletics Sports Hall Borough Finals. It was a challenging competition, but the children worked hard throughout and represented our school brilliantly. We look forward to continuing to improve for next year.



Upcoming Dates for the Diary

<u>First Day of Term</u> Tuesday 22nd February 2022

After School Paid Enrichment Clubs Commence

Monday 28th February 2022

Parents please ensure that you have topped your child's Scopay account up with 6 weeks' lessons in advance.

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March 2022 Please note that children come to school in their favourite book characters. Year 5



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<u>Spring 1</u>

This term has zoomed past yet it was full of so much learning and excitement! The children have had many guests coming in to work with them to support their learning and enrich the curriculum too. We are starting to play tunes on the trumpets now thanks to our amazing Music teacher Mr Eastmond and have created amazing art in our landscape paintings this term. Armstrong have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons this term especially their fun session the last week. I am sure Jemison are excited to start their swimming lessons after half-term.

Coding has been awesome too! Our children were hooked from the very first lesson and created some very cool animation as well as learning how to make vector drawings. Thursday is their favourite day. Computing club after school has a great buzz too and due to its high engagement, we will be running it next term too. Don't miss out on your chance to sign up.

We were excited for our zoo trip at the start of the term. The children and adults enjoyed their adventure to ZSL London Zoo. It had been so long since we went on a trip because of COVID so it was refreshing to finally get out and explore. Year 5 were behaved beautifully and really made Edison proud. Miss Faransis almost conquered her fear of butterflies too. The children



were very enthusiastic and completed their activities we even saw some lions! Unfortunately no one could speak parseltongue so we could not speak to the snakes like Harry Potter (but we still tried).

Our well-being workshops were much needed at the end of the term. Year 5 learned how to respect each other's boundaries and how to say 'stop' when they feel they are uncomfortable in a situation. They

reflected afterwards and thought about their own well-being too.

We are so proud of our children that have represented Edison in the sports competition throughout the term. It is delightful to see our children working hard together as part of the team and showing great sportsmanship. We look forward to competing in more sports tournaments next term too.

We hope all of Year 5 have a well-deserved rest over the half term break. You are halfway through the school year and we are all so proud of what you have achieved so far. You are capable of wonders if you put your mind to it Year 5!



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Year 2

What an amazing start to 2022 for Year 2!

This term Year 2 have worked hard in English writing letters as stationary objects from the book 'The day the crayons quit!

For our History topic, we had a Florence Nightingale workshop, which was a fun and exciting for the children to learn and act out roles.

Science this term has been about Materials, we looked at how the materials change shape and which material is the best choice for different objects.

On the 4th February it was Maths day, the children came in with numbers on their clothes and enjoyed playing Maths games.

Wishing everyone a restful half term from Mrs Hamdani and Mrs Matharu.



<u>Year 3</u>

Year 3 have had a tremendous term filled with exciting learning. We have celebrated Number Day, Internet Safety Day and Mental Health Week! We have been learning all about what humans need to survive, what nutrition is and completed an experiment creating our own healthy children's menu. In Maths, we have been learning about adding and subtracting money as solving word problems. In English, we have explored texts such as 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' and 'Egyptian Cinderella.'

Year 3 have been working hard learning about Ancient Egypt. In celebration of this, we held an Egyptian Day where we completed a fact hunt, sold Ancient Egyptian relics and created our own cartouches made from soft clay. We listened to Egyptian music and practiced an Egyptian dance. We are very proud of the effort put in into their learning and costumes. It was impressive to see how children dressed up as characters from our key texts and famous Pharaohs and Goddesses. Thank you for another wonderful term of learning and positivity!



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Year 4

The first half of the spring half-term has been full of a great many exciting educational experiences for Year 4. We have 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. Adding on, we had a visit from Hounslow Book Award scheme organisers who introduced us to six very high quality books to read over the next half-term. Introduction to 'Class Reading Journal' has been a huge hit amongst children who want to share their recent favourite books with the class.

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 prey. Additionally, we looked at the human digestive system and created a 3D working model to explore the process.

We also observed Number Day, focusing on many maths skills whilst learning maths through fun games. In maths, we have focused mainly on tables, graphs and fractions. In fractions, we focused on learning about converting fractions from mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. We also looked at adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions using the CPU approach. Additionally, we were lucky to have had a visit from Explore Learning and play Dice Dilemma games to expand our reasoning and problem solving skills.

Jam Coding has been very popular amongst all Year 4 pupils. The main 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 nonverbal 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 riveting learning experience for all of us. We look forward to lots of learning through our upcoming themed topic of Rainforests. Thanks to all the parents for your vital, continued support.



COVID UPDATE

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19 as per government guidelines.

The individuals who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce the isolation period after five full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Please note: As Government guidance is being reviewed regularly, the above measures can be subject to change.