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Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal

Congratulations to all our hot chocolate winners for this week.



Science Championships

A huge congratulations to Hanush Wadhwa, Tabitha Chouhan, Ayaan Tadjuddin and Sherpreet Ghuman, for taking part in the Science championships on Wednesday 8th November 2023! They worked collaboratively to answer 30 science-based questions and came an impressive 9th place out of 170 teams playing across the country. The pupils were motivated, determined, and dynamic! We are so proud of you, thank you for representing Edison Primary School so well!



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!



Alex, Year 5 Jemison Class and Kavin, Year 4 Goodall Class with 1 million-word count!

Hanush, Year Six Hawking with 2-million-word count!





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

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.



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Key dates for your diary

Monday 13 November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 17 November	Children in Need – Pyjama Day
Monday 4 December	Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Tuesday 5 December	Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday 6 December	Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Thursday 7 December	Reception Nativity at St Leonards Church, Heston 10am

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



Great Sphinx of Giza 'origin story'



Pictured: The Great Sphinx of Giza. **Source:** Great Sphinx of Giza @Giza_Sphinx X page.

A recent study conducted at New York University (NYU) has suggested a new 'origin story' for the Great Sphinx of Giza. Scientists have concluded that an ancient statue of the mythical creature, with the head of a human and the body of a lion, could have been made by nature and then detailed by humans. Archaeologists have debated how the great structure was created for centuries. The Great Sphinx of Giza is a colossal 4,500-year-old limestone statue, positioned near the Great Pyramid in Giza, Egypt. The monument is one of the world's largest, measuring 73 metres long and 20 metres high. 'Our results provide a

simple origin theory for how Sphinx-like formations can come about from erosion,' explains Leif Ristroph, an associate professor at NYU. 'There are, in fact, yardangs in existence today that look like seated or lying animals, lending support to our conclusions. Our laboratory experiments showed that surprisingly Sphinx-like shapes can, in fact, come from materials being eroded by fast flows.' Yardangs are unusual rock formations found in deserts created by wind-blown dust and sand; the study was based on the scientists' abilities to replicate these shapes.

'12 Neighbours' project to cut homelessness

Canadian entrepreneur, Marcel LeBrun, is running a project called '12 Neighbours' to build communities of micro homes, where homeless people can get off the streets into a safe environment and also find work to help them rebuild their lives. Jobs will be available at the onsite coffee bar, teaching kitchen, and a silk printing business. After becoming a multi-millionaire when he sold his successful social media monitoring company, Marcel says he decided 'to put his money where his mouth is' and put his suggestions into practice! He is using his profit, along with grants and support from the provincial and national government, to build a community

of 99 micro homes for those who need it most in his hometown of Fredericton, the capital city of the Canadian province of New Brunswick. The tiny homes contain everything that is needed in a comfortable living space - a kitchen, living and bedroom areas, and a bathroom. They also have a small deck, solar panels on the roofs, and are painted in bright and cheerful colours. 'I see myself as a community builder, and really what we're doing here is not just building a little community, but we're building a community in a city, like how do we help our city be better?' said Marcel LeBrun.



Pictured: An example of the micro homes being built by the project. **Source:** The 12 Neighbours Community Facebook page.

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Glowing project!



Pictured: New Zealand's bioluminescent glow-worms in a dark cave. **Source:** Canva.



Pictured: A glowing glow-worm. **Source:** Pete Cooper @PeteMRCooper X page.

Ecologist Pete Cooper's 'Lights of hope: rewilding glow-worms' project has been shortlisted as one of 22 native species projects run by The British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA) members for the Great British Wildlife Restoration Award! The charity shared on its website that this is the first competition of its kind. The award was inspired by David Attenborough's 'Wild Isles', and it aims to raise the profile of the native species conservation work being undertaken by zoo and aquarium conservationists. Pete's project is focused on helping the glow-worm numbers rise again in the UK. He is very passionate about his work as the insects' population has been severely reduced by many factors including, loss of their habitat (the larvae like to live under rocks on chalk or

limestone grassland) and increased light pollution (for example streetlights). Light pollution makes it more difficult for the male glow-worms to find the female, as the females use their bioluminescence (greeny-orange light produced by a chemical reaction in their bodies) to attract a mate and produce new baby glow-worms. Only the males have wings and only the females can glow! 'The fascination of glow-worms for me is that they are in effect magic,' says Pete Cooper, 'The glow-worm has been the symbol of the other world, of love, of hope, of rebirth, of simply the great mysteries of nature.'

Did you know that glow-worms aren't actually worms, they are beetles?
Do you know any facts about glow-worms?

Last week's topic:

Should 'super shoes' be allowed in races?



I think 'super shoes' should be allowed and be available to the public then it is fair for everyone.

Riley

Super shoes should not be allowed in races, as the people who race train a lot and shouldn't need them. Only people who do not race should use super shoes.

Khadiza

I think super shoes should not be allowed if everyone can't get it, It means other racers would have an advantage.

Janaya

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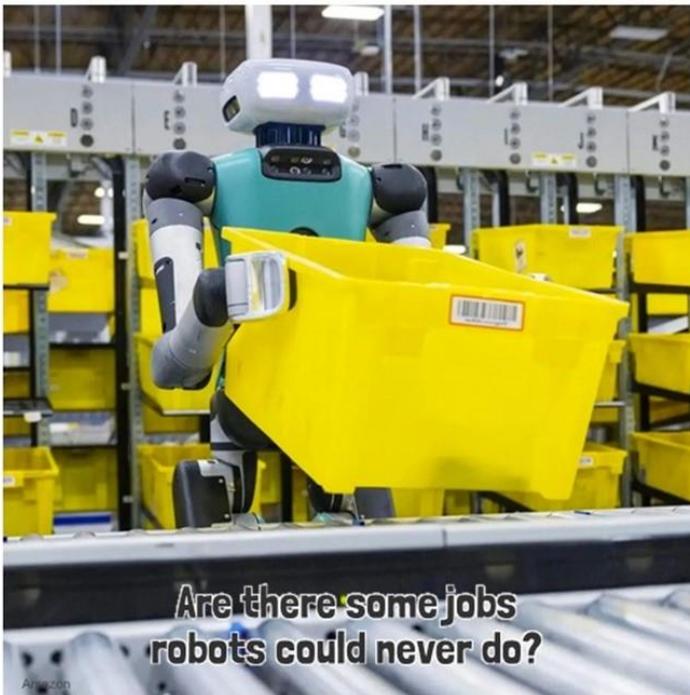


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Are there some jobs robots could never do?

In the news this week

A new robot called Digit, designed to be human-like and that is capable of lifting and moving items, is being tested in warehouses of the online retailer, Amazon. The robot is in its first few weeks of trials at Amazon's facility in Seattle, USA, as the company tries to improve automation in its processes. To begin with, the robot is being taught to pick up and move empty boxes to ensure that they are ready for reuse. The yellow boxes, or totes, are used throughout the company's fulfilment process.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think that robots will be used more and more in workplaces and homes? If so, what do you feel they will be used for? Why?
- > Make a list of jobs that you think robots would be good at and a list of those that you think people will always be needed for.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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