



Edison Primary School Weekly News

20 December 2023

A message from Mrs Dokal

As we approach a very welcome Christmas break may I take this opportunity to express the joy our school community has experienced through festive performances, generous donations and an abundance of kindness. Wishing you all a magical holiday! For 2024 I wish you 12 months of happiness, 52 weeks of fun, 365 days of success, 8760 hours of good health, 52600 minutes of good luck, 3153600 seconds of joy!



Santa Visits Edison

The children were so excited to see Santa yesterday! Santa visited each class and delivered presents to each child. They were super excited, and they all had such an amazing day!





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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!



This week we are so proud to announce that Michelle Aryee-Quaye from Year 5 Jemison Class has now achieved a 1 million word count. Also we are delighted that Yuvan Sarabhoje from Year 3 Faraday Class has achieved half a million words.

Drop Off and Collection

All children from Reception to Years 6 can come to school from 8.35am ready for an 8.45am start.

Please drop off and pick up your child(ren) as follows:

Reception – Main Pupil Entrance Gate

Year 1 – External Main Hall Doors (door closest to car park gate)

Year 2 – External Main Hall Doors (middle set of hall doors)

Year 3 – External Small Hall Doors (door closest to the school office)

For Years 4 to 6 Drop off – Main Pupil Entrance Gate.

Pick Up at 3:45pm from the following areas:

Year 4 – Last set of Double Doors past Year 5 near the Green Gate.

Year 5 – Science Room past Reception Playground

Year 6 – First Fire Exit Doors near Pupil Entrance Gate.

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.



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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

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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Important Dates:

Monday 8 January – First day of Spring Term
Monday 8 January – All Enrichment Clubs begin

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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This Term's Learning

Reception

What a busy half term Reception has had! We have had so much fun and have done a lot of learning. In Maths we have been learning about representing, sorting and matching numbers and we have been working hard practicing our number bonds to 5. We have also been learning to sequence activities that we do every day within the context of time. We have been reading lots of books about winter in Literacy. Our highlight was the magical Nativity at the church. The feedback from parents was lovely. Then, in science we had an amazing exhibition of our previous topic of the human body. This half term we have been learning all about Autumn and Winter, the signs of weather change, animals and cooking. We went on an Autumn walk and collected leaves to make some autumn crowns. We also decorated some pine cones to make mini Christmas trees! We also enjoyed baking Gingerbread men and decorating them.

Last month, we marked the start of Friendship week with Odd Socks day to show our uniqueness and we also celebrated Children in Need with Pyjama Day. In

November, we visited St Leonard's church as part of our topic of Celebrations and Christmas in "Understanding of the World".

As this term ends, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Rahman. She has been part of the Edison Family for 7 years, creating EYFS and putting the foundation into Reception. We wish her all best for the future! She will miss you all immensely.

Thank you to all the parents for their support. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy 2024. Have a lovely and restful Christmas break!





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Year 1

This half term Year 1 have been busy with lots of activities and learning opportunities. We kickstarted the term with our 'Sublime Science' Workshop where we created our very own slime and sherbet sweets! We learnt about gravity, chemical reactions, and forces. In Science, we have been learning about properties of Everyday Materials and compared how some materials are similar and different. We experimented how ice and water have similar properties, and investigated how they are different. We looked at different materials that are absorbent and waterproof, and discussed how fabrics can be used to keep us dry in the winter months. We celebrated 'Positive Noticing Day' and 'Friendship week' focusing on positive comments and spreading kindness. We also celebrated 'Pyjama Day' and 'Odd Socks Day' where we spoke about what makes us special and different.

In topic, we learnt about 'where I live' and learnt about different cities and countries United Kingdom has. We then learnt about different seasons and experimented how we know the seasons are changing. After, we learnt about different road signs and markings in our local area, and completed some local field work, looking at what road signs are in our local area.

In English, we read the book 'Man on the Moon' and learnt all about conjunctions, verbs and adjectives. We described Bob the Man on the Moon and rewrote the story called 'Flick the Fairy on the Moon'. We then learnt how to write instructions and created our very own jam sandwiches and rockets. This lead on to our learning in Art where we learnt how to design a rocket and we then created a rocket using recycled everyday materials. In maths, we have been learning all about addition and subtraction within 10. We learnt different number bonds to 10 and fact families. We used maths resources to support our learning including counters, cubes and base 10. We then learnt about different 2D and 3D shapes. We started our learning on Place Value up to 20 and have created different numbers up to 20 using base 10 and cubes. We have compared numbers that are greater than 10 but less than 20.

We ended our term with an amazing Christmas Concert Performance. We celebrated Christmas by learning all about the Christmas Story, and we also created wooden Christmas decorations. We are so proud of your learning this term and hope you have a restful break. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will see you in 2024 ready for new and exciting learning opportunities!





