

What's in the news at Edison?



Halloween Dress Up



On Wednesday children came to school dressed in Halloween Outfits. Everyone including the staff made such a great effort, the children all had such a spooktacular day!!

We would like to thank all the parents for their support and the teachers for making it such a special day for our children.



Message from Mrs Dokal

As I walk through our beautiful school, I walk with pride and joy to see it FULL – after seven years in the making! The children have enjoyed their first half term and this newsletter highlights our achievements. My favourite day so far has been our Halloween Bake Sale organised by our 'Edison Friends'. I was so pleased to see our school community together again! Thank you for all your support throughout this very busy term; as always, it is greatly appreciated. I am off to sunny Dubai! Hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Bake Sale



The Bake Sale was a huge success! We would like to thank 'Friends of Edison', Sana Mirza and our wonderful Year 6 pupil councillors for organising an amazing Bake Sale. A huge effort made by them all!



SPACE DOME COMES TO EDISON

Year 5 studied Earth and Space this term as part of their Science curriculum. To further extend their



knowledge, the school arranged a Space Wonder Dome workshop for them in which they got the chance to view space while in a planetarium! The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and took a trip around the Milky Way galaxy and even explored its nearest neighbour, Andromeda. Our children learned amazing facts about our solar system and beyond,

including taking a flying visit to and learning information about our incredible neighbouring planets.

Is it possible to live on them? And what makes Planet Earth so special that life thrives here?

Through discussions, they learned about the sun's role, learning some incredible facts about our nearest star. We also looked closely at The Moon, our nearest neighbour, and discovered how important it is to live on Earth and why it appears to change shape. The children then delved into the wonderful world of space, taking a flying trip into different planets and moons and learning incredible facts about them. They also got to study the different phases of the moon, how it appeared to change shape as it went around the Earth and how some cultures followed the lunar calendar to mark the years instead of the Sun.

It was a wonderful session where children got to experience the



projection of the entire night sky

onto the inside of the dome and look at the beautiful stars and constellations in our night sky. Lastly, the presenter explained how to identify certain stars and constellations and also tell some magical stories dating back to the times of the Ancient Greek mythology. We thoroughly enjoyed this scintillating experience.

The children proved to be enthusiastic learners and impressed our visitors with the scientific questions they asked about the space and beyond. There were discussions around the possibilities of alternate solar systems that could be inhabited if

ours didn't survive. The children proved to be scientists in making, coming up with interesting opinions and ideas for future exploration. Who needs to go to a Planetarium when the Planetarium comes to you?



PE News @ Edison



Big congratulations to our amazing PE Ambassadors for this year.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Keisha	Rajveer	Jacob	Jake	Amina	Jasleen
Vihaan	Ellie	Zoya	Michele	Tyrese	Balhaar
Lola	Dev	Aaryan	Cane	Yokim	Halima
Muhab	Imman	Denum	Sitesh	Hiba	Anitej

Our PE Ambassadors have been busy organising equipment for our playground boxes. They have many important jobs to do over the course over the year to raise the profile of physical education.

Girls Invasion Games Festival





This term our girls' football team took part in the 'Invasion Games Festival'. The team got to play different invasion games like football and netball. The format of these games is that there are invaders and defenders on each team who have to score points to win a game.

We took two teams to the festival, where both teams got to take part in all the invasion games organised on the day. The girls' team showed great resilience and sporting capability against their opponents. This is a great start to their sporting journey this year.

Diary Dates

Monday 24 October – Monday 31 October – HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 1st November – Pupils return to School

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December – Santa's Grotto

Tuesday 6 December 9:00am to 10:15am- Year 1 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 6 December 2:00pm to 3:30pm – Year 2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 7 December 9:00am to 10:15am – Year 4 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 7 December 2:00pm to 3:30pm – Year 3 Christmas Performance

Thursday 8 December 9:00am to 10:15pm – Year 6 Christmas Performance

Thursday 8 December 2:00pm to 3:30pm – Year 5 Christmas Performance

Friday 9 December (time yet to be confirmed) – Reception Nativity at

St Leonards Church, Heston

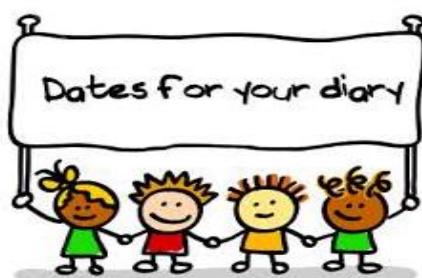
Thursday 15 December – Class Movie Afternoon

Friday 16 December – Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day/Class Disco

Friday 16 December – LAST DAY OF TERM School Closes 1:30pm

Monday 19 December to Tuesday 3 January 2023 – Christmas Break

Wednesday 4 January 2023 – Pupils return to School



This Term's Learning

Reception

What a busy first half term it has been! We have had so much fun settling into our new Reception classes and have done a lot of fun learning. In Maths we have been learning about sorting, matching, patterns and 2D shapes. We explored where we can see patterns and shapes in our environment by going on a pattern and shape hunt in our outdoor area. In Literacy, we have been reading various stories such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Peace at Last', 'Funny Bones' and 'Simpkin'.

