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## Weekly News

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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!



This week we have Nayan and Arshyl Year 4 Goodall Class, Yuv Year 4 Carson Class, Yuvan Year 3 Faraday Class and Liyana Year 5 Jemison Class have all achieved a 1 million-word count!

### Attendance Winners

Well done again to Year 5, Armstrong Class for being the winners for the highest attendance this week with an even higher percentage of 98.5%.

Class	Attendance Week 3 - 22.01.24 - 26.01.24	
YR Bell	89.7%	
YR Newton	86.3%	
Y1 Franklin	96.7%	2nd
Y1 Watson	91.0%	
Y2 Fleming	95.2%	
Y2 Pasteur	91.5%	
Y3 Curie	94.8%	
Y3 Faraday	96.0%	
Y4 Carson	90.7%	
Y4 Goodall	96.3%	3rd
<b>Y5 Armstrong</b>	<b>98.5%</b>	<b>1st</b>
Y5 Jemison	93.9%	
Y6 Einstein	89.3%	
Y6 Hawking	90.4%	





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### Student First Aiders at Edison

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you all! It is our pleasure to announce that we now have our very first team of student first aiders: Hannah, Hibba, Kartar, and Karandeep.

These dedicated students have stepped up to take on the crucial role of assisting our first aid members of staff during KS1 and KS2 break times. Their commitment to the safety and well-being of our school community is truly commendable, and we couldn't be prouder to have them on board.

The presence of student first aiders adds an extra layer of care and support to our school environment. It not only enhances the overall safety of our students but also fosters a sense of responsibility and community within our young leaders.

We believe that with Hannah, Hibba, Kartar, and Karandeep on our team, our school community will thrive in a safer and more supportive atmosphere.



### 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

#### Being a good friend

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'.



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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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **School Lunches**

We would like to remind you to please sit with your children to book the school lunches for the weeks ahead.

It has come to our attention that children are changing their meals at the counter, we would like to advise that your child/ren are only allowed to have what has been booked on Parent Pay.

Therefore, we stress that you ask your child/ren what they would like from the menu and ensure that this is booked on Parent Pay 7 days in advance.

Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated.





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### Key dates for your diary

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<b>Monday 29 January</b>	Focus of the Week – Being Ready
<b>Monday 29 January</b>	Bikeability with Year 6
<b>Friday 2 February</b>	Number Day
<b>Monday 5 February</b>	Mental Health Week
<b>Monday 5 February</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings – Years Reception, 1,2 and 3
<b>Tuesday 6 February</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings – Years Reception, 1,2 and 3
<b>Wednesday 7 February</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings – Years Reception, 4,5 and 6
<b>Thursday 8 February</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings – Years Reception, 4,5 and 6



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

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

28 Jan - 4 Feb

## Dinosaur Discovery

A new giant dinosaur species, called *Tyrannosaurus mcraeensis*, has been discovered in New Mexico, USA. Palaeontologists made the announcement after examining parts of the animal's fossilised skull that had been found at the Hall Lake Formation, a geological formation in Sierra County. The skull is currently on display at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science (NMMNHS). 'Once again, the extent and scientific importance of New Mexico's dinosaur fossils becomes clear – many new dinosaurs remain to be discovered in the state, both in the rocks and in museum drawers!' said Dr. Spencer Lucas, Paleontology Curator at NMMNHS. The massive carnivore, thought to have lived approximately five million years before the *Tyrannosaurus rex* (T. rex), is thought to be its closest relative! The huge theropods that lived between 71 and 73 million years ago, would have been similar in size to their relative the T. rex – 12m long, up to 4m high and weighing around 8.8 tonnes. Like the T. rex, their humongous skulls



**Picture:** An image of *Tyrannosaurus mcraeensis* released by the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. **Source:** NMMNHS Paleontology @NMMNHS\_Paleo X page.

were balanced by their long, heavy tail. Discussing how the identification of the new species was made, Dr. Nick Longrich, a co-author of the study from the University of Bath, said, 'The differences are subtle, but that's typically the case in closely related species. Evolution slowly causes mutations to build up over millions of years, causing species to look subtly different over time.'

## Scotland's 'biggest ever' snowball fight?

What started out as a joke between an Aberdeenshire couple, may have turned into Scotland's biggest ever snowball fight! During the heavy snowfall experienced this month, Roxanna Miskelly suggested that they organise a fun snowball fight at their local park in Inverurie for the community. The idea 'snowballed' on social media, and they created two teams out of the over 300 people, who met them at Strathburn Park! Organisers claim that this was Scotland's biggest snowball fight – there is no doubt that it was large, but no one knows how to prove this statement. The opposing teams were given three minutes to get their snowballs ready, before dramatic music started to play, indicating the beginning of the match. Organiser Roxanna said, 'It's been amazing - it started from a

kind of half-baked idea of 'wouldn't it be funny' and then 24 hours later, to potentially having Scotland's biggest snowball fight is unreal and it's been such a good atmosphere. As long as it snows - definitely an annual thing.' She also thanked Garioch Sports Centre, who turned on their floodlights and allowed them use of a generator to illuminate the event. Karla, who was there on the night said, 'It kind of lets you relive your youth a little bit. Us adults don't get to have this much fun and it's just something really wholesome that brings the community together.'

**How do you think it would feel to be involved in a snowball fight with hundreds of people? How many people do you think have been in the largest snowball fight ever?**



**Picture:** The community fun snowball fight at Strathburn Park. **Source:** Garioch Sports Centre Facebook page.



**Picture:** Playing in the snow. **Source:** Canva.

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### Why Wag?



