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Attendance Winners



Well done to Year 1, Franklin Class for being the winners for the highest attendance this week with a percentage of 97.9%.

Class	Attendance Week 04.03.24 - 08.03.24	
YR Bell	86.9%	
YR Newton	94.7%	
Y1 Franklin	97.9%	1st
Y1 Watson	90.3%	
Y2 Fleming	96.1%	
Y2 Pasteur	95.8%	
Y3 Curie	96.8%	2nd
Y3 Faraday	94.7%	
Y4 Carson	93.0%	
Y4 Goodall	96.3%	3rd
Y5 Armstrong	94.4%	
Y5 Jemison	95.7%	
Y6 Einstein	95.2%	
Y6 Hawking	95.2%	

Year 6 Heart Dissection

Our year 6's had a fabulous week being surgeons and scientists. We had our first ever heart dissection workshop, in which we had dived into dissecting and learning about the heart and how it functions, looks, and feels. It was a gory workshop, but our children enjoyed it tremendously and they had such fun dissecting the heart into smaller pieces and feeling how it is like to be a surgeon.

It was a lamb's heart that we used and they were shocked at how small it looked like. It was a fantastic workshop and our children learnt a great deal about the heart and the circulatory system.





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Over and Above: Focus of the Week

Readiness for Learning

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 'Impeccable Behaviour'.

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.

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

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Monday 11 March to Friday 15 March	Scholastic Book Fair in Main Hall 3:45pm to 4pm
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



Pedalling to Paris

Two Penny Farthing enthusiasts are taking on a challenge to raise money for the charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. Matt Richardson and Bill Pollard are collecting sponsorship to ride on their Penny Farthing bicycles from Henley to Paris! In June, the two friends will pedal their way from Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, UK to the capital of France, in memory of Mr Richardson's father. The two gentlemen can be seen wearing traditional dress whilst training for the event. 'As the ride will be in June, it'll hopefully be warm, so I have a vintage desert jacket and a pith helmet,' said Matt. A Penny Farthing is an early type of bicycle that was popular over a hundred and fifty years ago in the 1870s. Its name came from the largest and smallest British coins that were in use at the time - a penny, representing the huge front wheel and a much smaller farthing coin, the tiny back wheel. The front wheel often measured just over 2 metres in diameter.

Would you like to learn how to ride a Penny Farthing?
How do you think it would feel to travel this way?



Pictured: Matt Richardson and Bill Pollard (above) and a Penny Farthing (below).
Source: Henley to Paris on Penny Farthing Facebook page.



Spiney Sightings



Pictured: Hedgehogs **Source:** Canva.

BBC Gardeners' World Magazine has announced that sightings of hedgehogs in people's gardens are on the rise! It is hoped that, after years of hedgehog numbers decreasing, the spikey mammals' numbers could be increasing in urban areas. The researchers, who conducted a survey of 2,000 people, said they are 'cautiously optimistic', following small signs that hedgehogs could be making a comeback. Garden sightings in urban areas of the arguably adorable creatures have gone up by two percent in the last year! The report shows thirty-three percent of people asked said they had spotted hedgehogs in their garden in 2023, up from thirty-one percent in 2022. The report also reveals actions that have helped the hedgehogs, for example creating wild

patches of 'messy' garden for hedgehogs to dig in, and making 'hedgehog highways' by installing 'hedgehog doors' or holes in fences so that they can travel around more safely. Kevin Smith, from BBC Gardeners' World Magazine, said, 'The recent surge in hedgehog sightings is a positive indication that we're making progress in coexisting with nature.' Did you know that hedgehogs are nocturnal animals? They eat insects, worms, slugs and berries, and their bodies have over 5,000 spines. Their name comes from where they build their nests, in 'hedges', and the noise they make, a small snorting, grunting sound similar to the noise made by a pig or warthog, 'hog'.
Have you ever seen a hedgehog? Can you think of anything you could do to make your local area more hedgehog-friendly?

