



Edison Primary School

Weekly News

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Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal



Attendance Winners

Well done to Year 6, Hawking Class for being the winners for the highest attendance this week with a percentage of 97.2%.

Registration Form	Attendance Week 6 26.02.24 - 01.03.24	
YR Bell	90.7%	
YR Newton	94.7%	
Y1 Franklin	96.9%	2nd
Y1 Watson	95.2%	
Y2 Fleming	93.9%	
Y2 Pasteur	95.4%	
Y3 Curie	92.3%	
Y3 Faraday	94.7%	
Y4 Carson	94.1%	
Y4 Goodall	93.7%	
Y5 Armstrong	93.8%	
Y5 Jemison	96.4%	3rd
Y6 Einstein	92.1%	
Y6 Hawking	97.2%	1st

Over and Above: Focus of the Week

Showing Cooperation

Our dedicated attention this week centered on adhering to **our four school principles: Ready, Respectful, Safe, and Kind**. The primary objective was to surpass the norm in these aspects, fostering mutual assistance in enhancing our collective commitment. At Edison, continual improvement is paramount, and our weekly focal points contribute significantly to achieving this objective. See the outstanding individuals recognised for going "Over and Above" in the newsletter, with the added privilege of enjoying hot chocolate with Mrs. Dokal.

Next week the Focus is 'Readiness for Learning'



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Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club will run as normal from 8am and After School Club will run from 3:45pm to 5:45pm daily. Parents are able to book their child's breakfast and after school club sessions on ParentPay 48 hours in advance.

Please note that the following charges apply:

Early Birds Breakfast Club - £4 per session (45 minutes)

Night Owls After School Club - £6 for one hour and £12 for two hours.

If you need to book a slot at short notice, please contact the School Office to check for availability.

Enrichment Clubs will start week commencing Monday 18 September and there will be a separate email regarding this which you will also be receiving today.

Attendance – Late Arrivals

This is a polite reminder that if your child/ren are late in the mornings, please ensure you bring them to the school office as they would need to be signed in by the adult.

We have a new electronic sign in system, the office team will assist you with this.

Please **DO NOT** drop your child/ren at the gate and allow them to come into school on their own.

Early Pick-Up Procedure

If you require to collect your child/ren early for any reason, you would be required to send an email to info@edisonprimary.org with a reason to why you are requesting an early collection, the email will be passed onto Mrs Dokal to authorise.

If collection is for medical appointment, you would need to provide proof of the appointment, and this should be provided to the office at least 24hours before the appointment.

To help the attendance of the pupils in class and ensuring that they are getting the best out of the education, early collection will not be permitted unless authorisation has been by Mrs Dokal in a reply to your email.

We thank you for your support and understanding.

Car Parking

Please remember that parking on school premises is for **STAFF ONLY**. Please support our school and its safety by parking a short way away and walking with your child. **Please** can we urge you all to continue to support the school and be aware of not blocking local residents' driveways, double parking and bus routes. Also please remember parking on double yellow lines is **NOT** permitted at any time. We would like to say a big thank you to all those parents that have been mindful to the local residents when parking.

Scooters and Bikes

We would like to remind you that if your child rides a scooter or bike to school, you must park it under the bike sheds, near the main school entrance. Wherever possible please keep them locked too. These should only be left here for the duration of the school day. Please **DO NOT** leave anything overnight or over the weekend as this would be left at your own risk. We appreciate your support with this

Bringing Children to School

Your child should arrive at school by **8.45am**, the school gate opens from 8.35am so you can drop your child at their year group entrance from this time onwards. Please ensure you support your child by ensuring they arrive on time and ready to learn. Any late arrivals should need to report to the main school office. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please inform the school office by **8.30am** using our automated telephone service and choosing option 1. Lateness, at either end of the school day, is disruptive and can make the children anxious. Please make every effort to arrive at school on time to help your child have the best school experience possible. Persistent latecomers (more than three episodes) will be referred to Mrs Dokal and, if the lateness is not then resolved, will be passed onto the Education Welfare Officer for further action.



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Night Owls Collection

Our school office closes at **4.30pm**. If you are picking up your child from After School Club after this time, please

use the bell at the school office entrance, and Mrs Mahal or Mrs Gill will come to meet you, and fetch your child from the club. If you have rung the bell and there is no answer, please call the school mobile: 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.



