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### Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal

Congratulations to all our hot chocolate winners for this week.



### Word Count Millionaire

We are delighted to announce our current word count millionaire readers in KS2! They are proudly wearing their brand new, golden word millionaire badges so we can all celebrate their achievements!



Zain from Year 3, Faraday Class with a 1 million-word count! Hanush, Year Six Hawking with 2-million-word count! We also have Kavin from Year 4, Goodall Class has reached an amazing 4 million words

### Attendance Winners

Well done to Faraday class for being the winners for the highest attendance this week with 96%.

Class	Attendance Wk 1 - 08.01.24 - 12.01.24	
YR Bell	95.6%	
YR Newton	92.1%	
Y1 Franklin	92.3%	
Y1 Watson	95.0%	
Y2 Fleming	95.7%	3rd
Y2 Pasteur	95.8%	2nd
Y3 Curie	94.2%	
Y3 Faraday	96.0%	1st
Y4 Carson	94.9%	
Y4 Goodall	95.7%	
Y5 Armstrong	95.0%	
Y5 Jemison	93.3%	
Y6 Einstein	93.4%	
Y6 Hawking	90.9%	





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### Children's Mental Health Week - Monday 5 - Friday 9 February

#### **What is Children's Mental Health Week?**

Children's Mental Health Week is an annual event dedicated **What is the theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2024?**

Each year there is a different theme for Children's Mental Health Week.

**The theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2024 is 'Your Voice Matters.'**

To raising awareness about children and young people's mental health. This important event is a brilliant opportunity to open a discussion about mental health and wellbeing with children and young people.

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Over and Above: Focus of the Week

#### **Ready. Respectful. Safe. Kind**

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 'Being Kind'

### 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](mailto: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.



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### 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.

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### 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.

### Enrichment Clubs

We are pleased to let you know that all Enrichment Clubs can be booked via ParentPay, except for our Music and Drama clubs.

The booking system has now been activated. Please ensure that you log into your account to book and make **full** payment for the club(s) that they would like to attend. All clubs have a limited number of spaces and will run on a 'first come first served' basis.

**Please note:** If your child attended a club in Autumn Term, they **will not be** automatically enrolled for Spring Term Clubs. The staff in the school office are not able to book children into the clubs, nor reserve any spaces if payment has not been made. However, if you have any questions about how to book, please do not hesitate to speak to either Mrs Pallan-Sharma or Miss Mahal. If you are booking for guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or singing, please email Miss Gould directly, specifying if you would like your child to have 'one to one' lesson or 'one to two' lessons.

**All Enrichment Clubs are now full for this term.**



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### Key dates for your diary

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<b>Monday 15 January</b>	Focus of the Week – Being Kind
<b>Monday 15 January</b>	All Enrichment Clubs Continue
<b>Thursday 18 January</b>	Census Day
<b>Monday 5 February</b>	Mental Health Week



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Please share this week's Picture News with your child/children

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

### 100-hour painting marathon

**Pictured:** Nigerian art student, Chancellor Ahaghotu, breaking the longest painting marathon world record. **Source:** Guinness World Records @GWR X page.



Guinness World Records has declared that Nigerian art student, Chancellor Ahaghotu, has broken a decade-old record for the longest painting marathon. Chancellor, who is studying at Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, completed a massive 100 hours of continuous painting. The previous record of 60 hours of painting was set in 2013 by Roland Palmaerts. During the four-day art marathon, Chancellor created 106 separate pieces, including paintings of celebrities, food, plants, and animals. There are strict rules to be followed, which state the painting or paintings completed during the record-breaking attempt must be of recognisable images (abstract art is not

permitted for this world record) and that no longer than a five-minute rest break can be taken for each hour of painting. The artist said, 'I came to the United States to pursue my dreams and build up my career as a recognised artist. Breaking the record will boost my recognition as an artist both in my school and the world at large.' He went on to discuss his artwork, saying, 'One thing I love about the paintings I created is that they were representing my different moods and how I was feeling when I created them.' Finally, he added, 'There was joy and celebration when I completed the 100 hours.'