Our favourite story was 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We acted out the story using natural objects, role play masks and other props; we were all very brave when we saw the bear in the cave! In Science we learnt all about our body parts and our vital organs such as the heart, lungs and intestines. We even moulded playdough to look like our intestines! We also planted bulbs in readiness for Spring and we made rice crispy cupcakes for Diwali. For our creative activity, we made our own divas out of modelling clay, then we painted and decorated them ourselves.

We also took part in a Drama workshop with 'Perform for Schools' about castles, princesses and knights. Our final highlight this half term was our Halloween Dress up Day and our cake bake sale! Now, we are looking forward to our half term and the fun activities planned in the lead up to Christmas!



Year 1

It has been a great start to the year! Year 1 have enjoyed learning all about the wonderful world of plants. They have been investigating, identifying, naming and comparing the range of trees and plants we have in our school grounds. They were able to identify evergreen and deciduous trees and name the basic structure of a plant and tree.

As well as being keen scientists, our Year 1 pupils have been great chefs! Each child made their own pizza with toppings made from plants. The pupils were able to name the vegetables used for the pizza and think about whether they were grown above or below ground.

As autumn has arrived, our pupils have also been weather reporters! They have learnt a range of weather symbols and presented their very own weather report to the class! It has been great fun.

For Maths, this half term we have been focusing on number and place value. It has been great to see how hard the children have been working at home, as well as in school.

In our English lessons, we read the fiction story 'The Enormous Turnip' and then learnt more about the features on non-fiction text. 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

This half term it was exhilarating to see children involved in fun and engaging activities. The children have settled in well and are fully involved in their classroom learning.

In Science, the children have been learning about animals and their habitats. The children had the opportunity to explore the school grounds to find a range of minibeasts in their habitats and think about why they are suited to their environment.

In English, we have focused on the twisted fiction tale, 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig,' where the children wrote fantastic recounts of the story using conjunctions and different sentence starters. Towards the end of half term, the children were excited to research about lions and write facts about where they live, what they look like and what they eat. It was amazing to see their finished reports about lions. Well done Year 2!

In Maths, we have been focusing on number and place value. The children were able to partition, compare and reason about numbers using base 10, counters and place value charts. The children have started their next unit 'Addition and Subtraction' and already have explored fact families using a part whole model.

In addition to this, we have also focused on the Great Fire of London. During our Design and Technology lesson, the children designed their own slider and lever mechanism related to the Great Fire of London. Keep up the great work Year 2, we hope you have a lovely half term break.



Year 3

Happy first half term! We are delighted with the way our Year 3's have settled into their learning. Our term has been filled with exciting learning opportunities from boarding an aeroplane to Trinidad and Tobago to our Science plant investigations!

We enjoyed celebrating National Poetry Day and focused on a poem about the importance of our environment. We were so inspired that we performed poems and created our own acrostic poems for Diwali. We enjoyed sharing our poems with the class!

We looked at functions of a plant in science and dissected lilies in an investigation! It was great to observe water transportation in celery stalks and how the xylem tubes play a role. Furthermore, we acted out the process of pollination using key science vocabulary.

We also took part in well-being activities to support our mental health. All of us are enjoying the wonderful Class Reading Journal entries each week – great effort! We hope you all have a spook-tacular Half Term and look forward to seeing you all in Autumn Two!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a very scintillating experience settling in their classes and getting to know the teaching staff and using Kagan cooperative learning to have a more immersive educational experience. This half-term, our main topic was 'The Story of Water' which will continue into Autumn 2. Children have been reading 'One Plastic Bag' which links well with other topics. We also celebrated The National Poetry Day linked with our topic, giving a message about environmental change. Children wrote some amazing list poems.

We have also Mental Health Awareness Day, discussing the importance of looking after our mental health. We designed a worry box, and the winner was asked to create one for the class. We were also fortunate enough to have taken part in a Pedestrian Training workshop, learning about road safety, and properly crossing the road. We took part in an exciting virtual Tom Gate workshop, in which the children were taught how to draw Tom and doodles. The children really enjoyed this workshop and were inspired to investigate illustration.

Year 4 also celebrated Roald Dahl Day with a range of activities, reading his books, learning about his life through a reading comprehension, and then topping it off with a science experiment. We created lava lamps which were inspired by Dahl's book 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We had such fun during this crazy science experiment!

