

The Echelford Echo



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Weekly Issue Number 3

It has been wonderful to see so many of you attending our Meet the Teacher events after school this week. We hope you found this a useful time to see your child's classroom and find out more about the learning and events they will be taking part in this year. If you were unable to make this, the information booklet will be sent home to you. A reminder that if you have any questions you would like to discuss about your child you can speak to their class teacher at the end of the day or send an email to the school office and someone will get back to you.

This week we also began our reception tours for families with children who will be starting school next September. It has been wonderful to spend the time showing visitors around the school and sharing information about the curriculum and experiences the children at Echelford enjoy. We received lots of positive comments about the polite and sensible behaviour of the children as we moved around the school.

In assembly this week we introduced the children to our revised school values. The Senior Prefect team share more about this below:

A Special message from our Senior Prefects:

Echelford's GREEN Values

Hello we are the senior prefect team: Johan, Michaela (6J), Leni and Molly (6W), finally Georgie and Ava (6H). We used to be called Head Boy and Head Girl, but now we are called Senior Prefects. As Senior Prefects, our job is to look out for younger children and represent the school in our last year at Echelford. Today we are going to talk to you about our new green values which were created with the help of all our staff and all of our students. We put our minds together to come up with ideas and these are what we decided on -

Growing together as a community
Respecting everyone and everything
Embracing new experiences
Everyone is valued and thrives
Nurturing and kind to all

The green values were made to ensure everyone is happy and respected. We chose green to be our acronym because it relates to our stay on green behaviour system. At Echelford we believe that making green choices is important and wanted our values to link into this.

Mrs. Bugembe shared these with the children during Monday's whole school assembly and we are looking forward to exploring in more detail what these values mean and what they will look like at Echelford.

6H's World War 2 Class Assembly

This Wednesday, 6H kicked off our class assemblies by taking us back to 1941 in a World War 2 inspired production. Some of the class spent some time in an air-raid with Warden Stringer and Mrs 'Make Do And Mend', whilst others were at Kings Cross Station as young evacuees. The whole class portrayed their roles well, spoke clearly and sang brilliantly. Well done to all members of 6H.

Staff News

After a period of absence, we wanted to let you know that Miss Dennis-Smith will not be returning to Echelford. We wish her all the best for the future.

Pupil Roles

There has been much excitement this week as classes voted for their Class School Council representatives. We would like to thank all the children who put themselves forward for these roles; staff have certainly been impressed with the confidence shown and the thought that went into all of the children's presentations. Congratulations to the following children who were voted by their class peers to carry out these roles for this academic year.

School Council – what is it?

Being on the school council is all about being a child's voice to the Headteachers. They meet to discuss different areas of school life and lead on different projects and tasks throughout the year. They work alongside different teachers, in particular Miss Cottle, Miss Donder and Mrs. Bennett. They will often have to take questions and ideas back to their class so that we can get a whole-school understanding of these matters.

House Captains

The children throughout the school had the opportunity to vote for their House Captain after hearing their speeches about why they should be considered for the role. The House Captains will work with our student leaders to promote, support and encourage sportsmanship during house competitions. Congratulations to:

Fire	Ellie
Air	Charlie
Water	Jack

Playground Pals

Year 5 had the opportunity to apply for the role of becoming a playground pal. All of the applications were well thought through and our congratulations go to:

5B: Lily-Mae, Reggie, Mannat, Freddie, Daisy, Darcie, Preston

5W: Fiona, Erin, Sophia, Sydney, Freya, Myla-Rose, Caitlin, Misha

5G: Eleanor, Tate, Alazne, Lily, Poppy-Olivia, Alesha

1A	Eryn
1C	Millie
1H	Savannah
2B	Tommy
2K	Amelia
2W	Elia
3BT	Henry
3S	Jonathan
3H	Ava B
4LJ	William R
4M	Mya
4S	Charlie
5B	Daniel
5G	Poppy
5W	Misha
6H	Bachir
6J	Eryn L
6W	Gracie

Playground Pals Role

- Being visibly present on the playground when on duty for children to speak out to.
- Being helpful and kind to everyone.
- Being committed to the job.
- Knowing how to deal with incidents appropriately with the support of an adult.

