

## What's in the news at Edison?



### Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee at Edison with a Picnic in the Playground



On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

Here at Edison the children have had a special picnic lunch in the playground and have dressed in Royal attire to mark this very special occasion.



### Message from Mrs Dokal

The summer term is traditionally our busiest term. Our Year 2's have completed SATs and we have had the usual trips galore including our very first overnight trip for Year 5. Teachers are busy report writing and this year we are resuming with our Summer Fair and Sports days. All these events make our education provision so inspiring and memorable. Please enjoy reading about all the exciting learning taking place at Edison. Have a wonderful half term holiday!

### Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee at Edison

The children have all had a wonderful day today celebrating the Queen's Jubilee! It was so lovely to see them dressed in their best suits and dresses. Even the staff took part and participated in the dressing up!!



# This Term's Learning

## Reception

What a busy half term we have had in Reception! The warmer weather has meant that we have managed to do a lot of our learning outside, which has been a lot of fun as our topic has been mini-beasts!

We learnt all about the lifecycles of frogs and butterflies in our Literacy work by reading Tadpole's Promise and a Very Hungry Caterpillar. This enabled us to compare the two lifecycles, and talk about the differences and similarities which we observed between the two. We also have watched our class caterpillars turn into butterflies, and we released them to see them soar into the sky!

In Maths we explored our outside area using prepositional language, which was so much fun! We have also looked at simple addition and subtraction, which has meant that we can now write number sentences all by ourselves! Then, we discovered minibeasts in our walk through the big playground with Mrs Gipson. We saw lots of worms and creepy crawlies! They were hidden under the logs and twigs on the edges of the playground.

Reception also attended a workshop all about kindness and discussed what it meant to be a kind friend. We then drew around our hands and stuck different pictures on that made us happy. The preparations for the Jubilee picnic have also been lots of fun - we have made bunting, decorated crowns, created flags AND iced cupcakes! We are looking forward to a break and coming back fully refreshed after half term!





## Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic half term, filled with lots of new and exciting learning. We have been reading the book called Kindness Is All Around, written by We Are Stronger Charity. Children have enjoyed reading this book and exploring the important messages of each unique story. The three stories demonstrated how little acts of kindness have a big impact, this is something we have also been learning about in PSHE. Children were able to explore the book and its meaning in greater depth during workshops delivered by the We Are Stronger charity.

In English, we have been learning about information text. We have been investigating the different types of information text such as fact files, newspaper reports and letter writing. Children did a great job of writing their own information texts and especially enjoyed writing a letter to their friend telling them what a good friend they are. The letters were a pleasure to read.

Children took the challenge of learning how to tell the time in their stride. During the lessons, children made and used their own clock to tell the time. This was also taught over a Zoom lesson. Children have also been learning about weight and comparing objects, that are heavier or lighter. Year 1 enjoyed predicting what object they thought would be heavier and checking their predictions by using the balance scale.

During this half term, our focus for our Topic lessons has been famous artists such as Van Gogh, Georgia O'Keeffe, Lowry and Banksy. Children engaged their creativity and recreated some of the artists' work; they even went outside and used chalk to create their own Banksy inspired art.

In Science, the children have been learning about the features of different animals and have been grouping animals into mammal, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish. Children particularly enjoyed identify the features of a bird and exploring the different types of birds there are.

Some children have been planting seeds in the vegetable garden with Mr Scarrott and Mr Hitchinson. We are all looking forward to watching them grow!

Please enjoy these photos of Year 1.



## Year 2

This has been an incredible half term of learning for Year 2 and the teachers are so impressed with how hard the children have worked. The children were able to take part in a workshop based on the book 'Kindness is all Around'. They thoroughly enjoyed reading all three short stories and discussing the messages and themes that occurred in the book.

It has been amazing to see the quality of work that the children have produced in their English lessons. The children were able to write a diary entry based on the book 'Where The Wild Things Are' where they were writing in role of a character. The children were also able to write instructions on how to catch wild things, which they loved!

In Science, the children learnt all about plants and were involved with lots of practical and fun experiments that looked at germination and the things that plants need to grow. The children were able to plant sunflower seeds, corn seeds, coriander seeds, poppy seeds, mustard seeds and pumpkin seeds.

The children enjoyed learning about the French painter, Henri Rousseau in Art. The children were able to replicate his watercolour painting of the Tropical Forest, including sketching different animals. It was great to see the children so inspired by his artwork.

In Maths, the children learnt how to tell the time for 15 minute and five minute intervals and were able to use clocks to support them with their learning. We also spent lots of time consolidating our learning of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children have done really well with this and were able to pick up on misconceptions and ensure they are confident with the methods and the reasoning behind them, ready for their SATs test.

The SATs are over! Your support in preparing your child has been greatly appreciated. The children were incredible and gave 100% which is all we can ask for. Thank you!

Overall, this half term has been an exhilarating learning experience for all of us. We truly appreciate all you have done with supporting your child at home and all you are continuing to do. Have a lovely half term break.





## Year 3

Thank you Year 3 for a fantastic half term filled with excellent learning. For wellbeing we have participated in outdoor activities where we enjoyed reading and improving our friendship skills. Excellent team working skills Year 3!

Our English learning has been a great success with the arrival of The Iron Man! It was fantastic to see the Newspaper Report writing and character descriptions of the space-bat-angel dragon! Our proof reading and editing skills are improving and we have focused on up levelling vocabulary choices using a thesaurus. Also, we are looking carefully at our marking and the feedback given so we can improve as writers.

