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Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal

Congratulations to all our hot chocolate winners for this week.



The children feeling cosy in their pyjamas!

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 delighted to announce that Kevin Seyasudhan Year 4 Goodall Class has achieved a 2 million word count and Kartik Kamble with a 1 million-word count!

Odd Socks Day for Friendship Week

Monday 13th November marked the beginning of 'Friendship Week' at Edison.

In observance of this day, we asked all pupils to come dressed in odd socks.

It was a great opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and to celebrate their individuality and what makes them unique! Most importantly, it was designed to be fun!





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Pyjama Day for Children in Need - Friday 17th November 2023



It was lovely seeing all the children dressed in their pyjamas today in support of 'Children in Need'.

We would like to thank you for your generous contributions to those that made a donation today to help support disadvantaged children across the UK. We are delighted to inform you that we have raised a total of £300.49

We appreciate your support with this greatly.

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.

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 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.



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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

Monday 4 December	Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Tuesday 5 December	Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday 6 December	Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Thursday 7 December	Reception Nativity at St Leonards Church, Heston 10am

Thought of the Week

Equipped with his five senses, man explores the universe around him and calls the adventure Science.
Edwin Powell Hubble



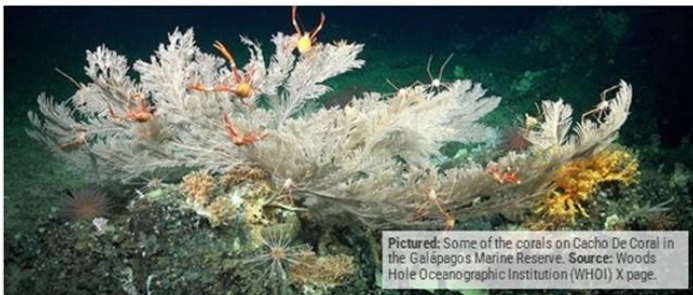
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Please share this week's Picture News with your child/children

IN THE SPOTLIGHT YOUR WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Ancient Cold-Water Coral



Pictured: Some of the corals on Cacho De Coral in the Galápagos Marine Reserve. Source: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) X page.

A recent expedition has found two pristine, ancient, cold-water coral reefs in the Galápagos Islands Marine Reserve that are filled with life! The marine reserve is one of the largest in the world. It covers 133,000 square kilometres and surrounds the Galapagos Islands in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The research, conducted by scientists from the Schmidt Ocean Institute, has discovered one reef that measures 800 metres, and another that is 250 metres long. The reefs have been dated as thousands of years old. 'The Galápagos Marine Reserve is an area of outstanding biological importance,

connected to partner marine protected areas across the Eastern Pacific. Finding such deep and long-lived reefs takes us important steps closer to protecting hidden dimensions of ocean diversity and understanding the role that deep habitats play in maintaining our ocean's health,' said Charles Darwin Foundation's CEO, Stuart Banks, who explained the importance of the study. 'These fascinating new findings continue to feed important research to inform better management of existing and future marine protected areas in the region.'

Saving Seals

Lizzi LARBALSTIER, a volunteer for British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR), has won an international award for saving hundreds of animals. After caring for injured seals in her own property for nine months, Lizzi built and runs a larger, fully functioning hospital for injured seals in Cornwall. She has also volunteered through the BDMLR to rescue many kinds of sealife, including whales, dolphins, and porpoises. She has recently been awarded the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) Animal Action Award for her heroic efforts. Lizzi, who stresses that her accomplishments have been achieved as being part of a hardworking team, spoke

about the hospital saying, 'The pups get rescued by any one of us volunteer medics and, if necessary, get brought into the hospital where a vet will check them over and create a treatment plan. We have clear protocols to ensure pups get the very best care, it is a real team effort. We offer critical care for these animals post-rescue, [and] this stabilises the pups and prepares them to move to larger rehabilitation centres.' The seal patients then move on to the Cornish Seal Sanctuary or West Hatch RSPCA facility, before being released back into the wild.

Do you think you would enjoy volunteering to help animals?



Pictured: A Seal. Source: BDMLR Cornwall Seal Hospital Facebook page.

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Prince of Wales is awarded green Blue Peter badge!



Pictured: His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales with his green Blue Peter badge. **Source:** BBC Press Office @bbcpress X page.

His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, has been awarded with a green Blue Peter badge by presenter, Joel Mawhinney, at Blue Peter's special 65th Birthday celebration. The green Blue Peter badge was introduced in November 1988, and since then it has recognised and rewarded children, who show they care about the planet, climate change, recycling, protecting animals and their habitats. Prince William was presented with the green badge for his work with The Earthshot Prize. The Earthshot Prize awards were set up three years ago by the Prince to fund projects that aim to save the planet. They promote five 'Earthshots' or goals: Protect and Restore Nature; Clean Our Air; Revive Our Oceans; Build a

Waste-free World; and Fix Our Climate. Every year, there are five winners, who each receive a £1 million prize and the support of the organisation to 'accelerate their projects and continue making a positive impact on people and the planet.' Prince William said at the awards, 'Our winners and all our finalists remind us that, no matter where you are on our planet, the spirit of ingenuity, and the ability to inspire change, surrounds us all.' Appearing on the Blue Peter special birthday programme, the Prince also helped Joel introduce the 'big badge wall', which showcases drawings and letters sent in by viewers on the subject of nature and the environment. **Would you like to be awarded a Blue Peter badge?**

Last week's topic:

How important is it to understand money?



I think it is very important to learn about money whilst we are at school because when we are older we will need to learn how to budget and pay our bills.

Nora

I don't think that we need to learn about coins as my parents pay for everything online or with cards. We need to learn how to use these.

Katya

I think it is very important as I need to make sure I have enough for all the things I want to buy.

Charlie

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



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TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Community centres, libraries, businesses, and churches across the UK have been set up as free warm spaces to help provide warmth and companionship during the winter months. With cold weather continuing, charities and campaign groups are concerned that households face higher energy bills than last year. More than 12,000 warm banks were used by millions of Britons last winter in response to rising energy prices that worsened the UK's cost of living crisis. The scheme was set up by local councils, charities, and partner organisations.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > As well as warmth, what other benefits do you think warm spaces will provide for communities?
- > Can you think of any other ways that we can support each other during difficult times?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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