



# Edison Primary School

## Weekly News

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### Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal

Congratulations to all our hot chocolate winners for this week.



### Word Count Millionaire

We are delighted to announce our current word count millionaire readers in KS2! They are proudly wearing their brand new, golden word millionaire badges so we can all celebrate their achievements!



This week we are so proud to announce that Karandeep B in Year 4, Carson Class and Anxhelo A in Year 6, Einstein Class has now achieved a 1 million word count! Keep going boys!

### ECO-Refill Shop

We are delighted to announce the resounding success of Edi's Eco Refill Shop launch! The children demonstrated remarkable enterprise skills and provided excellent customer service. We extend our heartfelt thanks for the support you provided, and we look forward to your continued involvement.

Please share your feedback on Seesaw regarding the products to help us enhance our offerings. Additionally, we would greatly appreciate parents/guardians donating clean, empty 500ml bottles to help us continue our eco-friendly initiative. Your contribution is invaluable in promoting sustainability and reducing environmental impact. A clear box has been designated in the school reception area for your donations.

Our next opening is scheduled for

**Tuesday, 19th December.**

Once again, thank you for contributing to our eco-friendly initiative, and we can't wait to see you again next time.





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### **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.

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### **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.

### **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.

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

### **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](mailto: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.



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### 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 weekend as this would be left 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 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.

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### 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.

### Enrichment Clubs

We are pleased to let you know that 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 either Mrs Pallan-Sharma or Miss Mahal. 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.

**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 mid-term.**



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### Key dates for your diary

<b>Monday 4 December</b>	Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert 2:30pm to 3:30pm
<b>Tuesday 5 December</b>	Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert 2:30pm to 3:30pm
<b>Wednesday 6 December</b>	Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert 2:30pm to 3:30pm
<b>Thursday 7 December</b>	Reception Nativity at St Leonards Church, Heston 10am
<b>Friday 20 December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Friday 20 December</b>	Last Day of Term



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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



### Heart of the Milky Way



Pictured: James Webb Space Telescope reveals a 50 light-years-wide portion of the Milky Way's dense centre. Source: NASA Webb Telescope @NASAWebb X page.

A new image from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope reveals never-before-seen features at the centre of the Milky Way. The brightly coloured image shows the heart of the Milky Way in 'unprecedented detail'. NASA states that within the captured images of stars is Sagittarius C, 'a star-forming region about 300 light-years away from the supermassive black hole at the Milky Way's centre.' The telescope will be able to study each star individually as the galactic centre is only 25,000 light years away from Earth. 'There's never been any infrared data on this region with the level of resolution and sensitivity we get with

Webb, so we are seeing lots of features here for the first time. Webb reveals an incredible amount of detail, allowing us to study star formation in this sort of environment in a way that wasn't possible previously,' said the team's principal investigator Samuel Crowe, from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Samuel added, 'The image from Webb is stunning, and the science we will get from it is even better. Massive stars are factories that produce heavy elements in their nuclear cores, so understanding them better is like learning the origin story of much of the universe.'

**Do you enjoy looking at stars in the sky?**

### 'The Knit Wits'

Every Friday at Edgemere senior living home in Texas, USA, a group called 'The Knit Wits' get together around a large table to hand-knit hats and toys for children who are in need. The group have been creating the cosy items to send to charities operating worldwide for over twenty years – from their hometown to abroad, from local hospitals to war zones. During the last two decades, the club has donated thousands of items to bring comfort and warmth to others. The group's current project, in association with Children's Health in Dallas, is to knit homemade caps, with a festive theme, for infants facing heart problems. Describing the caps, Betsy Beall, who is a specialist at the hospital where the caps are being sent, said, 'They have become a colourful symbol of hope and joy for the centre's littlest patients and their families.' Marianne Mead, who joined



Pictured: Knitting together. Source: Canva.

'The Knit Wits' in her 80s and is still knitting now at the grand age of 102, credits the activity with keeping her creative, busy and giving her something good to think about! Staff working at Edgemere believe that the group's achievements deserve to be celebrated and invited 'The Knit Wits' to a special meal in their honour (pictured left). The executive director of their Edgemere home said, 'They've proven that a simple act of kindness can make such a difference in the lives of those facing challenging circumstances.'

**Do you know how to knit? Do you know anyone who enjoys knitting? Do you think it is an important skill?**



Pictured: The Knit Wits at Edgemere enjoying a celebratory meal. Source: Edgemere Senior Living Facebook page.

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### Emu on the loose in Loose!

Rodney the Emu, a family pet from Loose in Kent, was captured on doorbell camera footage after he escaped from his home. Once captured by police, the six-month-old flightless bird was safely returned to his family, who were delighted to have him back at home. Sarah Stribbling-Williams, the bird's keeper said, 'I wasn't aware that he'd gone missing. I thought he was in his stable, and then a man came down and said, 'have you lost your emu?' He'd gone down the footpath and a road away in a neighbour's front garden. We have had him since he was a four-day-old chick. He's a very friendly and tame member of the family. He often comes in our house and if outside he will come and knock on the kitchen window for some treats. He spends his time with our seven children along with our other animals (dogs, cats,

horses, chickens) and can often be found running round our garden with the dogs.' Rodney was found in a residential street close to its home by pensioner Maureen Roberts, who received quite a shock when a video doorbell notification alerted her to an Emu at her front door! Maureen said, 'I didn't know the emu was on the loose in my garden until I saw the footage on my phone. I just didn't believe it until I heard the tapping noise outside on the door.' A neighbour contacted Maureen to let her know, but she believed they were playing a prank on her, until she checked her phone. Maureen added, 'I thought she was winding me up and I laughed it off. But it turned out she wasn't joking.'