It was great for us to recap our Topic learning from last term on the Egyptians by having an Egyptian Workshop. Impressively, we were able to recall interesting facts about the Egyptians and retrieve facts from the poem read to us.

For our Topic this term, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Romans and have used our Artistic skills to create Roman pottery using coiling or pinching as a technique.

Our visits to the library have been really fun and engaging! We were really excited to see the new display about the Illustrator (Tony De Saulles) that visited us last term. We explored the area where we have books to read and enjoy by Tony De Saulles...especially the Horrible Science collection!



## Year 4

The first half of the summer half term has been full of a many great exciting educational experiences for Year 4. 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 making silhouette paintings. In writing, we focused on newspaper reports, diary entries, narrative writing, and poetry. Furthermore, we explored non-fiction writing where the children were able to research an endangered animal and write a non-chronological report using their findings. They were incredible reports!

In topic, our theme was 'Anglo Saxons' where we focused on where they came from, what they eat, language, religion etc. Linked with Topic, in D&T made Anglo Saxon brooches. In addition, we also created magnificent marble art paintings. Additionally, we had a workshop linked with the Anglo Saxons where we used drama and singing to explore more about them. Lastly, we investigated fake coprolites (fossilised poo) to investigate what Anglo Saxons ate.

Another highlight of this half term has been children learning about sounds in science. We created musical instruments then investigated sound. In PE, hockey has been very popular amongst Year 4 children. Additionally, this term we were lucky to have external coaches come and teach our children tennis. They have thoroughly enjoyed competing against one another and learning different passes.

In Jam Coding, children have been finding out how computers can use special input devices called sensors to monitor the environment and looking at data points, data sets, and logging intervals. In maths, there has been a huge focus on place value of decimal and decimal operations. Moreover, in Spanish we have been learning how to count to 20.

Children took part in 'We are Stronger Charity' where they explored their emotions and discussed strategies to overcome negative emotions. Author of the book 'Kindness is all Around' Olga Venosa visited and discussed various important topics such as friendship, kindness, bullying and healthy eating.

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





## Year 5

It has been a packed term as always in Year 5 with lots of engaging activities, learning and of course fun! Throughout the last few weeks the children have made massive progress and really started to show how mature they are now. The focus this term has been exploring different foundation subjects wholeheartedly and as a result of this, History and Science have been at the forefront of our learning.



This term the Vikings topic was glorious as the children were fully immersed into Viking life. During this term a real Viking visited us to inform the children about the Viking life, war, lives, jewellery and food. Year 5 were able to explore the different weapons that the Vikings use and acted in their very own Viking Drama- in full costume! In the afternoon the children made their own Viking jewellery using salt dough and they took them home too. Their Viking knowledge was tested through an exciting Viking quiz and of course our children had so much knowledge.

The Science museum sleepover was a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience a night away from home with their friends. The residential was packed full of hands-on inquisitive science activities which the children loved. Night time was interesting too as we saw how mature the children were as they set their sleeping bags down and helped each other get ready for their first night away from home. It was a wonderful bonding experience for us all.



## Congratulations

Newton	93.7%
Bell	<b>96.1%</b> <b>Well done Bell Class!</b>
Watson	93.4%
Franklin	93.6%
Pasteur	93.7%
Fleming	93.5%
Curie	93.4%
Faraday	91.0%
Carson	94.9%
Goodall	94.1%
Armstrong	92.9%
Jemison	90.9%



## Scopay Lunch Bookings

Thank you in advance to all those parents who have been booking their child's lunches and ensuring that this provision for the children runs smoothly. Please can we make a humble request to ALL parents to complete this for their child/children too. Every parent needs to log in to Scopay and book their child's meal choices for the week or term. Reception, Year 1 and 2 children are entitled to receive Universal Free School Meals so there will be no costs incurred in your child's Scopay account. If your child is bringing a packed lunch you still need to book this in as P code.

The cost for a school meal is £2.35 per day for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 (any child/children that are on Pupil Premium will be exempt from paying). Please kindly ensure your child's dinner account is topped up regularly.

## EDISON Competition

We are in the process of revisiting our vision and values, and would really like our parents and children to be involved. Our current EDISON values are:

**E** nthusiastic in Approach  
**D** etermined Individuals  
**I** ndependent Learners  
**S** elf-confident  
**O** pen and Respectful  
**N** urturing in nature

But do you think you could come up with something that you feel is more appropriate now that our school is in its sixth year? Please do send your suggestions into [info@edisonprimary.org](mailto:info@edisonprimary.org) marked for Mrs Dokal's attention – she is really looking forward to hearing your suggestions!

## CLUBS AT EDISON

Please note ALL Enrichment Clubs Recommence on Monday 13 June 2022.

Music Lessons with Mr Saib will recommence on Tuesday 7 June 2022.

Please note that there will be NO free teacher led clubs after half term. The teachers will also be informing all parents of this via Seesaw.

## Reminders

New Term begins **Tuesday 7 June 2022 at the usual start time of 8:45am, gates open at 8:35 am daily.**

'Early Birds' Breakfast Club will run as normal at 8am and 'Night Owls' After School Club at 3.45pm-5:45pm

### After School Club Collection

Our school office will close at 4.30pm. If you are picking up your child from Night Owls after this time, please use the bell at the school office entrance, and either Mrs Mahal will come to meet you and fetch your child from the club.

If you have rung the bell and there is no answer, please kindly call 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.

### Absence

You must only keep your child off school if they are unwell due to high temperature, vomiting and sickness! On the day of any absence, please call the school office before 8.30am and choose option 1 to report absence.