In art, we celebrated black history month by exploring Lois Mailou Jones. We recreated her artwork named Suriname which echoed her pride in her African roots and American ancestry. This artwork explores the concept that there is more to you than what's on the outside.

In Science, we have been learning about different states of matter and have been busy conducting observations and experiments. We had a great time planning a fair test and carrying out observations related to how ice melts. We believe that promoting such child-led experiences is what sets our school apart and follows our school ethos. To develop our knowledge in local farming we took part in a Carrot workshop, in this we were able to see a carrot farm and how left-over carrots are turned into carrot powder. Finally, we have also been focusing on class building and teambuilding as part of our daily learning.



Year 5

The last seven weeks have zoomed past and we have loved every minute of it! Year 5 have been excellent role-models for the younger year groups. It has been a busy, yet delightful term filled with new learning, creative lessons, virtual visits/events and engaging workshops. We were lucky to have the spectacular space dome land in our school. The children were able to learn more about rocket launches, galaxies and the wonders of space.



In sports, our children made us very proud as they represented Edison in an event at Springwell School. The football tournament for the girls was a success as they attended the Hounslow Football Festival and won the match! It was delightful to see our girls shine in confidence as they completed different football events.



We were overjoyed when the police agreed to come into school to teach our children about staying safe online. PC Matt was very informative and honest with the children in his workshop. Year 5 showed a great level of maturity during their sessions asking inquisitive questions to further their understanding.

We also took part in a drama workshop where Year 5s worked together to create different animals, make shapes with their bodies and other such riveting activities. We also took part in National Fitness Day and did a carousel of physical activities and pushed our bodies outside of our comfort zone.



Children took part in a crowd cast held by the very famous author of 'Tom Gates'- Liz Pichon. They learnt to doodle in her style and thoroughly enjoyed it. In addition, they learnt about the relevance and importance of Black History Month, followed by creating artwork in the style of a Bernard Hoyes (famous for 'Dancing Lady' artwork).

Linked with Science and Geography, the children stepped into the wonderful world of carrots to discover how they are grown, processed, and packed. They took part



in a nationwide science investigation and took an exclusive trip to Louise the scientist's research field to develop their working scientifically skills and learn how farmers are using cutting-edge science and technology to fight climate change.



In addition to this, we have worked a lot on class building and teambuilding this half-term. Lastly, children have used their ideas from their topic work and Science to create wonderful pieces of writing during our English lessons. Linked with our Space topic, children have produced well-thought and planned newspaper reports and balanced arguments. In Science, we carried on investigations to learn about all things Solar system. We are so proud of our year 5s and we cannot wait to see the wonderful work they produce in the upcoming terms!



Year 6

What an exciting start of the year for our new Year 6s. They are finally top of the school and being excellent role models to all our lovely children. The term has been filled with lots of fun lessons and workshops.



The police came in for an informative assembly for the children about stranger danger and their transition to secondary school. The Year 6s had many sensible questions

and were able to show their maturity. The children showed a great awareness to right and wrong through which the police commended them for.

As we continue prepping our children for the transition next year, TfL came in to give children advice about traveling alone on public transport. They went through different scenarios that children could potentially encounter. They were very excited to learn about their Oyster cards and the fact it was free for them to use!



The term ended with our very spooky Halloween spectacular. The children arrived in scary costumes and some even stayed in role throughout the day. The theme continued throughout the day as their Spanish lesson taught the children the story behind the 'day of the dead'. Overall, it was a very fun day and both teachers and children loved it!



Congratulations

Newton	92.9%
Bell	95.4%
Watson	94%
Franklin	93.7%
Pasteur	96.2%
Fleming	95.9%
Curie	95.7%
Faraday	95%
Carson	96%
Goodall	96.2%
Armstrong	96.6%
Jemison	90.9%
Hawking	93.8%
Einstein	91.5%

**WELL DONE TO
ARMSTRONG CLASS!**



Scopay 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 Infant 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 £2.45 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 topped up regularly.

'Let's Leap' Holiday Club at Edison

There is still time to book your child's place on the 'Let's Leap' Holiday Activity Camp that is being held **here at Edison Primary School next week!** Lots of great things will be happening including:

Monday 24th October - Live Animal Show - including snakes and lizards

Tuesday 25th October - Electric Segway Go-karting (Ages 7+)

We are all incredibly excited about the launch of this camp at our school! Please see the attached flyer for more information and to find out how to book.

CLUBS AT EDISON

Please note ALL Enrichment Clubs will start week commencing **Tuesday 1 November**.

All payments should be made directly to the club provider unless you have already paid the school using club vouchers.

Reminders

New Term begins **Tuesday 1 November 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.