



Edison Primary School

Weekly News

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Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal



Last week's Hot Chocolate Winners



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!



We are proud to inform you of this week's winners Zain Ali from Year 3, Faraday Class who has achieved a 2 million-word count! Umaima Kashif from Year 5, Jemison Class has now achieved a 1 million word count. Well done to them both!

Attendance Winners



Well done to Year 3, Curie Class for being the winners for the highest attendance this week with a percentage of 99.0%.

Registration Form	Attendance Wk 11.03.24-15.03.24	
YR Bell	92.6%	
YR Newton	90.3%	
Y1 Franklin	89.7%	
Y1 Watson	93.1%	
Y2 Fleming	94.3%	
Y2 Pasteur	90.8%	
Y3 Curie	99.0%	1st
Y3 Faraday	86.7%	
Y4 Carson	94.1%	
Y4 Goodall	92.6%	
Y5 Armstrong	94.1%	
Y5 Jemison	94.3%	
Y6 Einstein	97.6%	2nd
Y6 Hawking	96.8%	3rd



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Over and Above: Focus of the Week

Impeccable Behaviour

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 Ready, Respectful, Kind and Safe'.

Early Start for Early Birds!

In response to requests from parents, we are pleased to announce that our 'Early Birds' breakfast club will open at **7.45am** from 15 April onwards.

The following charges will apply:

'Early Birds' Breakfast Club - £6 per session (one hour)
'Night Owls' After School Club - £6 for one hour and £12 for two hours.

Early Birds runs from 7.45am to 8.45am, and Night Owls runs from 3.45am to 5.45am daily. At each of these clubs, children get the opportunity to catch up with their friends, play games and have a healthy snack.

Parents and carers can book their child's sessions on ParentPay 48 hours in advance. However, if you should need to book a slot at short notice, please contact the School Office to check availability.

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.



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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.

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

Tuesday 26 March	Easter Cake Sale in Main Hall at 3.45pm
Wednesday 27 March	Eco-Refill Shop in Small 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
Monday 15 April	First day of Summer Term – Pupils back to school

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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Time for a nap!

Adult Chinstrap penguins love their naps. A recent study found that Chinstrap penguins can take as many as 10,000 naps a day! Each doze lasts for about four seconds, adding up to a total of 11 hours, but the penguins never fall into deep sleep. Scientists studying the penguins believe this may be an adaptation, which ensures the safety of the Chinstrap's



Pictured: Chinstrap penguins keeping watch in the Arctic. **Source:** Canva.

eggs or small chicks. Once penguins have laid their eggs, the parents each take turns to incubate the eggs while the other leaves for up to two or three days in search of food. So, rather than falling into a deep sleep, which could allow predators the chance to steal eggs or vulnerable chicks, the flightless birds get their rest in the form of short naps, or 'microsleeps'. Humans may take short naps, particularly when sleep-deprived, however we would not function nearly as well as the Chinstrap penguins if we had to continue this sleep pattern over an extended period of time.

Do you ever nap? How do you feel afterwards?



Pictured: Children competing in a running race. **Source:** Canva.

Are you up to speed?

There are lots of reasons we might want to improve our speed, for example, playing football, PE lessons or just to work on our general fitness! Did you know that imagining a jet plane can help you to run faster?

Dr Jason Moran is a sport and exercise scientist, who has carried out a small study with players at Tottenham Hotspur's youth academy. Dr Moran found that using positive similes such as 'run like a plane taking off' or 'jump like the floor is lava' helped players to run up to 3% faster than they normally would! So, the next time you find yourself falling behind – why not give it a go and run like the wind? **Do you have any other tips or tricks for getting faster? Share these with your friends!**

How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?



I think it should be celebrated by dressing up as our favourite person or author and talking about why we chose that person.
Darcie B

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'A Ray of Sunshine'

Whipsnade Zoo, the largest zoo in the UK, has announced that an endangered baby François' langur has been born! Staff at the zoo have called the new bright orange arrival 'a ray of sunshine'. The zoo in Bedfordshire, England, is one of two that are owned by the Zoological Society of London, a charity involved in the worldwide conservation of animals and their habitats. Numbers of the medium-sized primate in the wild are thought to have dropped to only 2,000. This is why scientists believe the European Endangered Species Breeding Programme to be so important to the survival of the species



Pictured: The new baby François' langur born at Whipsnade Zoo. **Source:** Whipsnade Zoo @ZSLWhipsnadeZoo X page.

Zookeeper, Amanda Robinson, explained, 'It's believed the babies are born with bright orange locks so that parents can easily spot the youngster when they're being cared for by the troop. Over time, this hair will fade to black. The bright orange hair certainly makes it easier for keepers and visitors to spot the new addition!' The François' langur, which are native to China, can be found in the open lands and limestone cliffs of China and Vietnam. The adults of the species have black fur with white sideburns that extend from their ears to the side of their cheeks. Due to their diet and appearance, they are also known as François' leaf monkey, the Tonkin leaf monkey, or the white side-burned black langur. They are extremely social animals and like to stay in groups of up to twenty.

Do you know any facts about François' langurs? Were you surprised to learn that they are born with bright orange fur that turns black?

Record-breaking Bowl

Shabnim Ismail has bowled the fastest-recorded delivery in women's cricket! The right-arm fast bowler was playing for Mumbai Indians against Delhi Capitals in the Women's Premier League (WPL) - a women's Twenty20 cricket franchise league in India - when she bowled the fastest bowl since records began! The top speed of the ball was a massive 132.1 kilometres per hour (82.1 mph). Mumbai Indians are a cricket team based in Mumbai, Maharashtra, and the matches for this season's WPL are held in Bengaluru and Delhi. The South African cricketer is known for her fast bowls, recording 128 kmph against West Indies in 2016, and bowling at a



speed of 127 kmph twice during the International Cricket Council's Women's World Cup. Ismail was initially unaware that she had broken her own record! When she was shown the figure recorded on the broadcast speed gun, she commented, 'I don't actually look at the big screen when I'm bowling.' **Have you ever played cricket? Would you like to become a fast bowler?**

How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?



I think it should be celebrated by learning about the history of books and different authors, also by reading books.

Ava

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In the news this week

Many families travelled to Glasgow for an event that claimed to channel the magic of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. On its website, Willy's Chocolate Experience, guaranteed chocolate fountains, performances by Oompa Loompas, and interactive experiences, with tickets priced at £35 per person. Visitors were greeted by rows of large empty tables and walls of black fabric separating different, almost empty, spaces. Upon facing crowds of disappointed ticketholders, organisers decided to cancel the two-day event after the first morning.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think visitors to the experience might have felt when they realised the experience differed from what they expected?
- Can you think of a time when something didn't go well, even though you tried or thought it would? How did you deal with it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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