



# Edison Primary School

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### Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal

Congratulations to all our hot chocolate winners for this week.



### Parent Teacher Meetings

We would like to inform you that Parent Teacher Consultations will be held on the following dates from 4pm until 6pm.

**Year 1** - Monday 16th October and Tuesday 17th October

**Year 2** - Monday 16th October and Tuesday 17th October

**Year 3** - Monday 16th October and Tuesday 17th October

**Year 4** - Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October

**Year 5** - Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October

**Year 6** - Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October

Parents **must** book their meetings via Arbor and follow the instructions from the email that was sent out on Monday. Please kindly contact the school office if you are having any difficulty with this. Please note that Reception meeting information will be sent out next week.

### Year 6 Secondary School Transfer

Apply now online for your child's transfer place to High school 2024. Please note that the deadline for Secondary School applications is on Tuesday 31 October.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team on 02085832711 or email [admissions@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@hounslow.gov.uk)

We have also attached some useful guides in this email.

### World Records Assembly

This week's assembly focused on world records. The children were amazed to see the special talents of some of our Edison students. A special thank you to Diya, Neferura, Japveer, Shay and Krish for their performances of gymnastics, playing the Tabla (Indian drums), eating spicy food, playing the clarinet and balancing a spinner.





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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.

### **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.

### **Bringing Children to School**



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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.

### **School Meals**

We are glad to inform that the Government have decided to give Free School Meals to all children in primary schools for this academic year (September 2023 – July 2024). If you would like to take advantage of this please log in to your Arbor account and give your consent if you have not already.

Due to this new change please note that there is NO charge for children taking school meals and going forward parents and carers for children in Years 3 to Year 6 will no longer need to pay for them.

If your child is having school meals this term, we hope they are enjoying them!

Our contractor, Wilson Jones, offer a range of menu items:

- A main meal served with complementing side dishes, including freshly prepared vegetables;
- Baked potatoes with a variety of fillings;
- Vegetable side dishes;
- A salad bar with six freshly prepared salads;
- Homemade bread in wholemeal and white;
- Dessert of the day, plus a choice of a fresh fruit platter or yoghurt pot.



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Key dates for your diary	
<b>Friday 13 October</b>	Year 2 Trip to Hounslow Urban Farm
<b>Monday 16 &amp; Tuesday 17 October</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings – Years 1,2&3 4pm to 6pm
<b>Wednesday 18 &amp; Thursday 19 October</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings – Years 4,5&6 4pm to 6pm
<b>Tuesday 31 October</b> <b>Wednesday 1 November</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings – Reception 4pm to 6pm
<b>Tuesday 31 October</b>	Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline
<b>Friday 20 October</b>	Halloween Dress Up Day
<b>Friday 20 October</b>	Last day of half term (school closes at 1:30pm)

### Thought of the Week

Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.  
Albert Einstein



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### Picture News

Please share this weeks Picture News with your child/children



## Robotic Surgeon



**Picture:** Da Vinci surgical robot and surgical team celebrating with cake.  
**Source:** Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Facebook page.

A robotic surgeon celebrates its 10,000th procedure by cutting into a special cake. The robot surgical team at Guy's and St Thomas' hospital has celebrated completing 10,000 operations with the Intuitive da Vinci robot. The robot has been helping patients at the London hospital for over two decades. Surgeons control the machine's four thin arms to conduct operations with higher precision and greater flexibility than can be achieved by the human hand. Ben Challacombe, Head of Robotics at the NHS trust said, 'Da Vinci helps surgeons perform operations and it



improves outcomes for patients.' He also previously said, 'The benefits of robotic surgery include increased operative precision, leading to less pain, smaller scars and less time in hospital so patients can recover quicker.' Prokar Dasgupta, consultant urological surgeon at Guy's and St Thomas' said, 'When we started robotic surgery 20 years ago, we didn't really know how big the service was going to grow. From one early robotic system to the largest programme in the UK, we have come such a long way and helped so many of our patients.'