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Free Tuition Thanks To \$1bn Donation



Pictured: The University Hospital building and students at Albert Einstein College. **Source:** Albert Einstein College of Medicine – Official @EinsteinMed X page.

Medical students at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York, USA, have been rejoicing as they have recently been told that they don't have to pay their tuition fees! This has been made possible due to a huge donation of \$1 billion made by a former professor at the college. All current fourth-year students will be refunded their spring 2024 tuition fees and, from August of this year, all students at the medical college will receive free tuition! Dr Ruth Gottesman made the very generous gift on behalf of her late Wall Street investor husband. It is thought to be the largest donation made to any medical school in the country. Dr Gottesman said, 'I am very thankful to my late husband, Sandy, for leaving these funds in my care,

and I feel blessed to be given the great privilege of making this gift to such a worthy cause.' Dr. Yaron Tomer, a Dean at the University, commented on the 'transformational gift' saying, 'This donation radically revolutionises our ability to continue attracting students who are committed to our mission, not just those who can afford it. Additionally, it will free up and lift our students, enabling them to pursue projects and ideas that might otherwise be prohibitive. We will be reminded of the legacy this historic gift represents each spring as we send another diverse class of physicians out across the Bronx and around the world to provide compassionate care and transform their communities.'

Last week's topic:

How can you make your voice heard?



I agree that climate change is very important, but I don't agree with blocking the road because I think they should do something different. I agree with them because the government are not making sure the farmers are looked after properly and things need to be more fair.

2K Julian's Primary School

You can maybe get someone to help you be heard because two voices [are] better than one usually.

Ava

I believe this is a bad way to make your voice heard for instance if an ambulance came by or a fire engine came by as well as a police car, they would all need to get past quickly. Actions speak louder than words sometimes.

Katie

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

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Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



In the news this week

Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- > Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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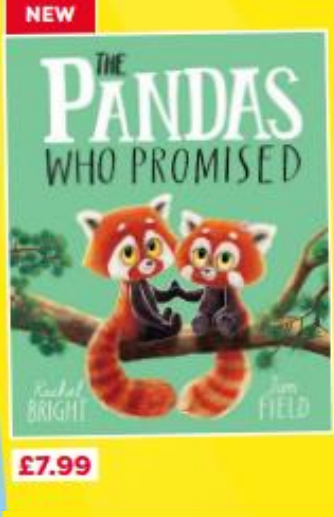
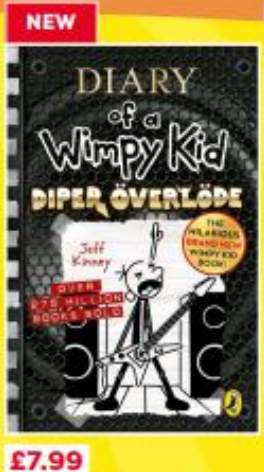
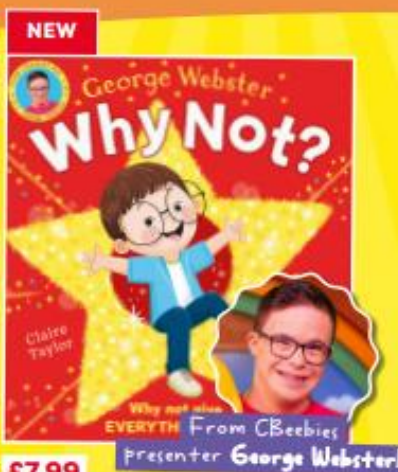
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COME To the SUPER AMAZING BOOK FAIR!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE



When: Monday 11th March till Friday 15th March 2024.

Timings: 3:45pm -4:00pm

Where: Small Hall

Bring your £1 Book Token if you can!

Scan the QR code to pay online!



