

## What's in the news at Edison?



### Science Award

This month we are proud to announce that we have been awarded the nationally recognised Primary Science Quality Mark to celebrate our commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning.

The Primary School Quality Mark programme ensures effective leadership of science, enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development meetings led by local experts. It encourages teacher autonomy and innovation while at the same time offering a clear framework for development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning. Schools that achieve PSQM demonstrate commitment and expertise in science teaching and leadership.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire, School of Education in collaboration with the Primary Science Teaching Trust.



### Message from Mrs Dokal

As we approach the end of the first half of a very busy Summer Term, I would like to start by saying I am enormously grateful for your understanding and generosity.

We have all needed to make significant compromises in the way in which we have worked and I am so proud of our pupils, staff and parents who have adapted and worked together through an active and positive partnership. I hope that you all enjoy a relaxing break in the sunshine!

### Year 4 Water Project

Year 4 were fortunate to have taken part in 'The Story of Water' project by Thames Festival Trust. We were one of the five chosen schools from the Hounslow borough to get this opportunity. As a part of the project, children have been learning about sources of water and comparing rivers in the UK with those in Kerala, India. Ursula Kelly, an artist from the Thames Festival Trust, worked with children from both classes over the course of 3 days and helped create different zones of the ocean using upcycled plastics and such materials. This project has helped children understand the impact that plastic is having on the ocean whilst also gaining knowledge about the water bodies. We hope children found this a riveting and educational experience.

## Congratulations

### These Term's Attendance winners are:

Newton – 94.9%  
Bell – 95.8%  
Watson – 96.4%  
Franklin – 96.8%  
Pasteur – 94.3%  
Fleming – 95.9%  
**Curie - 97%**  
Faraday – 94.95%  
Carson - 93.7%  
Goodall - 96%

**Well done Curie Class!!**



### Outdoor Extra Curricular Clubs with Mr Hitchinson

Clubs will recommence after the Half Term from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 3:45pm -4:45pm**

**Please note that these clubs are now FULL!**

Reception – Football (Mon) Multisports (Wed)

Year 1 – Football (Mon) Multisports (Wed)

Year 2 – Football (Mon) Multisports (Wed)

Year 3 – Football (Tue) Multisports (Thur)

Year 4 –Football (Tue) Multisports (Thur)

Please ensure you have credited your child's Scopay account with 6 weeks lessons - £30.00

**Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their club day.**

## Daily Mile

"We have introduced the Daily Mile at school, with classes taking part at least 3 days a week. It has been a brilliant way for the children to be more active and outside during the school day. Children are encouraged to go at their own pace and to enjoy it. Some choose to try and beat a time or how many laps, others prefer to go around at a slightly slower pace and use the time to have a nice chat with their friends. This has all had a really positive effect on the children. Below are pictures of Year 4 and Year 2 when on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April over 1780 schools across the UK took part in the daily mile on the same day called 'England does the daily mile'. As you can see from the pictures the children made their very own runners badges. Well done to everyone and keep it up."



## Reminders

New Term begins **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at your staggered start times as per usual.**

Breakfast Club will run as normal at 8am and After School Club at 3.45pm-4:45pm

### Absence

You must only keep your child off school if they are really unwell due to high temperature, vomiting and sickness! On the day of any absence, please call the School Office by 8.30am.

**Please also follow the COVID Government guidelines and adhere to the school's protocols regarding any illness due to the Coronavirus.**

**If you or your child develops a high temperature, loss of taste and smell or a continuous cough, please ensure you isolate until you take a COVID test. If anyone in your family is tested positive, you must all isolate for 10 days.**

### Summer Uniform

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit on their PE day. Also can we remind you that your child does not need to bring in a school bag.

## This Term's Learning

### Reception – Newton Class

What a busy half term Newton class have had! This half term's topic has been minibeasts and so we have been learning all about different types. We had class caterpillars which we watched turn into butterflies, which was very exciting. We played lots outside and watched as spring has started to turn into summer, noting the different changes that happened. Next term will be full of a lot more fun and learning!



### Reception – Bell Class

What a busy and an enriching half term this has been! The children have had fun learning about life cycles and had the excitement of growing their own caterpillars and finally releasing them in their natural habitat! They also set up their own wormery and observed the slimy, slithery worms enjoying their new surroundings. They learnt about plant growth and planted their own broad bean to take home and watch it grow. In Maths, children learnt to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, looked for 3D shapes in their surroundings and also mastered the art of adding and subtracting! Children have also taken part in the Daily Mile event to keep fit and active. We can't wait to see what next half term has in store for us!



### Year 1 – Watson Class

Watson class had great fun this term while learning about materials and their properties, as well as the senses and parts of the human body.

In PSHE and RE, our children have learnt about friendship and mental health as part of National Mental Health Week.

In English, we've been learning about poetry. It has been an inspiration for our children to grow in confidence as they memorised poems and read them in front of each other.

Watson class enjoyed designing a stamp to take part in the COVID Hero Stamp Competition.



### Year 1 – Franklin Class

Franklin class have been busy during Science learning all about items which are- Opaque, transparent and translucent. The children all had fun organising household items into groups. The children were able to understand and record new learning.



