



# Edison Primary School

## Weekly News

22 March 2024

### Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal



### School Council Success!

Back in February, we told you about our School Council's meeting with representatives from Wilson Jones, where the children passionately expressed ideas for new meals they would like to see on our school lunch menu, including butter chicken, butter paneer, tacos and garlic bread.

They have now received a very complimentary letter from Wilson Jones, which includes the following: "Your suggestions for menu items were clear and well-reasoned, highlighting what you believe will be popular among your peers. After careful consideration of each suggestion, I'm pleased to inform you that we will be adding tacos, butter chicken and butter paneer to the upcoming menu."

They have also agreed to add garlic bread to the menu on the days where the children have pasta as a main course, making a 100% success rate for our School Council's ideas, and we are looking forward our new additions to our lunch menu from the beginning of the summer term.



### Attendance Winners



Well done to Year 2, Pasteur Class for being the winners for the highest attendance this week with a percentage of 97.6%.

Registration Form	Attendance Wk 18.03.24 - 22.03.24	
YR Bell	89.6%	
YR Newton	93.5%	
Y1 Franklin	93.0%	
Y1 Watson	92.8%	
Y2 Fleming	95.7%	2nd
<b>Y2 Pasteur</b>	<b>97.6%</b>	<b>1st</b>
Y3 Curie	92.6%	
Y3 Faraday	89.0%	
Y4 Carson	93.0%	
Y4 Goodall	90.7%	
Y5 Armstrong	93.8%	
Y5 Jemison	94.8%	
Y6 Einstein	91.6%	
Y6 Hawking	95.0%	3rd



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Over and Above: Focus of the Week

### Use Zones to Self-regulate

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 'Making Good Choices'.

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### **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.

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### **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.

### **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.

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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.

### 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

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<b>Tuesday 26 March</b>	Easter Cake Sale in Main Hall at 3.45pm
<b>Wednesday 27 March</b>	Eco-Refill Shop in Small Hall at 3:45pm
<b>Thursday 28 March</b>	Celebrating Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
<b>Thursday 28 March</b>	Last day of Term – School closes at 1.30pm
<b>Monday 15 April</b>	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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### Picture News

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT 1 NEWSPAPER 25th - 31st March

### Glitter for Lunch?

If you are visiting Blackpool Zoo at the moment, you may see something rather surprising in the elephant enclosure – glittery poo! This is because keepers at the zoo are putting glitter into the food of the female elephants in order to be able to tell which poo belongs to who. Asian elephants are currently on the 'endangered' list,

meaning these animals are at a very high risk of extinction in the wild. Keepers at the zoo will collect the glittery poo twice a week and send it to a research laboratory at Chester Zoo for testing. The aim is to find out if any of the female elephants are pregnant. The elephants can then be suitably cared for in the hope of increasing their numbers.



**Pictured:** Endangered Asian elephant. **Source:** Canva.



**Pictured:** Chess pieces. **Source:** Canva.

### Checkmate!

8-year-old Ashwath Kaushik, who was born in India and now lives in Singapore, has made history by becoming the youngest-ever chess player to defeat a grandmaster in classical chess. Grandmaster

(GM) is the highest title of any chess player.

The young player began learning to play chess at just four years old! He practises every day after school and spends weekends finessing his game. When asked about his performance at the tournament in Switzerland, Kaushik said. 'It felt really exciting and amazing, I felt proud of my game'. Kaushik came 12<sup>th</sup> in the tournament overall and says his dream is to one day become a world champion in chess.

### Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



*I think phones can be distracting in school but taking them off pupils could be too complicated.*

**Monika**

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT 2 NEWSPAPER 25th - 31st March

### Back to Earth with a Splash!

NASA's SpaceX Crew-7 has safely landed back on Earth. The team has returned from six months of science and discovery aboard the International Space Station (ISS). The crew, from four different countries, splashed down in their Dragon spacecraft off the coast of Pensacola, Florida, USA. Whilst they were on the ISS for 199 days, Jasmin Moghbeli (USA), Andreas Mogensen (Denmark), Satoshi Furukawa (Japan) and Konstantin Borisov (Russia) completed 3,184 orbits around Earth!

NASA Administrator, Bill Nelson, spoke of the successful mission saying, 'After more than six months aboard the International Space Station, NASA's SpaceX Crew-7 has safely returned home. This international crew showed that space unites us all. It's clear that we can do more – we can learn more – when we work together. The science experiments conducted during their time in space will help prepare for NASA's bold missions at the Moon, Mars, and beyond, all while benefitting humanity here on Earth.'

**How do you think it would feel to return home after six months in space?**

**What do you think you would miss if you were away from Earth for that long?**



**Pictured:** NASA's SpaceX Crew-7 - Borisov, Mogensen, Moghbeli and Furukawa, shortly after landing. **Source:** NASA X page.

### Solo Sailing

Cole Brauer, from New York, has become the first US woman to sail solo around the world! She was the only woman competing in one of the most extreme sailing events in the world, the Global Solo Challenge. The Global Solo Challenge is a unique sailing race that starts from A Coruña, Spain, and takes participants on a single-handed, non-stop circumnavigation across the globe. Captaining her 40-foot vessel, 'First Light', Brauer crossed three oceans. The 29-year-old travelled 30,000 miles on a journey that took 130 days and finished second in the race. Talking about the challenges of sailing alone, Cole said, 'Solo sailors, you have to be able to do everything. You need to be able to take care of yourself. You need to be able to get up, even when you're so exhausted. And you have to be able to fix everything on the boat.' She also commented on what inspires her to be determined



**Pictured:** Cole Brauer becomes the first US female to sail solo non-stop around the world. **Source:** Global Solo Challenge @marconannini X page.

saying, 'I push so much harder when someone's like, 'no, you can't do that,' or 'you're too small. It would be amazing if there was just one other girl that saw me and said 'Oh, I can do that, too.'