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Key dates for your diary

Thursday 7 March	World Book Day – Special Lunch
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day Dress Up
Tuesday 26 March	Easter Cake Sale in Main Hall at 3.45pm
Thursday 28 March	Celebrating Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
Thursday 28 March	Last day of Term – School closes at 1.30pm

Thought of the Week

Equipped with his five senses, man explores the universe around him and calls the adventure Science.
Edwin Powell Hubble



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Picture News



Alligator Operation

Seventy US coins have been successfully removed from a rare alligator's stomach at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, in Nebraska, USA. Zookeepers report that Thibodaux, the leucistic American alligator, has recovered well from surgery. Foreign metal objects were identified in his stomach during routine examinations by veterinarians at the zoo. Christina Ploog, the vet who led the procedure, said, 'A plastic pipe was placed to protect his mouth and safely pass the tools used to access the coins, such as a camera that helped us guide the retrieval of these objects.' Zookeepers think that 36-year-old Thibodaux ingested coins that had been thrown into the water in his enclosure. The zoo has asked visitors to not throw their spare change into any bodies of water at the zoo, and instead use the coin wishing well or convert them into the zoo's souvenir coins. Leucistic alligators are the rarest genetic variation of the American alligator. They normally have blue eyes and white, translucent, or pale pink skin.

How do you think staff at the zoo could stop the coins from ending up in the animals' water?



Pictured: Thibodaux, the 36-year-old leucistic American alligator (below) and the coins removed from Thibodaux's stomach (above).
Source: Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium Facebook page.



Supersonic Speeds



Pictured: A flying plane. **Source:** Canva.

Unusually high winds in the Atlantic jet stream have pushed passenger planes to supersonic speeds! Experts say the near record-breaking wind speeds are due to very cold temperatures in the northeast USA and much warmer air in the south. One commercial flight, travelling from Washington to London, was pushed to nearly 800mph. Another flight from New Jersey's Newark Airport to Lisbon, in Portugal, reached speeds of 835mph. This is much faster than a passenger aeroplane's typical flying speed, which would normally be around 575mph. 'This evening's weather balloon launch detected the 2nd strongest upper-level wind recorded in local history going back to the mid-20th

century. Around 34,000-35,000ft, winds peaked around 230 knots (265mph!). For those flying eastbound in this jet, there will be quite a tailwind,' the National Weather Service Baltimore/Washington posted. The Atlantic jet stream is a fast and narrow current of air, which flows from west to east and encircles the globe. Aeroplanes travelling east from North America often use the jet stream to help them to travel faster and cut down the amount of fuel that they need to use. Scientists, however, do warn that the downside of the increased speed is the possibility of a much bumpier ride, due to more severe turbulence.

How do you think it would feel to travel this fast?

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Long-lost Trophy Returned



Picture: People taking part in the Highland Games held in Cabrach last year. **Source:** The Cabrach Trust X page.



Picture: The Cabrach Rose Bowl Trophy. **Source:** The Cabrach Trust X page.

A Highland Games trophy, missing for 90 years, has been located! An appeal to find the missing Cabrach Rose Bowl trophy has resulted in the award being found in Devon, southwest England and returned home to Cabrach, a hamlet in Moray, Scotland. The Cabrach Trust, an organisation committed to regenerating local communities, brought back the Cabrach Picnic and Games in 2022, after an 87-year gap. The Cabrach Picnic and Games was a staple of the Highland Games calendar and ran annually from 1877 to 1935. The recently-found silverware was traditionally awarded to the top-performing athlete at the Games. Attendees at the event held in 2023 could enjoy 'have a go' Highland Games, tug o' war, Highland dances, music, food and drink. Highland Games events typically include the caber toss (throwing a very large log as far as possible), hammer

throw (throwing a heavy hammer as far as you can over your head backwards, whilst wearing special boots to ensure you stay firmly in one spot), stone put (very similar to shot put but using a large stone), Tug o' war and hill race. Organisers are overjoyed that the trophy has been returned in time for this year's Highland Games. Charlie Murray, chair of the Royal Scottish Highland Games Association, commented during the search for the prized bowl, saying, 'The Cabrach Rose Bowl represents a key component of the history of Scottish Highland Games. Silverware like this is steeped in the heritage of traditional Highland sport, and it is culturally very significant that such prizes remain as the reward for the finest athletes that grace our games.'
Have you ever attended a Highland Games? If not, do you think you would like to?

