



# Edison Primary School

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### Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal

Congratulations to all our hot chocolate winners for this week.

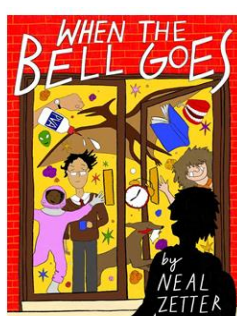
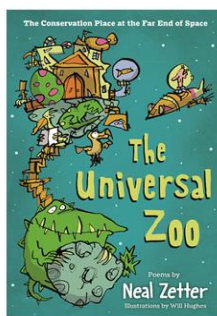


### National Poetry Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

To celebrate National Poetry Day, Mrs Kochhar set a Poetry writing competition for Year 4, 5 and 6.

Five winners were chosen who wrote reflective poems on this year's theme of 'Refuge'. These winners went with Mrs Kochhar to celebrate in Hounslow Town Primary School where we met a real poet...Neal Zetter. We had some book signings and are awaiting a special delivery of books soon! It was amazing to see Neal read aloud his poems with confidence, which inspired us as young poets to write our own! Please see these wonderful moments captured in the photos below.

If you are interested in purchasing Neal Zetter's incredible range of poetry books from bookstores, please see the book images and titles below:



**All books are for reading ages 6-12 years, but younger children will enjoy many of the poems if they are read to them.**

**£9: 'Scared?'** Featuring nearly fifty inventive, insightful poems exploring the darker side. From bullies to black holes, cats to clowns, these original and thought-provoking poems are a roller coaster ride through both the silliness and sadness of being human.

**£8: The Universal Zoo (The Conservation Place at the Far End of Space).** Fifty funny and a few sad poems – wonderfully and comically illustrated – about a menagerie of mysterious endangered alien creatures all cared for by the robotic Keeper in this special place, a long way from Earth.

**£9: When the Bell Goes (A Rapping, Rhyming Trip through Childhood).** Jam-crammed with fifty comical poems, plus jokes and silly facts, about Neal's (and your) journey through childhood, school days and growing up.





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### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

We would like to inform you that Parent Teacher Consultations will be held on the following dates from 4pm until 6pm.

**Year 1** - Monday 16th October and Tuesday 17th October

**Year 2** - Monday 16th October and Tuesday 17th October

**Year 3** - Monday 16th October and Tuesday 17th October

**Year 4** - Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October

**Year 5** - Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October

**Year 6** - Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October

Parents **must** book their meetings via Arbor and follow the instructions from the email that was sent out on Monday. Please kindly contact the school office if you are having any difficulty with this. Please note that Reception meeting information will be sent out next week.

### **Year 6 Secondary School Transfer**

Apply now online for your child's transfer place to High school 2024. Please note that the deadline for Secondary School applications is on Tuesday 31 October.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team on 02085832711 or email [admissions@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@hounslow.gov.uk). We have also attached some useful guides in this email.

### **Changes to 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.



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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.

### 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

<b>Monday 16 &amp; Tuesday 17 October</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings – Years 1,2&3 4pm to 6pm
<b>Wednesday 18 &amp; Thursday 19 October</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings – Years 4,5&6 4pm to 6pm
<b>Tuesday 31 October</b> <b>Wednesday 1 November</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings – Reception 4pm to 6pm
<b>Tuesday 31 October</b>	Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline
<b>Friday 20 October</b>	Halloween Dress Up Day
<b>Friday 20 October</b>	Last day of half 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

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



### Seaside Zip Wire?



Pictured: A view of Scarborough. Source: Canva.

It has recently been reported that plans to build a 650m zip wire in Scarborough, North Yorkshire have been submitted. Big Bang Promotions, an adventure tourism and activity provider, has said it would like to build four zip lines, each 650m in length in the seaside town! The company says the experience would start in front of the town's Open Air Theatre in North Bay and head towards the Scalby Mills miniature railway station, offering 'panoramic views out over the North Bay' along the way. The cliff-top zip line adventure experience would launch from a temporary, steel-framed, 33m-tall tower, which can be put



Pictured: A person on a zip wire. Source: Canva.

up in two weeks and taken down in less. The tower has already been used for a zip wire in London. The ride would end at a similar, but shorter, 17m-tall tower, where the rider would be given the choice to exit through the tower or take a further 'drop ride' down to the ground! The application is currently pending consideration with North Yorkshire Council and the local planning authority, so their decision is awaiting.

**Is a long, high zip wire your idea of fun? Would you like to go on something like this?**

### 'Paddington Bear' welcomed at Chester Zoo

A 10-year-old, rare, spectacled (also known as Andean) bear has moved into Chester Zoo to join their breeding programme. Oberon, nicknamed Obe, has been described by team members at the zoo as the perfect match for their resident female, Pacha. Zookeepers hope the pair will have cubs together and this will increase the numbers of the last remaining short-faced bear. The bears, who get their name from their distinctive fur pattern that gives the appearance of 'spectacles' on their nose, originate from South America and were made famous by the character, Paddington Bear. Scientists estimate that there are only 10,000 Andean bears alive today. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) lists the bears as Vulnerable to Extinction. The English zoo says Obe is vital to the survival of his species and that it is excited he is getting his 'bear-ings' at his new home. 'Male Andean bear Oberon has settled in nicely since arriving here in Chester, spending his time exploring, climbing trees and checking out the sights and scents of his new home. His arrival is an exciting new chapter for Andean bears in European conservation zoos like ours,' reported Mike Jordan, Director of Animals and Plants at Chester Zoo on the zoo's website.



Pictured: Andean bear Oberon. Source: Chester Zoo Facebook page.



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### Astronaut and two cosmonauts land in Kazakhstan after being stuck in space



**Pictured:** NASA astronaut Frank Rubio in Kazakhstan as he landed back on Earth.  
**Source:** NASA X page.

A NASA astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts have returned to Earth after an unplanned extended stay in space. The trio, who were stuck in space for just over a year, have safely landed in a remote area near Zhezkazgan, Kazakhstan. The original mission was scheduled to last 180 days. American astronaut, Frank Rubio, has set a record for the longest US spaceflight, after being away from home for 371 days. They couldn't come back to Earth from the International Space Station as planned because their original return capsule was hit and damaged by space junk. The Soyuz MS-23 capsule was then launched in February as a replacement to bring Frank

and cosmonauts, Sergey Prokopyev and Dmitri Petelin, back to their home planet. Since launching from Kazakhstan in September last year, the crew have logged 253 million kilometres and travelled around the world nearly 6,000 times. Astronauts and cosmonauts do the same work in space. The difference in their job titles is due to who they have been trained by - Astronauts are trained by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), ESA (European Space Agency), CSA (Canadian Space Agency), or JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency). Cosmonauts are trained by the Russian Space Agency.

Last week's topic:

### Can anyone break a world record?



We think that as long as someone works hard, and has talent they will be able to break a world record!

**Year 5 Hawthorn Class**

Yes, anyone can break a world record. Even if it [is] crazy, and you're the first person to do it/have the longest record to do it etc., it is still a record.

**Jayden**

Yes, because if you practice you make perfect.

**Kenza**

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



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### TAKEHOME

16 - 22  
October



How can we remember things  
that were important to us?

## In the news this week

The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28<sup>th</sup> September and was discovered by walkers the next morning. The National Trust said it was 'shocked and saddened' by the felling of the tree, which won English Tree of the Year in 2016.

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

- > Is there a place in your local area that is very special to you? What is it that makes it special?
- > How do you think the people living close to Sycamore Gap will be feeling? How do you believe the legacy of the tree could be remembered?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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