Are you are looking for a Reception place for September 2024?

If you or someone you know are looking for a place at Echelford for September 2024 please use this link <https://Echelford.eventbrite.com> to book a school tour with our Headteachers.

Vacancies within the Trust

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

Are you committed and passionate about education and keen to make a difference? We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults. We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Class Teaching Assistant at Echelford Primary School.

For more information please visit - <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1367971>

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children within the classroom as well as those attending the after-school club. The right candidate will be joining a strong, professional team of enthusiastic staff who will work alongside you in a supportive and constructive way.

For more information please visit - <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-and-after-school-club-team-member-1367957>

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children attending the after-school club.

For more information please visit- <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-assistant-1367946>

Darley Dene School is recruiting:

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference?

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1369455>

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

Walton Oak is looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant. This is a full time, term time role, working 32.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday. The successful candidate will join a hardworking and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are committed to improving outcomes for children in their care.

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1368278>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

Riverbridge Primary School is looking to appoint Teaching Assistants. These are full or part time, term time roles, working Monday to Friday. The successful candidates will join a hardworking and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are committed to improving outcomes for children in their care.

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1368712>

Best wishes,

Karen Oakley
Co-Headteacher

Jess Bugembe
Co-Headteacher



This week, the winning classes are:



Winning Class – 6H

Winning Class – 2B



Word of the week

Each week, we will be sharing a word of the week. Please use this word with your child where possible, and encourage them to use it at home and school.

Leisure (noun)

Meaning: use of free time for enjoyment

Example: "I love spending my leisure time painting."

Origin: Based on Latin licere 'be allowed'

The best
intelligence test is
what we do with
our leisure.

Laurence J. Peter

BrainyQuote

This week we have been learning...

Reception	<p>It has been another amazing week in Reception. This week we read Worrysaurus. In this story Worrysaurus has a happiness bag filled with things that makes him feel better, so we created our own bags filled with things that make us happy too. In Maths, we have continued looking at numbers 1-5 as well as beginning to explore one more and one less.</p> <p>Phonics: Phase 2 sounds Rhyming words</p>
Year 1	<p>In Literacy, we found some friends for Beegu. We used some interesting adjectives to describe the different aliens. In Maths, we have been busy learning our doubles to 5, we have used double ladybirds and numicon butterflies to help us. In Art, we continued developing our drawing skills, we focussed on the face shape and shade. We can't wait to add everything we are learning to create a beautiful self-portrait in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Phonics: recap phase 3 sounds Tricky words: what when have love</p>
Year 2	<p>We travelled around the world on Wednesday as we learned a bit more about the seven continents of the world. We: climbed the Himalayas in Asia; learned about the states in North America; learned hello and goodbye in a variety of European languages; used VR headsets to view Antarctica, Africa and South America; and learned about the Great Barrier Reef in Oceania. Within Literacy we have created story boxes about the story of the Snail and the Whale which have helped us to retell the story of this. We are beginning our addition and subtraction unit in Maths and securing our number bonds knowledge. This will help us when we progress as we will use the sentence stem "If I know... then I also know...".</p> <p>Phonics: /zh/ su/si: treasure, vision /j/ dge/ge: bridge, large /i/ y: crystal</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 has been busy this week exploring farmyard life through virtual reality! The children were able to use headsets to see how life on the farm works and had the opportunity to see where different foods from our 'Eatwell Plate' come from. In Literacy, we have been exploring prepositions when writing instructions for our favourite playground game and in Maths we have used our number bonds to explore the 'Making 10' calculation strategy. Thank you to all who came to see us during our 'Meet the Teacher' event.</p> <p>Spellings: touch, double, country, trouble, young, cousin, enough, couple, encourage, flourish</p>

