



Edison Primary School

Weekly News

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Hot Chocolate with Mrs Rupra

Congratulations to all our hot chocolate winners for this week!



Your support and presence added immeasurable joy to the event, and we appreciate your encouragement as it undoubtedly meant a lot to the performers.



Christmas Carol Concerts

This week brimmed with Christmas festivities, highlighted by the enchanting melodies of our Christmas concerts. The children, with their beautiful voices, collectively elevated the Christmas spirits for everyone in attendance. We take immense pride in the confident and impressive performances delivered by our talented children.

In addition to the stunning performances by our Year 1 to 6 students, our Reception children captivated the audience with a stellar rendition of the Nativity at St Leonard's Church. Their confidence and adorable charm truly wowed us all. These young talents are undoubtedly the stars in the making at Edison Primary.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents and carers who attended the concert and cheered for their children.





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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.



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Breakfast and After School Club

Our 'Early Birds' breakfast club runs from 8am, and 'Night Owls' after school club runs from 3.45pm to 5.45pm, every day. Parents can book their child's 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 that spaces are available.

Attendance – Late Arrivals

If your child/ren are late in the mornings, please bring them to the school office so that they can be signed in by their adult. The office team can assist you if you need help with the electronic sign in system. Please **DO NOT** drop them off at the gate so that they have to come into school on their own.

Early Pick-Up Procedure

If you need to collect your child/ren early for any reason, please email info@edisonprimary.org with the reason for the early collection. This will be passed onto Mrs Dokal for authorisation.

If the collection is for a medical appointment, you need to provide proof of the appointment. This should be sent or shown to the office at least 24 hours before the appointment takes place.

To help the attendance of the pupils and ensure that they are getting the best out of their education, early collection is not permitted unless authorised by Mrs Dokal in a reply to your email.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Car Parking

Please remember that parking on school premises is for **STAFF ONLY**. If you have to drive to school, please support our children's health and safety by parking a short way away and walking to school with your child.

Please support us by parking with consideration, taking care not to block local residents' driveways. Please avoid double parking and pulling up on bus routes, as this disrupts the flow of traffic outside our school and can be dangerous.

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 are mindful to our neighbours 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 in the bike sheds near the main school entrance. Please also keep them locked wherever possible.

Scooters and bikes should only be left here for the duration of the school day. Please **DO NOT** leave them overnight, or over the weekend, as we cannot monitor this and so would be at your own risk.

We appreciate your support with this.



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Bringing Children to School

Your child should arrive at school by **8.45am**. The school gates open 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. As stated above, any late arrivals need to come, with their parent or carer, to the school office.

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please inform the school office by **8.30am** at the latest, 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 support with this.

Enrichment Clubs

All Enrichment Clubs can be booked via ParentPay, except for our Music and Drama clubs.

The booking system has now been activated. Please ensure that you log into your account to book and make **full** payment for the club(s) that they would like to attend. All clubs have a limited number of spaces and will run on a 'first come first served' basis.

Please note: If your child attended a club in Autumn Term, they **will not be** automatically enrolled for Spring Term Clubs. The staff in the school office are not able to book children into the clubs, nor reserve any spaces if payment has not been made. However, if you have any questions about how to book, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Pallan-Sharma.

If you are booking for guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or singing, please email Miss Gould directly, specifying if you would like your child to have 'one to one' lesson or 'one to two' lessons. If you are booking for drama club, please also contact Miss Gould.

The deadline to book your child for a club is Friday 15th December 2023. After this date we will not be allowing children to join any clubs.



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Key Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20 December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 December	Last Day of Term – Children finish at 1.30pm
Monday 8 January 2024	Spring Term – Pupils' first day back at school
Monday 8 January 2024	Enrichment Clubs start

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Thought of the Week

Equipped with his five senses, man explores the universe around him and calls the adventure Science.
Edwin Powell Hubble



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Please share this week's Picture News with your child/children!



Picture News Peace Chains



Pictured: Bodnant School pupils with their peace chain.
Source: Mrs Siân Canty Editor - Bodnant Bugle Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School.

This month, we have launched our Picture News 'Let's Spread Peace' campaign. The campaign aims to spread peace by asking you to make your very own peace chain, with each link in the chain representing an action you feel will help to spread peace far and wide! In the past few weeks, you have amazed us by sending in photos of your fantastic creations! We believe that small acts of kindness help us spread peace in our communities and homes and can make a real difference. So, we have absolutely loved seeing what you have been making so far and hope to see more.

Mrs Siân Canty, editor at the Bodnant Bugle, Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School, sent in the above photo of their pupils' work and said, 'Our school newspaper reporters have been busy on the run-up to Christmas writing and drawing on a peace chain which is now on display on one of the Christmas trees in school. Bodnant School have asked each of our children to design a link in the chain to send peace and goodwill to all at this time of year.'

Are you creating a peace chain? If you are, we would love to see your photos too!

Rare Rhino Baby Born

Chester Zoo has been celebrating the birth of a critically endangered eastern black rhino. The female rhino was born on soft sand during the daylight hours (14:45) on 12th November, and is reported to be doing very well along with her mother, Zuri. Commenting on the amazing event, rhino team manager Emma Evison said, 'We'd been eagerly awaiting this birth for 15 long months and, as it's quite unusual for a rhino to give birth in daylight hours, we really didn't expect it to happen right in front of us as we were going about our day. To be able to witness the calf safely entering the world, in front of our very own eyes, was just the most incredible privilege.' Only around 600 eastern black rhinos are estimated to be living in the wild in Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda. Scientists



believe that births like this one will help prevent the species from being lost altogether. 'This precious newborn's arrival is another positive step in safeguarding the species, which is what the endangered species breeding program in European conservation zoos, that we're a leading part of, is striving to do,' explained Evison. Chester Zoo is inhabited by over 27,000 animals, they say; 'We love wildlife. We care about nature. And we want to be the BEST ZOO in the WORLD!'