**Have you ever been sailing or on a boat? Would you like to?**

### Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



*I don't think that mobiles phones should be banned, people just need to be sensible and use them sensibly!*

**Nikolas**

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# TAKEHOME

25 - 31  
March



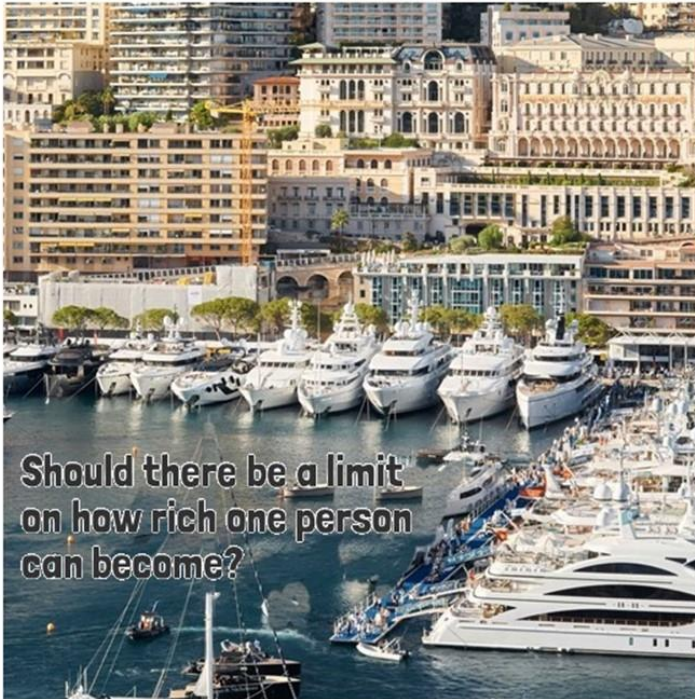
## In the news this week

Poverty-fighting charity, Oxfam, recently released a new report on inequality and global corporate power. It found that the world's five richest people have more than doubled their fortunes from a combined total of £321 billion to £688 billion since 2020. The wealth of the poorest 60% (nearly five billion people) has fallen. If this trend continues, the world will have its first trillionaire within 10 years, whilst poverty may not be eradicated for another nearly 230 years.

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

- Share your thoughts on this week's story. Are you surprised to learn that there will likely be a trillionaire within ten years?
- Can you name any billionaires? Do you know how they acquired their money?
- Do you think more should be done e.g., by governments, to reduce the gap between the world's richest and poorest people?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Should there be a limit on how rich one person can become?

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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# EASTER CAKE SALE

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH  
AT 3:45 PM

EDISON PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

In Main Hall



HAND CRAFTED

LOLA'S  
*cupcakes*



# Eco Refill Shop Reopening



## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

## Small hall 3:15-4pm



Don't forget  
your clean,  
empty 500ml  
bottles



## TRANSFORM OUR WORLD





Dear Parents and Carers,

**COMIC  
RELIEF**



### **Red Nose Day**

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Red Nose Day is swiftly approaching, and we will once again be raising money for this cause. The school has set up a **Just Giving Page** where donations can be made which will go directly to Comic Relief at:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-edison-primary-school?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=rnd24-edison-primary-school&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=a200b66bc770473182340df61db3fdb9](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-edison-primary-school?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rnd24-edison-primary-school&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=a200b66bc770473182340df61db3fdb9)

We know there's a lot going on right now and for many people things are tough. But if you can donate, every penny will add up to a life changing difference.

#### **What is Red Nose Day?**

- Red Nose Day is a fundraising event run by Comic Relief.
- Comic Relief is a UK charity which aims to create a just world free from poverty.
- The money raised is used to transform lives in the UK and around the world.

#### **Why we're taking part**

- Pupils learn valuable life skills and gain understanding and empathy for others in the world.
- It's a great way to get together for a giggle.
- Our school can really make a difference to people's lives.

#### **Where the money goes**

- £5 could provide school stationery to a child living in poverty in South Africa.
- £10 could get 40 meals to children and families in need in the UK.
- £50 could buy a bike for a health visitor in Ghana so they can provide vital health care for hard-to-reach families.

We will be selling red noses in school as we have done in past years. These will be available to purchase from the School Office.

We also are aware that Comic Relief is on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, however, Edison will be celebrating it on the 28<sup>th</sup> March- the last day of term. Children are to come into school dressed in their home clothes or anything red!

We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll have fun helping our school raise lots of money for Red Nose Day.

Thank you.

Mrs Bimrah

More information about Red Nose Day and how the money is used can be found at:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>.

# Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO ATTENDED OUR  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised. **£859.55**  
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

 **SCHOLASTIC**



## Top Tips for...

# MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

Buy Milk

### GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

### TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

### GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

### LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you *do* want to go online.

### AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

### HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

### BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

### 'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

### SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

### TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

### SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

### WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

## Meet Our Expert

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DEVICE BOX

The National College

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#WakeUpWednesday