



Edison Primary School

Weekly News

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Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal

Congratulations to all our hot chocolate winners for the week. The children were so thrilled to be one of the first from each year group, to be awarded hot chocolate in this new academic year!



School Uniform

Thank you for sending your child into school in their correct uniform, looking smart and wearing black shoes! We are still finding items of lost property that have no name labels, so we are unable to return them swiftly to the child that has mislaid them. Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled clearly, with your child's full name.

You can order a set of 36 labels from [Able Labels](#) for less than £10 including delivery – much cheaper than having to replace new items of clothing!

Welcome Reception

We would like to welcome our new Reception children that have started at Edison this week. Mrs Dokal and our Early Years team have been so impressed with how quickly they have all settled in. In these first few weeks the children have a staggered finish time so will not be in school for the whole day but are looking forward to them having lunch at school next week.

Drop Off and Collection

All children from Years 1 to 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:

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)

Years 4 to 6 – Main Pupil Entrance Gate.

Children will finish school at 3.45pm prompt.

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 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.

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.

Parent Pay

We have now implemented Parent Pay fully as our new paying system for Clubs, School Meals, and Trips. Please ensure that you have activated your child/rens accounts. You will need to be using this system to give permission and make payments for clubs and trips as well as booking your child/rens lunches for the weeks ahead. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to the office team.



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School Meals

We are glad to inform that the Government have decided to give Free School Meals to all children in primary schools for this academic year (September 2023 – July 2024). If you would like to take advantage of this please log in to your Arbor account and give your consent if you have not already.

Due to this new change please note that there is NO charge for children taking school meals and going forward parents and carers for children in Years 3 to Year 6 will no longer need to pay for them.

It is important that you sit with your child/ren to book the correct lunch, booking for school meals needs to be completed on Parent Pay, as previously all lunch bookings should be completed 7 days in advance.

Please note that once the lunch is booked for the week, you **will not** be able to make any changes.



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Key dates for your diary

Monday 18 September	All Enrichment Clubs begin
Monday 18 to Friday 22 September	Reception attend 8:45am to 1:15pm (Children will have lunch)
Tuesday 19 September	Year 5 Jemison Class attend Swimming
Thursday 21 September	Year 4 Carson Class attend Swimming
Monday 25 September	Reception attend full time 8:45am to 3:45pm
Friday 20 October	Last day of half term (school closes at 1:30pm)

Thought of the Week

Scientists have become the bearers of the torch of discovery in our quest for knowledge.
-Stephen Hawking



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Picture News

Please share this weeks Picture News with your child/children.



Smart Sorting Robots



Tech startup company, Amp Robotics' smart sorting robots (also named Sorty McSortface and Sir Sorts-a-Lot), operate in 80 recycling facilities in the USA. The ingeniously named machines have massively improved recycling procedures at the centres. The robot waste pickers identify and sort recyclables with extreme accuracy (up to 99%); they can even recognise SKU numbers (stock keeping unit - a unique number combination used by retailers to identify and track products).

One robot can pluck out juice cartons and plastic bottles that can be reprocessed from the conveyor belt of waste products. At the same time, the other searches for contaminants in the stream of paper products headed to be recycled at the fibre mill. The robots use mechanical claws and AI to sort tons of recyclables in minutes, meaning it is much more cost-effective for items to be recycled and not sent to landfill. **Can you think of any other sorting jobs this technology could be used for?**

Peanut - the World's Oldest Chicken!

Peanut, who is 21 years old and from Michigan, USA, was officially recognised as the world's oldest living chicken earlier this year. She lives on a small farm, where she was almost thrown away two decades ago before she hatched! Retired librarian Marsi Parker Darwin, who lives on the farm, found a 'rotten looking' abandoned egg and luckily heard a small 'cheep' coming from inside. She gently peeled back the shell to discover a tiny chick, who couldn't break out on her own as she didn't have an egg tooth. Marsi lovingly hand-reared the tiny bantam hen, who now lives with her daughter in Marsi's living room in a wire

coop next to the window, so she has a view. 'She's a friendly character and she pretty much gets along with everyone, including our dogs and cats,' said Marsi, who considers the record-breaking bird to be part of her family. Marsi added, 'Peanut is a sassylittle chicken, if she doesn't get her blueberry yoghurt in the morning, I definitely hear about it! I hope to share Peanut's message that even if you're rejected or might feel like a misfit, you can still find someone to bond with and have a long, productive life.'

Did you know that chickens could live to be over 20 years old?



Pictured: Peanut, the world's oldest living chicken. Source: Guinness World Record's Twitter page.



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Wind Powered Cargo Ship

Pyxis Ocean is the world's first wind-powered cargo ship and it has just embarked on its maiden voyage. The freighter, which has been retrofitted with two sails (built from the same material as wind turbines) to help cut down emissions, is travelling from China to Brazil. The WindWings sails, developed by British company BAR Technologies, are designed to reduce fuel consumption and therefore the carbon footprint of shipping. The 37.5m tall wings (folded down when in port) are opened out when the ship is in open water. Experts say having the ability to power ships with wind, instead of relying entirely on engines, could reduce the lifetime emissions of a cargo ship by 30%.

Researchers believe that the six-week journey will help them work out how much of a reduction the large metal sails can have on the industry's estimated production of 837 million tonnes of CO₂ each year. 'Wind power can make a big difference,' says Dr Simon Bullock, shipping researcher at the Tyndall Centre, at the University of Manchester. 'Ultimately, we do need zero-carbon fuels on all ships, but in the meantime, it is imperative to make every journey as efficient as possible. Slower speeds are also a critical part of the solution.' ***What do you think of using this technology to help reduce the shipping industry's emissions?***



Pictured: Pyxis Ocean. Source: Cargill Facebook page.

Last week's topic:

Can pets make good companions in schools?



I think it would be good because if someone gets stressed and you had a dog it could calm you down or cheer you up. You could play with it at break and lunch but I would only like it if you could bring your own pets.

Isla

Yes, they can but also sometimes people are allergic or scared of them, so we need to be careful and consider everyone before getting one.

Alexandra

I think that is a great idea for schools to have pets, as long as they are well looked after. A lady who works in our school office brings in her dog so we know that he is well cared for and happy.

Mario

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



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Is a school more than just a building?

In the news this week

More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s. The crisis has left some school staff struggling to find temporary teaching accommodation and forced many pupils to begin their academic year learning online. It's not just schools affected; more than 30 hospitals are also believed to be at risk, according to experts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on this week's news. Are you aware of any local schools or hospitals that have been affected?
- For those pupils resuming learning online from home, how do you think they might feel?
- Considering school buildings, how do you believe they might change in the future? Can you think of any ways to improve school buildings or classrooms?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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