A black rhino's skin can be up to 5cm thick, they are smaller than white rhinos and they use their hooked lip to pluck at bushes and branches for food.

Do you know any facts about rhinos? Have you ever seen a rhino?



Pictured: Eastern black rhino Zuri and her new calf.
Source: Chester Zoo X page.

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Tumbleweed Snowman

A giant tumbleweed snowman has been installed at the side of the I-40 (a motorway) in Albuquerque, New Mexico in the United States. The Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) has organised for the snowman to be displayed for the festive period every year since 1995. The snowman is spray-painted white and has eyes made from large, metal buttons, an orange-painted axe handle nose, workman's gloves for hands, part of a 55-gallon steel drum for a hat, a scarf and a big smile. Writer Jessica Dyer released a poem to explain and celebrate the occasion, 'The tumbleweed snowman is here. As crews stood him up Tuesday morn, drivers playfully tooted their horns. The tumbleweed snowman is here. A holiday

fixture locals hold dear, he's been spreading cheer for 28 years. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Built with care by flood-control crews, he wears a hat, a scarf and big smile, too. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Since first created in '95, he's grown in renown and literal size. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Made of jumbo weeds found around town; that's to make sure he doesn't blow down. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Some say tumbleweeds are nothing but pests, but he's the way to use them the best. The tumbleweed snowman is here. He'll be on I-40 waving to you - at least until early 2024.'

Do you enjoy writing poems? Have you written one to celebrate an event?



Pictured: The AMAFCA Tumbleweed Snowman being moved into position and on display beside the I-40. **Source:** Kevin Troutman @AMAFCAKevin X page.



Last week's topic:

Who is responsible for Antarctica?



Everyone because it's our planet.
Finn

We think the world's government and rulers...
Rodrigo and Kieran

We are responsible for it since climate change and all that stuff and that is melting Antarctica slowly hopefully it won't affect the earth too much.
Magnus

We should listen to David Attenborough because he is the person trying to save it and we should be using his ideas. The Prime Minister should also be helping.
Annie

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

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TAKEHOME



What is rubbish?



In the news this week

British litter-pickers have become world champions in the litter-picking World Cup (also known as the SpoGomi World Cup) after sifting through nearly 60 kilograms of rubbish in the Japanese capital to win the first-ever contest of its kind. The British team, made up of Sarah Parry and brothers Alexander and Jonathan Winship, beat teams from 20 other nations from around the world. SpoGomi is named after a combination of 'sport' and 'gomi', the Japanese word for rubbish. Each team is equipped with protective gloves, metal tongs and waste bags, and allocated an area of five square kilometres (nearly two square miles) in the busy Shibuya district of Tokyo, to collect as much litter as possible.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of litter in your local area. Is it a problem? Have you ever been litter-picking?
- > What do you believe rubbish is? Ask others at home. Do you all think the same?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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LEAFLET

8th December, 2023

Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 20th December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

As the festive spirit takes over, we're excited to announce our Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday, 20th December! To add to the joy of the season, we invite all students to wear their most festive and fabulous Christmas jumpers or simply their home clothes on Wednesday 20th December. We kindly request a donation of £1. Your generosity will make a significant impact, and together we can spread warmth and joy this holiday season.

This day also marks the last day of school before the holiday break. Please ensure that you arrive promptly for the pick-up at [1:30 PM](#). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year,
and a joyous holiday season!
Edison Family



Building Security - Supporting Children's Emotional Development

Wednesdays 5.30 - 7.30pm

24.1.24 - 6.3.24

About the Course

This will be held online.

Parenting courses aim to help parents and carers enhance their relationship with their child, as well as have a chance to share ideas with other parents and develop support skills.

This is a parenting course to support emotional attachment and security within the family.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read their emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions and enhance the development of their self esteem
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

Please note: To successfully complete this course you must commit to 100% attendance and punctuality.

What is needed for the course?

- To be a parent/carer
- Please collect an enrolment form from Meadowbank or Kingsley Academy or call us on 020 8583 6000

FREE COURSE



In Their Shoes: Understanding Children's Mental Health

Mondays 5.30 - 7.30

22.1.24 - 4.3.24

About the Course

This course will take place in Hounslow House (Room 1)

Parenting courses aim to help parents and carers enhance their relationship with their child, as well as a chance to share ideas with other parents and develop support skills.

On this course you will explore the world from your child's perspective. You will learn how to 'read' your child's emotions and how outside factors can influence your child's wellbeing. You will also explore how to connect with your child in a way that will support their emotional well-being and resilience.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Understand factors that may influence your child's mental health
- Understand the pressures of society and how to stay connected to your child's needs and wellbeing
- Discuss how to support your child's holistic needs and the importance of building strong attachments/connections

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FREE TO ALL

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information contact:**

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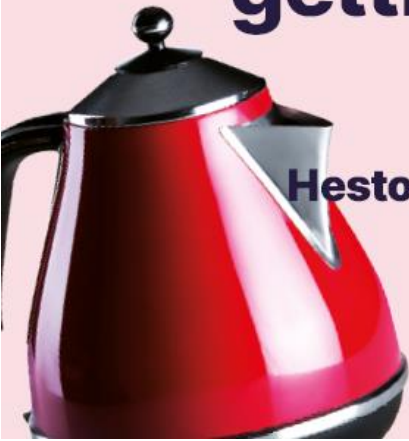
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