**How would you feel if there was a friendly Emu in your garden?**



Pictured: Kent Police's Tactical teams helping to return Rodney the emu to his home.  
Source: Kent Police Tactical Operations @KPTacOps X page.

Last week's topic:

**How can we show compassion to others?**



Supporting and asking what you can do to help.  
**Alix**

We should treat everyone equally and how you want to be treated.  
**Sapphire**

We can show compassion by trying to understand someone's problem. We should help when they are hurt and comfort them so they don't feel bad.  
**Alicja**

Sharing your things.  
**Graeme**

Asking questions like are you ok?  
**Preyk**

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

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### TAKEHOME



What is it like to live through  
an uncertain time?



### In the news this week

Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavík and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

#### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about volcanoes.
- > How do you imagine the people of Grindavík feel about having to leave their homes, not knowing when they will be able to go back?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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# **Family Matters workshop: Picky Eating**

**Tuesday 5th December, 10.30am**

**St John's Centre,**

**80 St John's Road, Isleworth**

This workshop on Picky Eating will be presented by Karen Garner, Director of The Sensory Smart Child Ltd, a private Paediatric Occupational Therapy practice based in Surrey.

Often, what looks like 'bad' behaviour or 'behavioural problems' at mealtimes is actually a 'sensory reaction' to the sensations of the foods that children cannot physically handle. In this workshop Karen will discuss the possible reasons for your child's feeding difficulties, and discuss strategies to help parents at home.

**To book a free place visit [www.ruils.co.uk/services/family-matters](http://www.ruils.co.uk/services/family-matters)**



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# Recycled Crafts: Christmas Wreaths (5+)

## Dates

18.12.23 at Feltham Library 4 - 6pm

20.12.3 at Meadowbank 4 - 6pm

## About the course

We throw away a lot of rubbish, but what could be done if we looked at it in a different way? In this workshop you will be taking things that would usually go into our bins and use them to create a colourful Christmas wreath.

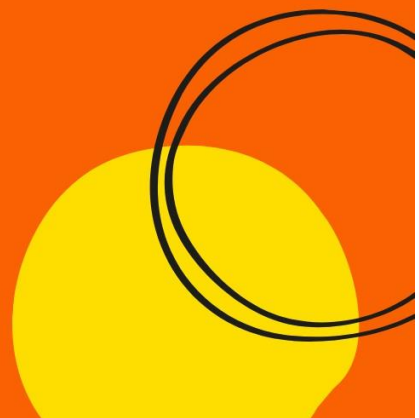
Family learning programmes aim to give parents / carers and their children the opportunity to explore ways to learn together in a fun way.

## What is required to join the session?

- These sessions are for adults and children to work together - parents will need to supervise their children at all times.
- For health and safety reasons, children must be over the age of 5 years to attend these sessions.
- Please note we can only accommodate 1 adult to 2 children per family.
- If your child needs any extra assistance within the class, please be sure to let our staff know when enrolling

*Bring along some clean items from your recycling or bin that you could use....*

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or call 020 8583 6000 to book





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# MATHS SCAVENGER HUNT



For Families - at the Meadowbank Centre  
(Community Close, Cranford, TW5 9QX)  
Wednesday 20th Dec, 4 - 6pm

Learn as a family about how you can use  
maths in everyday life - with a fun  
scavenger hunt!

Visit [www.hace.ac.uk](http://www.hace.ac.uk) or call 02085836000 to book your  
FREE place

# The Money Minded Family

## Dates:

**19.12.23 in Feltham Library, 4 - 6pm**

**21.12.23 in Feltham Library, 4 - 6pm**

## About the Course:

This course aims to give parents and carers the opportunity to find out how things are taught in their children's schools, as well as a chance to share ideas with other parents and develop their own skills.

The intent of this workshop is to support parents and carers to involve all their family in understanding the importance of money and family finances. This course will help you develop your own maths skills and use them in everyday life as well as understand how maths is taught in school through the National Curriculum.

We hope that this workshop will enable you to support your child's learning, as well as develop your own maths skills, to find ways to save money and reduce family spending through fun and interesting activities.

## Course Learning Outcomes

- Develop your own maths knowledge and skills
- Apply maths skills to support family finances
- Use the National Curriculum for maths to support your child's learning and increase their awareness of money through a range of activities and resources.

## What is needed for the course?

This course is for those who have children in Primary School; Year 1 to 6 (Ages 5-11)

**Pick up an enrolment form from Meadowbank or Kingsley Academy (if you have not done one of our courses before) or call 020 8583 6000 to enrol.**

**Multiply**