### Year 2 – Pasteur Class

Children in Pasteur class have thoroughly enjoyed practical maths and have benefited from whole class practical activities, which has enabled children to work as a team. Children have really enjoyed learning about shapes and relating this to real life. The children have been asking lots of questions, which have been supported through making their own models using play dough, rebuilding 3D models and naming 3D shapes around us. They have also created their own artwork to demonstrate their understanding of different types of lines and surfaces. It has been fantastic to watch the children grow in this area of maths and making relevance of their learning in real life.



### Year 2 – Fleming Class

This term we have been learning about the importance of Healthy Eating and grouping foods accordingly. We had lots of fun designing and then making our own healthy sandwiches by making healthy choices. In our writing, we have visited Gambia on an aeroplane ride where we learnt about the Gambian culture, foods, clothing and explored the map of Africa.



### Year 3 – Curie Class

This half term has been very exciting! Year 3's focus book in English was 'The Iron Man'. They have created interesting newspaper reports, diary entries and written formal letters in the role of characters from the story. This focus book linked well with our science topic of forces and magnets. The children have been carrying out a range of investigations to learn more about magnetic and non-magnetic materials and friction. Within our maths lessons, we have worked hard to revise topics taught over lockdown to ensure every pupil has had an equal opportunity to learn and access these topics in school. Those children that were feeling confident with these topics were challenged with word problems or problems solving activities. Year 3 also put their chef's hat on and made a delicious cheese sauce for their cheesy, broccoli pasta bake. We received raving reviews from our food critics, Mrs Dokal and Mrs Rupra! In topic, the pupils have been learning all about Romans. We discussed how Romans invaded Britain, how they lived and how they relaxed in their free time, we even made replicas of the clay pots made by Romans. Overall, it has been a wonderful half term and I hope you all have a lovely break and enjoy the sunshine!



### Year 3 – Faraday Class

This half term we have been learning about magnets and forces in science. We conducted many experiments exploring these topics. In English, our focus book was The Iron Man. Everyone loved this book and created some amazing creative writing pieces. In topic, we have been learning all about the Romans, how they arrived in the U.K, where they came from and about Boudicca. Faraday class seemed to really enjoy learning all about them and how they lived. We cooked up a storm making some healthy veggie and cheesy pasta, which was given a stamp of approval from Mrs Dokal and Mrs Rupra. We also created clay pots like what the Romans would have used. Overall, it has been a fun summer term. I hope you all have a lovely break.



### Year 4 – Goodall Class

The first half of the summer half term has been full of a great many exciting educational experiences for Goodall class. We have had a blast reading Varjak Paw as our class novel and completing lots of cross-curricular activities such as drama and in art creating cats out of clay and silhouette paintings. In writing, we focused on newspaper reports, diary entries, narrative writing, and poetry. In topic, our theme was 'Story of Water' where we focused on rivers in the UK vs rivers in India. Linked with Topic, in D&T we cooked scrumptious, creamy chickpea curry with rice pulao. In addition, we also created magnificent marble art paintings. Lastly, we were visited by an artist from the Thames Festival Trust over the course of 3 days. Edison was one of the 5 fortunate schools in Hounslow borough to be chosen for the Story of Water Project. Our focus has been to show the impact of pollution on water bodies.

Another highlight of this half term has been children learning about electricity. We created, investigated, and diagnosed problems with circuits. We ended the topic with children creating light up clowns with a spinning bow tie to showcase their learning. We have certainly been busy taking part in a plethora of other activities such as Walk to School week, Heroes Stamp Design Competition, Football designing competition, Earth Day and Farmvention. Children also took part in Pedestrian Skills Training about the importance of road safety.

Overall, this half term has been a busy but scintillating and riveting learning experience for all of us.



### Year 4 – Carson Class

Carson class have had another fun-filled term. In English, the children have been reading Varjak Paw which they have immersed themselves into both through drama and extended pieces of writing. The children also made wonderful clay cats which they painted and took home to show off. In relation to our Story of Water project, the children have had the pleasure of working with artist Ursula Kelly, in which they have upcycled materials to create a fantastic piece of art of the zones of the sea which will be displayed in the corridor. We really look forward to the parents seeing the masterpiece! In history, the children have been gaining much knowledge about Kerala and how the features and landmarks differ to us here in the UK. Linking to this topic, the children all took part in making a delicious vegan curry which they were able to enjoy at school. During PE, the children have been improving their teamwork; whilst also perfecting their sports day activities skills by dribbling, bouncing and balancing balls. It has been an extremely busy yet rewarding half term and we look forward to Summer 2!



### COVID UPDATE

May we remind you the importance of checking your child's health at home every day or any other member in your household.

Please continue to follow the guidelines below if you or anyone in the family presents with Covid 19 symptoms.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please note that should any child become ill during the school week and test positive for COVID 19 it is essential that you email the school as soon as possible so that we can inform and prepare isolation for the appropriate Year group.

We will also continue to monitor our emails over the weekend too and should we be informed of a positive case we will use track and trace to contact the relevant year group to self-isolate, in this case remote learning will be taken into effect immediately.