# What's in the news at Edison?

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# Author N.S Blackman Visits Edison

### **Book Author Visit**

We are delighted to announce that this year for book week; author and illustrator N.S Blackman visited our school on Friday 6 March 2020.

He is the author of the Dinotek Adventures series. During his visit, he took a whole school assembly and inspired each year group with his passion for writing and dinosaurs.

Mr Blackman also signed personalised copies of his books for the children who had pre ordered.



## Message from Mrs Dokal

Where do I start! This has to have been the most challenging time of my career. I'm sure you all understand where I am coming from.

We are all experiencing a pandemic first hand and are feeling lost. It's living history and our children are part of this and coronavirus will be talked about for generations to come.

Our school has closed. We are not allowed to hug loved ones. I know when we come through this we will realise how little we need, how much we actually have and the true value of human connection. Sending you all a virtual hug and please stay home and stay safe.

### **Celebrating World Book Day!**

**On Thursday 5th March 2020** children celebrated World Book Day by dressing up in their favourite book characters.



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## **Attendance Congratulations**

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Newton – 97.4% Bell – 96.3% Watson – 94.2% Franklin – 97.7% Pasteur – 98.5% Fleming - 95.3%

Faraday - 95.6% ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS TERM WELL DONE PASTEUR CLASS!!

94.7%

3%

## WHAT HAVE RECEPTION LEARNT SO FAR THIS TERM...

Although this term has been a short one, it has been an eventful and exciting one. We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as a book character, with a visit from the author, N.S. Blackman, who read us part of his book called 'The Dinoteks' and also did a workshop around it. We had an adventurous and fun visit to Odds Farm where we spent time with all the familiar furry friends like rabbits, goats, sheep and cows. The highlight of the trip was cow milking and stroking the amazing rabbits! The trip ended with an amazing opportunity in the adventurous outdoor area! For Science week, we had a scientist visit us and we took part in some fun and awesome science experiments and investigations. Last but not least, we were privileged enough to be parents to a clutch of baby chicks, where we had the unique opportunity to watch them hatch and grow and then hold and stroke them before sending them back to their home.



World Book Day Dress Up!!

## **Reception Farm Visit**



Reception children went to Odds Farm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, they all had a super time and thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the amazing animals.

# Year 1 Learning

Year 1 had the experience of observing some eggs /chicks developing. The children had the opportunity to hold the chicks when they were about 1 week old. A science workshop was organised by Miss Vnar. A variety of activities were organised by pupils from Lampton High School. The pupils had such fun during this learning time.







# CONTRACTOR CONTRA

This term, as part of the National Science Week, our Year 2 children were busy doing a Crime Scene Investigation. They learned about the Chromatography technique, and how finger prints are used by the police

when solving cases.





# Year 3 Romans Workshop

To enhance our learning experience on our Spring 2 topic of Expansion of the Roman Empire, Year 3 had a chance to attend a special, interactive workshop where they had an opportunity to dress up, perform, sing and become a part of the experience. Students learned about the story of Romulus and Remus, attacks on Britannia by Roman generals and the Roman army. Thank you to all the parents who contributed and made this incredible experience possible for the children.



# Year 2 Learning this Term

We have enjoyed various aspects of our learning but the one that stands out was our celebration of Science Week! We were had a special visitor who did an investigation with us all to show us the importance of DNA and how we can use DNA to help us find evidence. It was so exciting because we got to see how fingerprints work!

Also, to celebrate World Book Day, we had an author N.S Blackman who kindly read us part of his new book called 'The Dinoteks'. We all really enjoyed listening to the story and answering his questions. The best part was when he showed us how to draw a dinosaur!



**Sports Relief 2020** 

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#### Sport Relief 2020

For Sports Relief this year we chose two different activities. The first being an obstacle course and the second an inter house competition where the four school houses; Carbon, Neon, Nitrogen & Oxygen were competing against each other.

The obstacle course was designed taking inspiration from the Sport's Relief celebrities trek which they undertook across the Namib Desert in Namibia. Children negotiated a number of different obstacles including crawling through tunnels, climbing over obstacles, under obstacles and some agility work. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all children even Mrs Dokal couldn't resist joining in! This may even become a regular occurrence in our school P.E calendar.

The second part of our Sports Relief effort was our inter house competition. Circuits were set up with a range of different sports that the children would rotate around collecting points on the way, which contributed to their houses points total score. We had a Penalty Shoot Out, Basketball Shots, Bean Bag Targets and Hoola Hoop Competitions. All children undertook all activities and their individual points recorded contributing to each houses overall total.

Both Sports Relief tasks were thoroughly enjoyed by all children and their fantastic effort made it a fun and competitive event for all.

The results are as follows:

4<sup>th</sup> place – Oxygen 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Carbon 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Nitrogen 1<sup>st</sup> place – Neon Well done to all the children who took part in this inter house competition raising money for Sports Relief this year.

### **Coronavirus Update**

#### **Symptoms**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature •

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

### Stay at Home Order

- Stay at home
- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

### Home-Learning

With all the concerns over the Coronavirus outbreak and how this might impact schools and your child's learning, we wanted to offer you some ideas to help you continue their education during school closures. In addition to the homework passport, home learning packs, the teachers have been in touch with most of you all this week and have now set another Learning pack for after the Easter break.

Learning Pack 2 has been emailed to all parents, also available on the school website.



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