JOIN EDISON FRIENDS

EASTER CAKE SALE

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH
AT 3:45 PM

EDISON PRIMARY
SCHOOL

In Main Hall



HAND CRAFTED

LOLA'S
cupcakes



Dear Parents and Carers,

**COMIC
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Red Nose Day

28th 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

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 15th March, however, Edison will be celebrating it on the 28th 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/>.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about PERSUASIVE DESIGN ONLINE

'Persuasive design' refers to the techniques that companies employ to influence our thoughts and behaviours when we're on the internet. These approaches can be spotted on websites, in apps and even as part of some video games. Persuasive design means that this content has been deliberately presented in a way that's intended to encourage you to spend your time or money (or both). These methods often prove highly effective at keeping people engaged and invested for longer than we might expect.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POTENTIAL ADDICTION

In the digital world, persuasive design can make certain activities more addictive and harder to walk away from: some people may begin to feel anxious or irritated without access to their device or their favourite app, for example. It can also often leave users feeling isolated, as – if they spend most of their time on social media – they may start to find it difficult to talk to other people in real life.

MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Scrolling online or gaming without regular breaks is proven to be harmful to our mental health. The constant bombardment of news stories (many of them negative), images and influencers' posts can create sensations of unease, uncertainty and FOMO (fear of missing out). Young people can get so immersed in this environment that they become less likely to spot misleading posts.

PROLONGED SCROLLING

Social media can draw any of us – regardless of age – into a continuous pattern of refreshing our screen, following posts and links down rabbit holes or reading countless comments made by others. This aimless scrolling can eat up time which could have been spent on more productive activities. It could also lead younger users into areas of the online world which aren't age appropriate.

KEEP SCROLLING

SENSORY OVERLOAD

Repetitively scrolling, clicking on links or playing games can create an unending stream of new information and visual stimuli. Put it this way: social media isn't exactly renowned as a carefree, chilled-out environment. Such overstimulation can become too much for young people to handle, resulting in sensory overload and causing them to feel stressed, overwhelmed and exhausted.

COSTLY ADDITIONS

Video games sometimes display offers for downloadable content or loot boxes which can be bought with real money. While these 'microtransactions' temptingly promise to improve a player's gaming experience, most of the time they are money sinks. Young people in particular, excited by the chance of enhancing their game, could spend quite a sizeable sum very quickly indeed.

PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES

Hours spent sitting and scrolling means far less time moving around and getting exercise; hardly ideal for a young person's physical health. Additionally, prolonged exposure to the light given off by a phone's screen can lead to eye fatigue and discomfort, especially if viewing it in the dark. Extended phone use before bed can also impact on sleep quality, affecting mood and energy levels over the following days.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ESTABLISH LIMITS

Talk to your child about setting some time limits on how long they can use their phone, tablet or console in the evenings or at weekends – or perhaps how often they can go on a specific app, game or website. You could also decide to involve the whole family in creating this shared screen time agreement, making things fair (and healthier) for everyone.



ENCOURAGE MINDFULNESS

Acknowledging any addiction is key in overcoming it – and compulsive scrolling is no different. If anything mentioned in this guide sounds familiar, it could help to have an honest, open chat with your child about how much time they spend online. Get them to think about how often they scroll through social media aimlessly or habitually open it up whenever they have a spare moment.



NIX NOTIFICATIONS

Stop knee-jerk responses at the source by turning off push notifications and alerts. Whether it's a gaming notification or a social media update, these not-so-gentle reminders are designed to catch our attention and lure us back to our device. Switching them off – or even deleting any particularly intrusive apps – can help prevent your child from being reeled back into the online world.



MAKE A CHECKLIST

Considering a list of relevant questions can be an effective way of helping children figure out why they're scrolling on certain sites or consuming particular pieces of content. A checklist can prompt young people to ask themselves if they're learning anything or benefiting from this activity – or if they're wasting their time. Taking a step back can sometimes help us to see things more clearly.



Meet Our Expert

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