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Year 2

Year 2 have had an amazing term full of fun - here is just a few things Year 2 have done! For Science this term we have been looking at 'Animals including Humans'. The children learnt to describe the importance for humans to exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and the importance of hygiene. We have carried out lots of fun scientific experiments and the children have learnt a great deal. The children created out of this world science projects to showcase their 'Big Finish' science topic. It was fantastic to see all the different ways that the children presented their learning and how proud they were to share this with each other.

In English, we continued our theme of 'The Great Fire of London' this half term with the children, where they were able to recount the story; 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London', write instructions about how to keep safe if there is a fire and writing poems about fire. Children used similes to describe the Great fire of London and created a display for the class. The children should be extremely proud of the work they have produced this half term and how determined they are to achieve their writing targets.

In Maths, we focused on addition and subtraction; with children employing column method to show their working out. Through these operations, children developed the relationship between numbers. They understood that numbers can be combined or separated to represent real-world situations. Subsequently, we delved into the realm of shapes where we looked at 2D and 3D, their vertices, faces as well as sides and the edges.

In art this term, children created the Starry night and silhouettes. They created remarkable pieces of art. They are true artists.

Positive notice day proved to be an incredible event, as children exchanged uplifting and encouraging notes, fostering the development of strong relationships. This positive exchange of notes has been a continued practice throughout the month, contributing to the ongoing growth of positive connections among the children.

In addition, our Christmas performance made us all proud of our outstanding skills of performing. The children worked extremely hard to learn their lines, remembering different actions and projecting their voices clearly to an audience. Thank you, Year 2, for an extraordinary performance. We are really looking forward to seeing the children in the Spring term for lots more fun learning and hope you all have a fabulous Christmas break! A very happy Christmas and Happy New year to you all from Mrs Matharu and Mrs Chandale.





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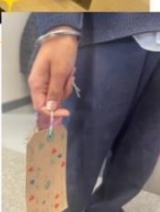
Year 3

This term has been filled with excitement and the pupils have gained excellent experiences with their learning! Year Three have participated in a range of exciting workshops such as a Romans workshop to prepare us for our future learning in History, and a Festive Reading Workshop! Furthermore, we enjoyed our very first Reading Café where the children joined their parents and teachers to celebrate reading for pleasure. It was great fun to sit, relax and enjoy reading together! Also, we celebrated, 'Positive Noticing Day' where we focused on noticing positive things about one another and creating tags for each other to keep proudly!

Another great learning experience was when we visited Shree Ram Mandir for our first learning trip in Year Three. We listened attentively to the Pandit who told us about the different gods and goddesses as well as how Diwali is celebrated in the Mandir, linking back to our prior learning in Religious Education. We enjoyed observing how Hindus worship and asking questions to learn more.

In Faraday Class, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their Music learning where they practiced and performed two songs. They identified the pitch and tone needed to sing and how to match with actions. Next term, Curie class will enjoy this learning experience too!

Our Christmas Carol concert made us all proud of our outstanding skills of singing and performing. Our teamwork has enabled us to prosper in singing and practicing actions for the songs. Thank you Year Three for a truly magical term of learning! We hope you have a restful yet FUN break and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!





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Year 4

We have had an exciting half-term continuing our Story of water unit. In English we learnt about the water cycle through the book Rhythm of the Rain. Followed by descriptive writing using The Lighthouse clip. Linked with our story of water unit both classes had an immersive experience carrying out science experiments and gained geographical knowledge on our main source of water River Thames. This supported our research that we had been conducting in geography about the climate of Kerala and comparing rivers and water supply in London and Kerala.

In Maths we have been focusing on addition, subtraction, area, multiplication and division. We have explored different methods, that can be used to solve a problem such as column method, number line and partitioning. We have also been preparing hard for our MTC quiz with lots of practice on TTRS and our leaderboard has been updated for the quickest times!

In Science, we investigated the state of matters by conducting a lot of experiments: testing condensation, boiling and evaporation and creating our own water cycle in a bag. We observed different features of the processes of states of matter. For example we observed ice hands to see how different variables affected how quickly ice melted

Luckily, this half-term we created a whole school collaborative art piece where we painted hands to create a wreath that is displayed on the gates of the school. We also took part in a Reading for Pleasure workshop that was ran by Puffin, this was where we got to listen to various different authors read their books as well as complete their activity pack. We also completed a pedestrian training to learn the rules of the road.

Through this half-term we celebrated friendship week where we came in with odd socks. During the week we discussed what creates a healthy friendship and how to use kind words to each other. As well as this, Positive Noticing Day was amazing as we all gave each other different notes to say how each of us are unique and special We also created blackout poems and artwork in memory of Remembrance Day, and took part in the one minute silence.

Finally, we have been in high festive spirit creating props and decoration in the classroom. We have been working hard rehearsing for our Christmas concert where we sang "Rockin around the Christmas Tree", "Frosty the Snowman" and read the poem "Five Little Reindeer." We are very proud of all the children they have impressed us with their performing and singing skills.





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Year 5

It's hard to believe the year is nearly over but we have loved every minute of it! It has been a busy, yet delightful term filled with new learning, workshops, investigations, sporting events and Christmas production preparations!

