



Edison Primary School

Weekly News

22 September 2023

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal

Congratulations to all our hot chocolate winners for this week.



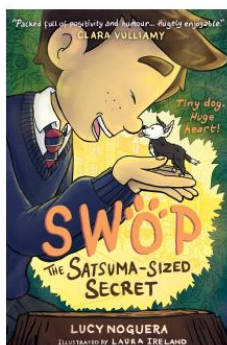
Get Hounslow Reading

Do you love reading? Do you want to know more about the upcoming, new authors? We are pleased to share with you that the author of the month is Lucy Noguera.

Author of the Month:

Her first chapter book '**Swop The Satsuma-Sized Secret**' was finished during lockdown and published in July 2021. Her second book in the series – '**Swop The Daring Dinosaur Detective**' is due out in 2023.

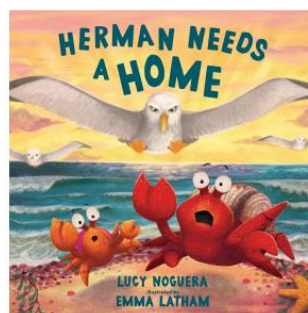
'**Herman Needs a Home**' is Lucy's first picture book. It was published on World Ocean Day in June 2022.



Swop The Satsuma - Sized Secret Chapter Book 7+
An adventure story about Ernie and his (secret) pocket-sized pet, Swop!

Suitable Year 2 - 5

Themes of moving home, making friends, keeping a pet, changing school, family, memories, features a deaf character, introduces deaf awareness and sign language.



Herman Needs A Home 40-page Picture Book

Suitable for Reception to Year 6

Themes of conservation, habitats, hermit crabs, beaches & marine life, the effects of plastic pollution & recycling.

School Uniform

Thank you for sending your child into school in their correct uniform, looking smart and wearing black shoes or black trainers only. Please DO NOT send your child to school with any colourful bright trainers as this is not part of our school uniform.

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.



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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 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.



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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.

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.

If your child is having school meals this term, we hope they are enjoying them!

Our contractor, Wilson Jones, offer a range of menu items:

- A main meal served with complementing side dishes, including freshly prepared vegetables;
- Baked potatoes with a variety of fillings;
- Vegetable side dishes;
- A salad bar with six freshly prepared salads;
- Homemade bread in wholemeal and white;
- Dessert of the day, plus a choice of a fresh fruit platter or yoghurt pot.

Wilson Jones's food supply, fresh cooking ethos and service meet the standards for the Silver Food for Life award, which is a prestigious recognition of an organisation's commitment to provide healthy, sustainable, and ethical food.



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Flat Stan First Aid Workshop

We are excited to share with you the success of our recent Flat Stan First Aid workshops, which took place today for our Year 5 and 6 pupils. Flat Stan First Aid is an award-winning and internationally recognised organisation dedicated to equipping children with essential first aid skills. Over the past 5 years, they have proudly taught first aid to over 140,000 students in the UK and abroad.

The workshop has equipped our Year 5 and 6 pupils with the skills and knowledge to handle a variety of first aid situations. Using child-friendly manikins, the pupils were taught the following topics:

An introduction to first aid

When and how to seek help in a first aid situation

How to check if someone is responsive and breathing

How to perform chest compressions (CPR)

How to help someone who is choking

How to assist someone who is bleeding or has burnt themselves.

Every child who participated in the workshops received a Flat Stan First Aid guide and a certificate. We are proud to have partnered with Flat Stan First Aid to provide this invaluable experience for our students. The skills they have gained will stay with them for a lifetime, and we hope they never have to use them, but if they do, they are well-prepared.



Year 5/6 First Aid Training



All our Year 5/6 children took part in Flat Stan First Aid training workshop.

They learnt important first aid skills and got the chance to practice using child-friendly manikins.

Every child has received a Flat Stan First Aid guide and a certificate.



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Thursday September	Census Day/Special Lunch
Friday 20 October	Halloween Dress Up Day
Friday 20 October	Last day of half term (school closes at 1:30pm)

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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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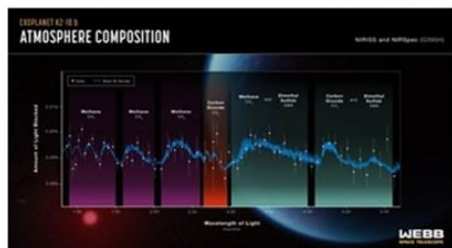
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Picture News

Please share this weeks Picture News with your child/children



'The Best Place to Look for Life in Our Galaxy'



Pictured: The atmosphere composition data released by James Webb Space Telescope. **Source:** NASA Webb Telescope Twitter page.



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NASA has confirmed that they have identified an ocean world with an atmosphere, 120 light years away from Earth in the constellation Leo. Experts say that this could be the best place to look for life in our galaxy. Scientists, working with the James Webb Space Telescope, identified a planet that may contain both a protective atmosphere and a surface covered entirely by oceans. The world's most powerful space telescope has detected exoplanet K2-18 b, which is eight times the size of Earth and has an

atmosphere containing carbon dioxide and methane. Scientists are excited to have possibly identified a molecule called dimethyl sulphide (DMS) as found on Earth; this is only produced by life! 'The abundance of methane and carbon dioxide, and shortage of ammonia, support the hypothesis that there may be a water ocean underneath a hydrogen-rich atmosphere in K2-18 b. The bulk of the DMS in Earth's atmosphere is emitted from phytoplankton in marine environments,' Nasa said in a press release.

