



Edison Primary School

Weekly News

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Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal

Congratulations to all our hot chocolate winners for this week.



Individual/Sibling Photos

We are delighted to inform you that our photographer will be in school on **Friday 6 October** to take individual/sibling photos of all the pupils.

Please ensure that your child/children come to school dressed smartly and in the correct Autumn uniform.

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.

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

We have also attached some useful guides in this email.

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.



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Please **DO NOT** drop your child/ren at the gate and allow them to come into school on their own.

weekend as this would be left at your own risk. We appreciate your support with this.

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

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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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.
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Key dates for your diary	
Thursday 5 October	Census Day/Special Lunch
Friday 6 October	Individual/Sibling Photographs
Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 October	Parent Teacher Meetings – Years 1,2&3 4pm to 6pm
Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 October	Parent Teacher Meetings – Years 4,5&6 4pm to 6pm
Tuesday 31 October Wednesday 1 November	Parent Teacher Meetings – Reception 4pm to 6pm
Tuesday 31 October	Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline
Friday 20 October	Halloween Dress Up Day
Friday 20 October	Last day of half term (school closes at 1:30pm)

Thought of the Week

The scientist is not a person who gives the right answers, he's the one that asks the right questions
Claude Levi-Strauss



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Picture News

Please share this weeks Picture News with your child/children



Baby Beaver



Pictured: Beavers.
Source: Canva.

A baby beaver has been spotted in the Bay Area of San Francisco, USA, for the first time in 160 years! Biologists saw a small animal on the trail cameras installed throughout the area. Initially, they were confused as to what the cameras had captured. 'Finally, it hit me in the head,' commented Bill Leikam, from the Urban Wildlife Research Project. 'Could that be a baby beaver?' The young mammal, which was too small to be an adult beaver, was detected at Matadero Creek near Palo Alto, south of San Francisco. It is believed by scientists that its parents have broken off from a group of beavers that were reintroduced nearby and have now started

a family. Scientists are excited that this means the small group of beavers will now grow in numbers, spread and build dams further afield. 'The beaver ponds in the uplands will also create habitat for all manner of birds, amphibians, bats, and will serve as an insect cafeteria for trout and salmon. That's why we refer to the beaver as a keystone species,' said Dr Rick Lanman, President of the Institute for Historical Ecology. A baby beaver is called a kit, they are born with their eyes open, already have fur and can swim after one day! North America's largest rodent grows quickly and can build dams and lodges with their parents at around one year old.

Picture News Pupil Journalist Competition!

At Picture News, we're passionate about sharing the news to help you learn more about the world, and unleash new ideas and interests. However, this time, we want to hear your stories!

Practise your journalism skills and tell us about something happening at your school, in your local community, or a cause or topic you care about. Maybe a school fair or fun run is happening, or you want to tell us about a local charity or community project. Whatever it is, we want to know!

Plus, the winning article will be published in this Paper!

Do you want to share your story with children across the country? Email your articles to help@picture-news.co.uk by Friday 20th October. Remember to add your name, age, and school. Any articles sent to us may be published, so you will need permission for the photos you include.

Happy writing!



Pictured: Writing. Source: Canva.

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Replacement for palm oil?

Scientists from Queen Margaret University (QMU) in Edinburgh have announced they have produced a new ingredient that could potentially be used to replace palm oil. The food experts say that PALM-ALT, which has been tested as an alternative to palm oil in baked goods at the university, is healthier, containing 80% less saturated fat and 30% fewer calories, as well as being better for the environment. The researchers in Scotland say the 100% plant-based ingredient made from a by-product from the linseed industry, natural fibre, and rapeseed oil, is 70% better for the environment. Figures suggest that nearly 50% of all food and cosmetic products contain palm oil. This is because the oil, made from the fruits of trees called African oil palms, has no odour, taste or colour

therefore doesn't alter the flavour of the produce it is added to. However, it creates a smooth texture, whilst working as a natural preservative. Experts say the large demand for the ingredient has caused increased rainforest deforestation. Catriona Liddle, from the QMU team, said of palm oil, 'It's the holy grail to replace it and still have exactly the same end result in product - to taste the same and have the texture the same - and we've done that. We've put it through some special sensory testing to see if a panel can tell the difference between our product and traditional palm shortening, and they can't.' ***Do you think it's a good idea for scientists to look for more environmentally friendly alternatives for ingredients that we use a lot?***



Pictured: Catriona Liddle and Dr Julien Lonchamp, who led the research team at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh.
Source: Queen Margaret University X page.

Last week's topic:

Is a school more than just a building?



Yes. A school is the people, the classrooms, the learning and much more.

Ricard

I believe that a school is the name for all the parts of it combined. A building on its own is just a building.

Philip

I think that the building is the school, without it you don't have where people meet together.

Rosie

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



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In the news this week

The 2024 edition of the Guinness World Records has been released. This year, over 30,000 applicants submitted their achievements, but only 2,638 records were selected for the edition, which features more than 80% new and updated records. The annual collection of records has run since 1955, when it was first inspired by the question 'What's the fastest game bird in Europe?'. Its latest edition is themed around the Blue Planet, with a number of records celebrated, including those set by impressive marine creatures, adventurous sailors and record-breaking lakes, rivers and iceescapes.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you know any world records?
- > If you were to attempt a world record, what do you think you would try to do and why?
- > What do you think the benefits would be of setting or breaking a world record?

Can anyone break a world record?



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