Our enticing English topic led us to discover the brawl scene between Romeo and as we delved deeper into Romeo and Juliet. Phenomenal learning and understanding followed this immersive lesson.

We were fortunate to be able to log onto mesmerising workshops that educated us about different aspects across the curriculum. These included water aid, authors purpose, anti bullying and mental health.

In the netball I tournament at Springwell School, our team made us very proud as they represented Edison and came first place in the year 5 and 6 division! The girls and boys have been training very hard and have refined their netball skills.

We are so proud of our year 5s and we cannot wait to see the wonderful work they produce in the upcoming terms! We hope you have a lovely break and stay safe. We hope to see you soon in the New Year.

In light of Christmas, year 5 worked exceptionally hard in their Christmas concerts. They practiced and eventually transformed into real life Edison Grinches. The hard work paid off and we gave a phenomenal performance. The children were transformed in minutes to mini grinches and sang their heart out. It was very touching to hear their Christmas wishes. Above all else, the children has fun and made a Christmas memory with their friends.





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Year 6

What an incredible term Autumn 2 had been. With the magic of Christmas, it really has gone in a flash. We have been incredibly busy. Assessments, interesting and thought-provoking workshops as well as a lovely Christmas concert production.

We started off with testing the children on their prior knowledge of subjects and we are pleased with the results that they have achieved. We then had a wonderful history workshop based on our topic this term: WWII – we were tasked to imagine how it felt during the blitz, how was it like to share rations and act it out in class. The facilitator of the workshop, Mr Mark McKenzie, shared his experience of himself and his parents during WW2 and the children were thoroughly mesmerised by his stories and asked some wonderful questions to further solidify their knowledge on what an important topic was.

We then had a TFL workshop in which highlighted the dangers of being silly or not following the rules while using public transport. The children had thought provoking questions and were taking the workshop seriously. They were also told about how the oyster cards work and how they get discounts because they are children (you could hear joy in their voices when they heard that)

Our final project for this term was the Christmas Concert in which the children stepped out of their shells and dazzled us with their brilliant talent in singing/dancing and acting. They have managed to learn all the songs and movements in a very short amount of time, and we are certain that there will be some future actors and dancers in this year group!!

We would like to thank all the parents and guardians for your endless support, and we look forward to seeing you and your children in the new year. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! – Year 6 Team!!!





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Wishing you all a restful break from all the Staff at Edison!

A Heartfelt Thank You for Spreading Joy this Holiday Season!



As we approach the festive season, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible generosity and kindness that our school community has shown. We extend our warmest thanks to the [parents](#) as well the [Catholic Children's Society](#), who have graciously donated a generous amount of presents for children in need this Christmas. Your compassion and willingness to make a difference in the lives of others have not gone unnoticed, and we are truly touched by your thoughtfulness.

amazon

In addition to the amazing support from our parents, we are thrilled to share the joyous news of a significant contribution from our friends at [Amazon](#). Their commitment to community outreach has brightened the holiday season for many, as they have generously donated a plethora of non-perishable food supplies, toys, wrapping paper, toiletries, and



more. This extraordinary act of kindness from Amazon will undoubtedly bring smiles to the faces of our children here at Edison Primary School.



We want to express our deepest gratitude to all the Edison families and Amazon for their dedication to making a positive impact on the communities they serve.

Their support goes beyond providing material goods; *it creates a sense of community and togetherness that is invaluable, especially during this special time of year.*

Thank you once again to our incredible parents, Childrens Catholic Society and the generous team at Amazon for making this holiday season brighter for the children of Edison Primary School. Your contributions have created lasting memories and brought warmth to our hearts. **Wishing you all a joyful and festive holiday season!**



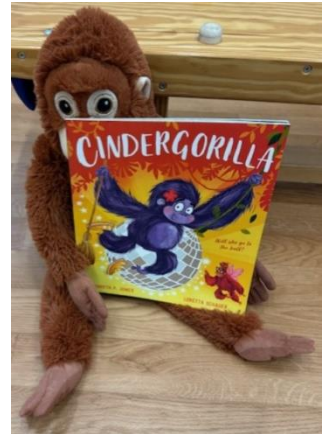


Year 3 Reading Café!



Dear Year, Three parents/carers and children,

We are overwhelmed by your fantastic participation with reading for pleasure today! Thank you to those of you who joined us in helping to make reading an enjoyable learning experience. We enjoyed selecting Science books and Egyptian fact books to learn more about our History learning next term on, 'The Epic Egyptians.'









LET'S FACE THE NEW YEAR!

Tuesday

16th Jan

19:00 - 20:00

FREE



FREE SESSION

Cannabis Awareness

Get the facts so you can have the conversation

Thursday

4th Jan

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging stereotypes, explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

Monday

8th Jan

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes in how you communicate, lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Tuesday

9th Jan

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Getting a Good Night

Screen Addiction, insomnia, energy drinks and more. Get a range of extremely useful ideas on how to get quality sleep.