**Do you enjoy painting? How long do you think you could paint for?**

### Crisp Comeback

10-year-old Grace, from Edinburgh, missed her favourite flavour of crisps so much when they could only be purchased during certain seasons, that she wrote a letter asking for them to be available all year round. Grace decided something must be done and she was going to take action! She wasn't the only one missing the haggis and black pepper-flavoured snack made by Taylors Snacks. The company said they heard from lots of customers who were disappointed when they could no longer find this niche flavour on the shop shelves. Grace's letter was addressed to the managing director of the crisp company, James Taylor, and was written on mermaid paper, decorated with stickers. In it she asked for the haggis crisps to be made available in all seasons. She signed off by writing, 'If you can thanks, if not I will be sad 😞.' The snack company responded by announcing the crisps would now be available at all times of the year, sent Grace a taxi full of haggis crisps and a ticket for a VIP tour of their factory! Mr Taylor commented, 'When Grace's letter landed on my desk I was blown away by her enthusiasm and initiative. The Taylors team put our heads together to see how we could celebrate our biggest haggis and black pepper crisp fan and

can't wait to show her and her family around our factory here in Errol.' Grace's mum, Becky, said, 'It's fantastic that the team at Taylors took the time and effort to respond and it really made all of our days. It also helps Grace see the power of communicating with creativity and care. Grace was the one who had the idea to write to James and to get such a wonderful response really validates and empowers her.'

**Have you ever written a letter asking for change? Do you believe that we should campaign for what we want? Have you ever tried haggis-flavoured crisps? Do you think you would like to?**



**Pictured:** Grace campaigned to have her favourite flavour of crisps brought back, here she is with her taxi full of prizes. **Source:** Taylors Snacks Facebook page.

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### British Sign Language GCSE



**Picture:** British Sign Language on Elm St Graffiti Alley, Roath, Cardiff. **Source:** Jeremy Segrott on Flickr.



**Picture:** Using British Sign Language. **Source:** British Sign Language @BritishSignBSL X page.

The government has announced that British Sign Language (BSL) will be introduced as a GCSE in England from September 2025. This new qualification will be open to all students and will teach how to use signs and the history of BSL. In 2022, after the British Sign Language Act was passed, BSL was officially recognised as a language in the UK. A twelve-week public consultation with input from parents, teachers and organisations from the deaf and hearing communities, has helped to finalise the curriculum. This will now be reviewed and accredited by exams regulator Ofqual, before the syllabus can be taught in schools and colleges. 17-year-old Daniel Jillings, who is profoundly deaf and a full British Sign Language user, has been passionately campaigning for BSL to be taught as a GCSE for five years, stating that it was unfair he couldn't take a GCSE

in his own language. He commented on the recent announcement saying, 'This is a significant moment in the history of the British deaf community, as it is a powerful step to equality. It will also allow hearing students to learn BSL so they can improve their awareness of the deaf community.' He added that he hopes the new GCSE will help 'deaf students to feel less isolated in school'. Discussing the GCSE, Daniel said, 'It's all about learning a new language. It's a new skill, you'll be meeting the deaf community and it's going to provide some amazing opportunities. BSL is a beautiful language, it's a visual language and it's got its own culture and history which will be taught as part of the GCSE'.

**Do you know how to sign? Could you teach someone else what you know? Would you like to learn?**

Last week's topic:

**Are decorations an important part of celebrations?**



I love to see decorations. They make me feel warm inside!  
**Greg**

Decorations can make people feel happy!  
**Jasper**

Not essential, but a nice extra.  
**Fran**

I don't think you need them, but people like to have them around.  
**Jane**

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

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# TAKEHOME



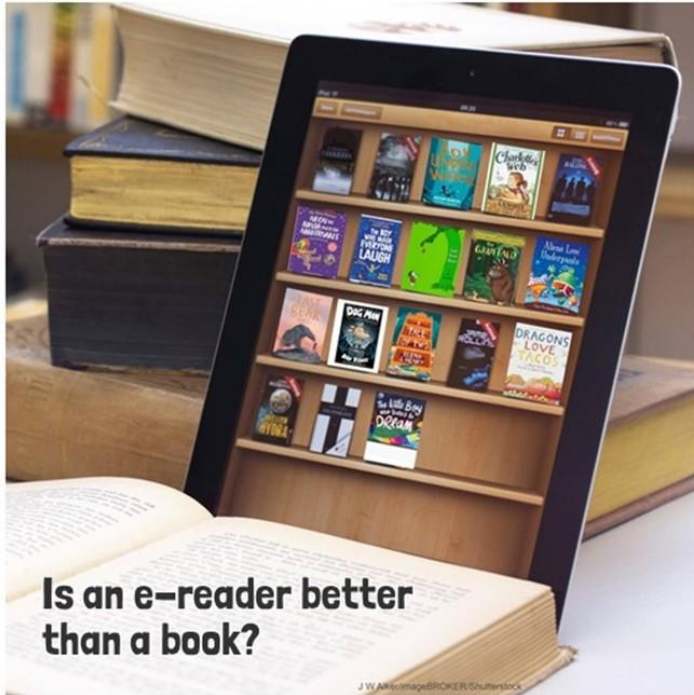
## In the news this week

A study from the University of Valencia, in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading, for example, on an e-reader or tablet. The study, published in the Review of Educational Research, also found that while there is a negative relationship between digital reading and comprehension for primary school pupils, the relationship turns positive for secondary school-aged pupils.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you enjoy reading? If so, what type of books?
- Talk to someone at home about the types of books they like to read.
- Do you think you would prefer to read printed books, or books on an e-reader?
- Do you think that one day, e-readers will replace books?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Is an e-reader better than a book?

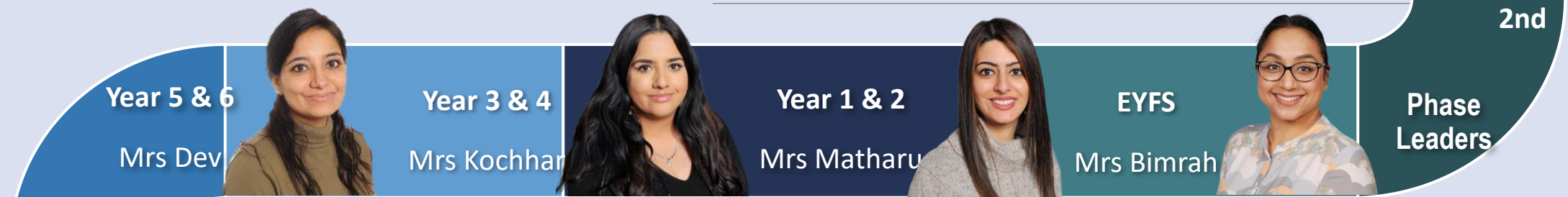
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# Communication at Edison





## WARM SPACES

Hounslow Council and its partners have opened a network of warm spaces across our borough - some of which will be open over the holiday period.

Here, families will find a warm welcome and a place to stay warm if they are struggling to heat their home. Many provide warm drinks and other refreshments, free wi-fi and activities for parents and children.

Keeping warm is important for maintaining good health. Our warm spaces are free to use and open to everyone.

Find your nearest warm space here: [hounslow.gov.uk/warmspaces](https://hounslow.gov.uk/warmspaces)

## Cost of Living Support

If you have a family that are struggling to make ends meet due to rising prices then please be assured that information and support are available.

[hounslow.gov.uk/costofliving](https://hounslow.gov.uk/costofliving)

Here you can find information about what financial support is available from the government for families who are struggling.

Access to debt advice and support with managing finances and find help with reducing energy bills. Families can also check if their children are eligible for free school meals.

More information about what is on offer for children is also available from the Hounslow Family Service Directory: <http://hounslow.gov.uk/fsd>

## The Hanworth Centre Hub

The Hanworth Centre Hub is a collection of organisations who work together to serve the local community of Bedfont, Feltham and Hanworth. Providing services for the community, by the community.



Who are The Hanworth Centre Hub:

The Backstreet Dojo & extended team: martial arts, fitness, nutrition, community services + more - [tony@te-at-su.org.uk](mailto:tony@te-at-su.org.uk)

No Shame in Running: knife crime prevention, bespoke packages, 1-1 & group mentoring & boxing + more - [info@noshameinrunning.co.uk](mailto:info@noshameinrunning.co.uk)

Rise & Thrive: youth clubs & youth activities, targeted work through 1-1 boxing and mentoring +more - [darren@riseandthrive.org.uk](mailto:darren@riseandthrive.org.uk)

Perfectly Imperfect: support groups & workshops to tackle VAWG, services focused on mental health - [siobhan@perfectlyimperfect.org.uk](mailto:siobhan@perfectlyimperfect.org.uk)

EVOLVE: term time alternative provision for young people experiencing difficulties within mainstream education - [siobhan@evolve-hub.org.uk](mailto:siobhan@evolve-hub.org.uk)

## Upcoming Parenting Programmes

Open for referrals for January



123 Magic is a parenting/behaviour management programme for parents and carers of children aged 2-12 who have been diagnosed with ADHD or who display challenging behaviour. It is a 5-week online programme.