Last week's topic:

How important is packaging?



I think this is a good idea for the environment not for people with bad eyesight like me.

Ella

I think that plastic bottles should be banned and we should use only glass!

Jamie

I think that less packaging is really important for the environment and a good idea.

Patrick

I think we should keep the plastic labels because it will be easier to recognise what I am drinking and the colours will make more people want to buy the drinks.

Carmen

Let us know what you think about this week's news.

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TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Across the UK and Ireland, the charity, World Book Day, will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7th March. The day is a chance to celebrate and encourage reading in schools and homes. Children are more likely to enjoy reading when they have greater control over what they read and when there is an emphasis on fun, the charity believes. Many schools choose to recognise the day by encouraging children to dress up as their favourite book characters, bringing in their favourite books and holding other reading activities in school.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Does your school recognise World Book Day? What do you do? Do you enjoy the activities?
- > What other ways do you think we can encourage people to read? Do you enjoy reading? Do you think it's important for people to read more?



How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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AND

SLIPPERY SAM

WORLD BOOK DAY

MENU

**Walk the Chicken Planks
with Fishing Net Fries**
(Chicken Goujons with Lattice Fries)

or

**Golden Seashells
with Garlic Boats**
(Cheesy Pasta Shells with Garlic Bread)

with

Green Cannon Balls
(Peas)

Seaweed Salad
(Shredded Mixed Salad)

Chocolate Cake

...

**7th March
2024**

WILSONJONES
Simply Fresh

nosy
GROW

World Book Day 2024:

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

World Book Day is fast approaching, and, in our school, we will be celebrating it on **Thursday 7th March 2024**. The theme for this year is, '**read your way,**' which celebrates readers from all background and abilities.

It's time to get creative and imaginative with what costume you would like to wear for the day. Please remember that your costume is to be based on a favourite book character from one of your most treasured books. It can be homemade using a variety of materials or bought from a shop. Try to think about how you can reflect the theme of '**you're your way**' within your costume choice.

Each child will receive a **£1 book token** prior to World Book Day. **The token redemption period is from 15th February – 31st March 2024**. Please remember you can use only one token for one book. See below for additional information:

PLEASE NOTE:

Only ONE TOKEN can be used per transaction

The book token barcode can either be scanned from your phone/tablet screen or printed out and shown in-store. Please check if your local bookseller can accept the barcode on mobile devices before visiting.

You can also use your £1 token at our upcoming Scholastic book fair from **Monday 11th March 2024 to Friday 15th March 2024**.

We are all looking forward to the upcoming celebrations.

**SPOILER
ALERT!**

There will be an author visiting this term too!

Kind regards,

Mrs Kochhar

WORLD BOOK DAY

For teachers
and children!

It's World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March 2024!**

To celebrate, we would like you to come in dressed up as your favourite book character. The theme this year is, **'read your way.'**

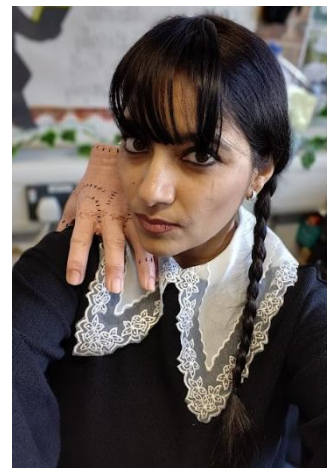
The **BEST** and **most creative costume** per class will win a prize.

To be successful your costume must:

- Be creatively made using different materials. For example, instead of buying a mask, could you make it? How could you make a hat?
- You could buy a costume and add to it!
- Bring the book into school which has your favourite character/facts in.

Here are some great examples of the staff from last year. I wonder what they will dress up as this

year.





JOIN EDISON FRIENDS

EASTER CAKE SALE

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH
AT 3:45 PM

EDISON PRIMARY
SCHOOL

In Main Hall



HAND CRAFTED

LOLA'S
cupcakes

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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