Puffin Parade

A collection of puffin sculptures has raised close to £100,000 at auction. The artworks were part of Guernsey's Puffin Parade, a community event held between April and August displaying 60 puffin sculptures. The 4ft sculptures were constructed in the Philippines and then decorated locally by schoolchildren, artists, clubs and other community groups. The money raised from the auction will go to GSPCA, the parade's organisers, Autism Guernsey and other local charities. GSPCA Manager,

Steve Byrne, said, 'The Guernsey Puffin Parade has been such an incredible event. There are so many to thank and despite being a long day from getting them all in place to the auction we really couldn't believe how amazingly we have been supported.' Last year's Golden Guernsey Goat Trail raised more than £73,000 – with one particular goat sculpture selling for over £10,000!

Do you have any ideas for Guernsey's next sculpture community event?



Pictured: Some of the puffin sculptures. **Source:** GSPCA Twitter page.

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Youth Conservation Success Story

As part of International Youth Day, a youth conservation success story is being celebrated as 1.2 million kg of plastic waste has been removed from Indonesian Rivers. Sungai Watch is an environmental organisation on a mission to stop plastic from going into the ocean. Siblings Gary, Kelly and Sam Benchehib founded the charity in 2020, which aims to collect waste from rivers before it can enter the ocean. They have designed simple, effective waste barriers which can be installed across rivers when they are alerted by the public to problem areas. The team now consists of 90 passionate river warriors, working every day in Bali, Indonesia. Once the barriers are installed and the rubbish collected, it is

then sorted and up-cycled. They state on their website, 'We have created a scalable approach to tackling plastic pollution. We are on a mission to install 1,000 barriers throughout Indonesia.' Sam Benchehib added, 'I grew up in Indonesia and saw that plastic pollution was getting worse and worse throughout the years. I think that's the beauty of being an entrepreneur and fighting an issue like plastic pollution, where new challenges and variables are always presented to you. This has been a true-life school for us.'

Have you heard of International Youth Day before? Do you think that this is important to celebrate young people who are making a difference in the world?



Pictured: Sungai Watch team cleaning up rivers and collecting trash in Bali. **Source:** Sungai Watch Twitter page.

Last week's topic:

Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?



I think that it is a good idea for people under 12 that can't swim. I can swim but I would put one on just in case.

Neva

I think that life jackets are very important because these life jackets save the lives of thousands and thousands of people. We should respect the crew members too.

Alfred

Personally, [I think] life jackets should be compulsory to all for safety reasons. Without one, anything bad could happen, and a life jacket could protect the person.

Jayden

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



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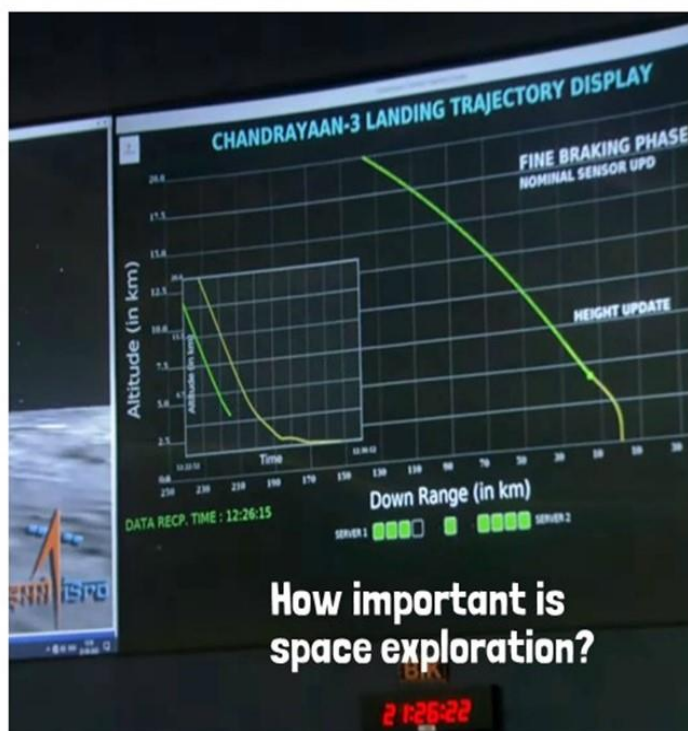
In the news this week

In recent weeks, both India and Russia's space agencies have tried to send unmanned missions to the Moon. They were heading to the lunar South Pole, which is a less explored part of the Moon. Whilst Russia's shuttle crashed into the Moon's surface after spinning out of control, India has become the first nation to land near the Moon's South Pole. The mission, named Chandrayaan-3, has been declared a success as the Vikram lander touched down at the end of August. The lunar South Pole is covered by shadow and largely unknown.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on the recent competition for countries to reach the Moon's South Pole.
- > Is space exploration something that interests you? What do you think we can learn from exploring space?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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