## Largest Asteroid Sample on Earth

NASA has announced that the OSIRIS-REx has completed its mission to collect and transport to Earth its largest asteroid sample ever, and that the specimen has landed in the Utah desert! OSIRIS-REx spacecraft, which stands for Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer, has been on a 7-year mission to explore and sample an ancient asteroid named Bennu. Scientists believe that this near-Earth asteroid sample could help them understand how planets formed, life began, and improve our knowledge of asteroids that could come into contact with our planet. An asteroid is a small rocky body that orbits the Sun. After travelling for over two billion kilometres, OSIRIS-REx landed on Bennu for a few seconds and used a robotic arm to collect a sample of dust and rocks. The sample was then transported to Earth in a capsule that was released from the spacecraft. It glowed red hot as temperatures inside increased to 2,800°C, when it hit the upper atmosphere. The sample landed safely in the desert, using parachutes deployed at the very end of its journey. Scientists then retrieved the capsule and took it to a clean lab for analysis. The event was described on

NASA Astromaterials X page as, 'A scientific treasure box'. They also stated that 'Scientists gasped as the lid was lifted from the OSIRIS-REx asteroid sample return canister, showing dark powder and sand-sized particles on the inside of the lid and base.'



**Picture:** The OSIRIS-REx asteroid sample return canister.  
**Source:** NASA Astromaterials @Astromaterials X page.

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### Missing Poster Prompts Return of Lost Lego Man

When 10-year-old Jack Steel from Ulverston in Cumbria realised that he had lost his beloved Lego figure, he wasted no time in starting the search. He produced a 'missing person' poster and asked his mum to spread the word. She posted it on her Facebook page along with an appeal for the Lego man to be returned. The poster (shown above) described the missing toy and how much he meant to Jack, stating, 'Lost: has anyone seen this Lego man? He is very special to me.' The poster also contained an accurate drawing of the minifigure, also named Jack, as Jack created him to look like himself. The poster included a detailed description of what Lego Jack looked like, 'Light brown

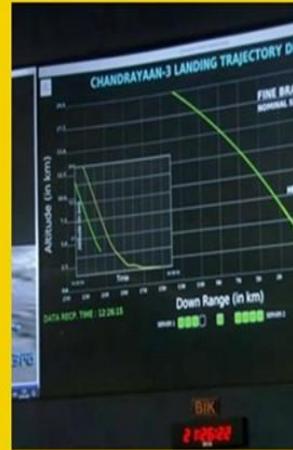


**Pictured:** The 'missing person' poster made by Jack that helped him to find his missing Lego man.  
**Source:** Loma Walker's Facebook page.

quiff with matching eyebrows. Hawaiian Shirt (blue with palm trees and an orange stripe on the bottom). Dark green pants.' Jack knew that the Lego figure had gone missing whilst he was on his way to school so the search could be narrowed down to a certain route. Joy ensued when the poster Jack had created prompted another mum to contact Jack's when her daughter had found Lego Jack on her way to school, and he could be returned to his owner! The girl received a lovely box of chocolates as a thank-you gift!

Last week's topic:

### How important is space exploration?



Yes, I think it is important because it is good to know what is going on outside of our planet. Without this we would not know about the weather.  
**William**

I think it is very important to explore space and other planets. There is so much that we can learn from the universe that can help us today.  
**AI**

It is important to learn about our universe, but it is very expensive, and it takes a long time. I think we should think about what else we could spend the time and money on if we didn't explore space as much.  
**Bashira**

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

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October



## In the news this week

October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' - highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities in the UK. Commemorations will feature Black women, who have made outstanding contributions to many areas including music, literature, fashion, sport, business, politics, and health care.

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

- Share what you already know and understand about Black History Month in the UK.
- This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters'. What are some of the ways that you think we could do this?



How does  
change happen?

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