Pictured: A Dog Walk. Source: Canva.

Researchers from Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in the Netherlands and the University of Rome have been looking into why dogs might wag their tails. The four scientists have recently published their results and some of them might surprise you! Most people think that dogs wag their tails when they are happy or excited, but this may, in some cases, show nervousness or submission. The scientists said they found that dogs wag their tails much more than other animals that are closely related to them, for example, wolves. Canines in the wild use their tails to improve their balance and to swat away insects. These experts looked at the existing research on tail-wagging and concluded that there may be two reasons why dogs wag their tails so much. The

first theory is that people intentionally selected dogs that wag their tails to breed because humans find the rhythm of it soothing and enjoyable. The second reason is a side effect of choosing to breed dogs with other desirable traits, such as tameness. Dr Taylor Hersh, a co-author of the article said 'We may not be able to take a time machine back to the beginning of the dog-human relationship, but we can look at dog behaviour today in tandem with human behaviour to try and understand what that domestication process looked like. Tail wagging is a very apparent and interesting behaviour to start with.'

**Why do you think dogs wag their tails? Do you think being involved in research like this would be interesting?**

Last week's topic:

**Is an e-reader better than a book?**



I think e-reader is better, because it helps the environment... and you can also read your books anywhere without having to carry a bunch of books around.

**Jackie**

Print reading is better.

**Imaya**

I think they are both good but in some cases a book is better like when you want to read sometimes everything about the book is better when you are on a plane an e-reader is best.

**Janaya**

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



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# TAKEHOME

29 Jan -  
4 Feb



## In the news this week

A new BBC television programme, called Style It Out, gives nine young promising fashion designers from all over the UK the chance to compete in designing different outfits. The winner will have their clothes showcased at London Fashion Week. The main focuses of the challenge are creativity and sustainability, with the contestants having to use second-hand materials. As people's awareness of the impact of fast fashion increases, sustainable clothing is becoming more at the forefront of shoppers' minds.

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

- Can you remember the last item of clothing you bought or were given? Where was it from and what was it for?
- What does 'being fashionable' mean to you? Is it important to you? Talk to others at home.
- What do you do with the clothes that you no longer need or that no longer fit?



**Is fashion important?**

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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# Eco Refill Shop Reopening



**Save the Date!**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Dear Edison Primary School,**

**Exciting news! The Eco Refill Shop will reopen on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, 3:30-4:00pm in the small hall.** For your convenience, a contactless card machine will be available for payments.**

**Please remember to bring a clean 500ml bottle for refills. If you can't bring one, don't worry, as we'll have some available for your use.**

**Looking forward to another eco-friendly shopping experience!**

**Kindest regards,**

**Mrs Juneja and the Eco team**

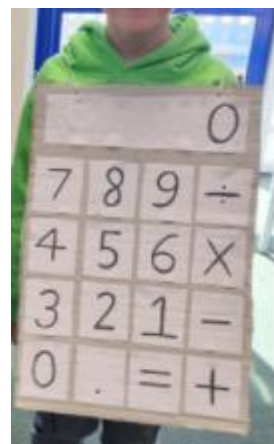


On **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, we will be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. Pupils may also wish to represent numbers in pictures e.g. a jumper with stars, stripes, spots etc.

To help raise money for NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2. We've set up a Just Giving Page; [Edison Primary School is fundraising for NSPCC \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Edison-Primary-School) or by using the QR code.



Please donate **only** on the Just Giving Page (please do not send any money into school) and share with friends so we can support the NSPCC.





# Asthma Awareness Course at Edison



Date of Issue:  
06/10/2023

As part of our ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of our students, we are delighted to inform you that an Asthma Friendly Nurse from Hounslow will be conducting an asthma awareness course at Edison Primary School.

The purpose of this course is to enhance awareness about asthma, its management, and to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to respond effectively in case of an asthma-related incident. We believe that this initiative will contribute significantly to creating a safer and more informed environment for our students.

If your child or any member of your family, including yourself, has asthma, we strongly urge you to participate in this valuable course. It will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about asthma, its triggers, and the appropriate actions to take in case of an emergency.

Details of the Asthma Awareness Course are as follows:

**Date: Wednesday, 7th February**

**Time: 9:00 AM**

**Location: Edison Primary School**



We appreciate your support in ensuring the safety and well-being of all our students, especially those with asthma. Your active participation in this course will contribute to a better understanding of asthma within our school community.



**8th  
Feb  
2024**

**HAPPY CHINESE**  
**NEW YEAR**  
**YEAR OF THE DRAGON**

**Sweet & Sour Chicken  
or  
Black Bean Quorn  
Noodles**

**Chinese Style Rice  
Asian Style Vegetables**

**Toffee Apple Cake**

**Also Available:**

**Baked Potatoes  
Self Service Salad  
Fruit Platter  
Yoghurt**

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# FREE ESOL Courses

## Registration Day for English Classes to start in February 2024

**The Alf Chandler Centre. Benson Close, Hounslow, TW3 3QX**  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 9:30 to 11:00**

### Please bring:

Proof of Benefits  
Proof of Address  
Passport and Visa  
Child's Birth Certificate (if you need childcare support)

(online classes of all levels also available – register online [www.elatt.org.uk/apply-courses](http://www.elatt.org.uk/apply-courses)  
Technology support available to help with joining online sessions)

### To find out more...

For general information contact ELATT on 0800 0420184 [hello@elatt.org.uk](mailto:hello@elatt.org.uk)  
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