



# Edison Primary School

## Weekly News

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### Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal



### Attendance Winners

Well done to Year 1, Franklin Class for being the winners for the highest attendance this week with a percentage of 99.6%.

Registration Form	Attendance Week 6 20/02/24 - 23/02/24	
YR Bell	92.2%	
YR Newton	97.1%	3rd
<b>Y1 Franklin</b>	<b>99.6%</b>	<b>1st</b>
Y1 Watson	97.4%	2nd
Y2 Fleming	88.0%	
Y2 Pasteur	93.3%	
Y3 Curie	94.4%	
Y3 Faraday	92.5%	
Y4 Carson	95.8%	
Y4 Goodall	96.3%	
Y5 Armstrong	95.8%	
Y5 Jemison	91.1%	
Y6 Einstein	94.4%	
Y6 Hawking	93.3%	

### 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 Jorsh Chohan from Year 3 Faraday Class, Lavish Pahuja from Year 4 Carson Class and Ami Khimasia from Year 4 Goodall Class have now all achieved a 1 million word count. Well done to them all!





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### Girls Football Tournament at Gunnersbury Park

What an exciting day it was! Our year 6's girls first ever football competition.

Despite an unfortunate rainy weather, our girls performed brilliantly!

When we got to the pitch, our girls were buzzing with excitement and could not wait to get started. We had our warm up, a team talk and we were ready to start our first game.

We managed to get a draw and the other team realised that we were no pushovers.

There was brilliant team work, never giving up and fighting to get the ball.

Our girls got a quick breather, and then it was on to our next game.

The other team was used to harsh conditions and were able to understand the positioning and game a bit better – which led us to a loss. Our girls were focused and they did not let a loss bother them as they were raring to go onto the next game.

The final game saw us against a very experienced team and our girls took the loss with such aplomb and maturity which impressed us more than the actual playing of the game.

We shook hands with our opponents and made our way back proudly to our school for some well deserved hot-chocolate!

Considering this was their very first game, to come out with a draw in one game was nothing short of amazing. They gave it their all, played professionally, were very supportive of the other team when they won and had an wonderful experience competing.

This just shows that all of us are doing a great job as all the values that they have been taught from both parents and teachers – have been solidified into their being of what mature and supportive children should be like.

Well Done Year 6 girls – we are all extremely proud!



### Over and Above: Focus of the Week

#### Good Listening

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.

After Half Term the Focus is 'Showing Cooperation'

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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.

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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.



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### 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 24 hours 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	
Wednesday 28 February	Eco Refill Shop
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

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT YOUR WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

## First Fluorescent Orchid

The world's first fluorescent orchid has been displayed in Tokyo at the Japan Grand Prix International Orchid and Flower Show 2024. The Glowing Phalaenopsis Orchid emits yellow-green fluorescence under black light – not just the petals but the whole plant can be seen to glow! The luminous moth orchid was developed using the gene of a fluorescent plankton by scientists from Chiba University. The flower festival is described as one of the biggest and most extravagant orchid exhibitions in the world, and this year's exhibition will feature more than a thousand different orchid species. To enter the event, visitors will pass under the beautiful 'Orchid Gate' made from 100,000 orchids. As well as exhibiting groundbreaking and beautiful flowers, the show will create a platform for the world's best flower artists to show their skills. At the festival's opening ceremony, Princess Tsuguko of Takamado said, 'I would be glad if this exhibition became an opportunity for people to consider the importance of preserving biodiversity.'



**Picture:** The Glowing Phalaenopsis Orchid. **Source:** Flower Show @TheFlowerShow X page.



**Picture:** An Orchid. **Source:** Canva.

## Britain's Funniest Class



**Picture:** How to apply to be named Beano Britain's funniest class. **Source:** Beano @BeanoOfficial X page.

Beano, the world's longest-running comic, has announced its search for Britain's funniest primary school class! The comic posted on X, 'Help Class 2B in their search for Britain's Funniest Class (and teacher)! 😊 As much as The Bash Street Kids love a bit of hard work (ha!), a little help wouldn't hurt... 🤖 If you think your students have the gift of the gag, enter now.' The well-loved children's comic is celebrating the Bash Street Kids' 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the launch of 'Britain's Funniest Class 2024' competition. Teachers can submit their classes' hilarious gags and jokes via the website before the closing date on 7<sup>th</sup> March. The most side-splitting entries will then be put to a public vote, resulting in one comical class being named the

funniest in the country! Last year's winner was Greasley Beauvale Primary School, and their headteacher Michelle Bates, encouraged other schools to enter saying, 'The classroom and the school flourished when we rallied together as a team for the common goal of laughter. It was wonderful to see the classroom grow in confidence and creativity.' This year the winners will be rewarded with a whole range of Beano goodies and be drawn into a special edition of the comic. This will be the very first time ever that a whole class of real-life children will be included in the comic book! **Can you get your funny bones moving and think up a giggle-inducing gag? Do you think that your teacher and/or class are funny?**

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## Flamingo-saving Flight Attendant



**Pictured left:** Flamingos. **Source:** Canva. **Pictured right:** Sunny the flamingo chick. **Source:** Woodland Park Zoo Facebook page.

Fast-thinking flight attendant, Amber May, received a unique request from one of the people on board the plane she was working on. The passenger, a zookeeper, had a very unusual problem and needed help building a nest! They were transporting rare flamingo eggs from Atlanta Zoo in Georgia, USA, to Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, when their incubator broke. They asked the surprised flight attendant to help them keep the six eggs safe and warm. With hours of flight left to go, Amber came up with a plan – filling rubber gloves with warm water to keep the eggs at the correct temperature, which she refilled as the water inside cooled. Other travellers helped too, sharing their coats and scarves to keep the precious eggs insulated. The idea worked! All six eggs made it safely to

their new home and the chicks hatched last September. There are four females called Magdalena, Amaya, Rosales, and Gonzo and two males, named Sunny and Bernardo. Amber was invited to choose a name for one of the flamingos, and she picked Sunny as it is her granddaughter's name. She and her granddaughter have even been to meet the chicks. 'The flamingo eggs would not have survived in a non-functioning portable incubator for five hours,' said Joanna Klass, a Woodland Park Zoo animal care manager. 'We're so grateful for the creative thinking that led to the safe transport of our precious eggs.'

**Did you know that a group of flamingos is called a 'Flamboyance' or a 'Stand'?**  
**Do you know any flamingo facts?**

Last week's topic:

### Should we learn sign language at school?



I like that the option is there for pupils to choose it, but I don't think we should all have to learn all languages.

**Bekki**

If you know someone deaf, I think you should.

**Thibault**

I think it's a good idea because we are all different and we should respect others.

**Arthur**

Yes, I think that everyone should learn at least one other language. Sign language should be an option at school along with others. I would be really interested in learning to sign.

**Petra**

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

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### TAKEHOME



How can you make your voice heard?

### In the news this week

In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

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

- Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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# Eco Refill Shop Reopening



## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

### Small hall 3:15-4pm



Don't forget  
your clean,  
empty 500ml  
bottles



TRANSFORM  
**OUR  
WORLD**





# 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> February – 31<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.





# Shifty M'Gifty

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





JOIN EDISON FRIENDS

# EASTER CAKE SALE

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH  
AT 3:45 PM

EDISON PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

In Main Hall



HAND CRAFTED

LOLA'S  
*cupcakes*



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