[123 Magic referral form](#) | [123 Magic flyer](#) is attached with the newsletter.

## Domestic Abuse and Violence

Hounslow One Stop Shop is moving!

From the 10th January 2024 the One Stop Shop domestic abuse support service will be at a new location: Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Hounslow.

Domestic violence can come in many forms. It is rarely a one-off incident. You may be subject to more subtle attacks, such as constant breaking of trust, isolation, psychological games, and harassment. Emotional abuse is just as serious and

damaging. Many survivors will carry the emotional scars long after any physical injuries have healed. If you are concerned about a child, young person or adult, in the meantime until the 10th of January 2024, please contact:

Hounslow One Stop Shop (Every Wednesday 10am-12pm) Hounslow Arts Centre, 1st Floor, Treaty Centre, High Street, Hounslow TW3 1ES

This is a FREE, weekly drop-in service for anyone experiencing domestic abuse, sexual abuse and other forms of gender-based violence.

You don't need to make an appointment and can get face-to-face advice and support on issues including safety, accommodation, legal and childcare matters at one location.



1-2-3  
**MAGIC**

The 123 Magic Behaviour Management Programme is a virtual 5 week programme for parents and carers of children ages 2 - 12 years diagnosed with ADHD or who display challenging behaviour.

The programme aims to empower and equip parents and carers with techniques to use in the home to better manage behaviour, whilst developing their confidence and understanding of their child's behaviour.

To register or for more information, email [FFISgroupprograms@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:FFISgroupprograms@hounslow.gov.uk)

**Next dates:**

**January 2024 Cohort:**

**11 Jan 2024 - 8 Feb 2024**  
**Thursdays 10 am - 12 pm**

This Behaviour Management Programme offers parents and carers support and easy to follow steps to immediately manage challenging behaviour with reason, patience and compassion.

The programme provides simple tools for:

- Controlling / managing unacceptable behaviour (e.g. testing and manipulative behaviour such as whining, badgering, physical attacks, swearing, aggression)
- Encouraging positive behaviour (morning and bedtime routines, eating meals, household chores, cleaning up after themselves)
- Strengthening the child - parent relationship (and building your child's self-esteem)

# AGENDA



## Next dates:

January 2024 Cohort:

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<p><b>Session 1</b></p>	<p>Introductions Housekeeping' and group-rules Pre-evaluation sheets ADHD- what is it? Psychoeducation 1-2-3 Magic begins! The 3 Parenting jobs Learning Disabilities and ASD Resource Pack</p>
<p><b>Session 2</b></p>	<p>Straight-thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Little Adult Assumption</li> <li>• The two biggest discipline mistakes</li> <li>• Start and Stop behaviour</li> </ul> <p>Stop behaviours with your child (<i>Groups</i>) Controlling challenging behaviour - Practising the Counting Real world applications and getting started at home</p>
<p><b>Session 3</b></p>	<p>Real life applications (continued) Testing and manipulation Major &amp; Minor behaviours Counting in action Lying Telling the truth Screen Time Anger (Anger Poem, Anger Map &amp; Calm Down handouts to complete with children) Planning your family meeting</p>
<p><b>Session 4</b></p>	<p>Encouraging Good Behaviour- "The 7 tactics" 1) Discussion on Encouraging Good Behaviour 2) '<i>Docking-System</i>' Parenting Top Tips Strengthening relationship, your child's self-esteem and one to one fun / shared fun The Kick off Conversation Rewards Charts</p>
<p><b>Session 5</b></p>	<p>Specific applications Discussion regarding sleep Sympathetic listening - when to listen and when to count Role Play Avoiding over-parenting Evaluation forms &amp; Learning Outcomes Relaxation Techniques/Self-Care Your new life Certificates Conclusion</p>



# Help your family be healthy and happy

Healthy Hounslow is a **free** health and wellbeing service.

We've supported hundreds of families across **Hounslow** to lead **healthier lives**.



## How can we help you?

By joining our 12-week family programme you can:


- Discover how to turn small changes into long-lasting healthy habits
- Learn quick recipes, great for whipping up during the week
- Get active and have fun doing it, with our family-friendly games.


To join one of our families programmes, at least one of your children will need to:

- Live in the London borough of Hounslow
- Be aged 5-15 years old
- Be above their ideal weight based on their BMI.



Sign up today:

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