Year 4	<p>This week, Year 4 have been writing from the perspective of Hogarth's father from our text Iron man and wrote a diary entry recounting his experience with the Iron man. We have also written instructions for 'How to capture the Iron Man' with a focus on fronted adverbials. In Maths, we consolidated our learning of rounding and have begun our Addition and Subtraction unit. In Geography, we have begun exploring grid references and how to find locations on a map. Finally, we have also been recapping our understanding of Zones of Regulation and discussed strategies to support us when feeling in the blue, yellow and red zones.</p> <p>Spellings: Words with the prefix -in: inability, inactive, inadequate, incorrect, incurable, indefinite, inelegant, inflexible, insecure, invisible</p>
Year 5	<p>This week, Year 5 have been writing a diary entry from the perspective of Katherine Johnson, a 'Computer' at NACA in the 1950s. The children have considered Katherine's thoughts and feelings regarding the discrimination she experienced where she wasn't allowed to attend work meetings, and how we can capture these feelings in our writing. In Maths, we did a Roman Numerals scavenger hunt, and have started exploring different addition and subtraction strategies. In DT, the children have begun to plan their Orreries, which we will be building this term, and how we can use the different materials to build our mechanisms.</p> <p>Spellings: Words with the suffix -ious: precious, serious, curious, furious, amphibious, various, victorious, obvious, devious, notorious.</p>
Year 6	<p>This week, Year 6 have continued to explore what life was like for a child during WWII. The children have been immersing themselves in our Power of Reading text: Letters from the Lighthouse, which they used as inspiration to write a comforting and detailed letter to <i>Olive</i> reassuring her about her worries of evacuation. In Maths, we have been applying our place value knowledge to numbers up to 3 decimal places as well as completing our first arithmetic paper of the year! The children also had the opportunity this week to run for House Captains and School Council.</p> <p>Spellings: Words containing the long 'igh' sound spelt -y. For example: hyphen, occupy, rhyme, hygiene.</p>

ACE Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received this week's ACE Award.

Class	Name	Awarded
RD	Lexi	For showing good listening skills and being a good friend
RG	Aria	For being a kind friend to all in RG.
RL	Nellie-Mae	For being kind to both her peers and to adults around the school.
1A	Kamran	For being super helpful to both adults and peers in the classroom this week.
1C	Hallie	For her fantastic dance skills in PE this week.
1H	Aekambeer	For his determination and perseverance when blending new words.
2B	Myra	For sharing her ideas with others and asking brilliant questions to deepen her understanding.
2K	Isla	For her hard work in all her learning and her fantastic effort in completing all tasks to the best of her ability.
2W	Jasmine	For being a kind and patient friend this week and for her enthusiasm for all our learning.
3BT	Aurora	For a calm and positive approach to school every day.
3H	Sena	For her outstanding effort in contributing to our learning this week and making green choices. Well done.
3S	Jaxon	For always being on task, making green choices and actively contributing in the classroom.

4LJ	Samuel	For his focus and thoughtful contributions to class discussions across all subjects this week
4M	Monika	For her eagerness in her learning this week and for making green choices.
4S	Leo	For always trying his best in everything he does and contributing to class discussions.
5B	Marilou	For showing resilience and maturity in all school life.
5G	Sara	For her high levels of effort during learning, and for always being keen to support her peers.
5W	Lewys	For his resilience and positivity towards his learning and working independently to write a fantastic diary entry.
6H	Madison - Mae	For her positivity and enthusiasm to all aspects of school-life in Year 6 and for demonstrating great teamwork skills.
6J	Shrey	For his positive attitude to learning, enthusiasm in discussions and always trying his best
6W	Gracie	For being such a positive role model to her peers and delivering an excellent School Council speech.

Gold Leaf Achievers

Special congratulations to: Frankie C, Theodore B, Jasmine P, Reggie C, Rose E, Jacob J, Rubi W, Poppy R, Elia D, William-James G, Sukhpreet Kaur T, Ellie D, Naylin D, Muhammad Salaar M, Hannah P, Frankie C, Saoirse M, Arjan P, Jack E, Aahana S, Harper B, James B, Aria S, Aryaa D, Aidan B, Hugo G, Harry B, Effie A, Avaani P, Leo J, Albert M, Elijah J, Sienna S, Finley J, Thomas G, Aekambeer S, Amelia D, Luca I, Grayson Bi, Myra S, Owen J, Ayaan H, Preston H, Niharika J, Daniel I, Daisy A, Lily-Mae W, Darcy H, Ilyas R, Ayoub M, William C, Ethan H, Amber M, Laksh K, Sofia W, Emilia R, Liahna D, Evie S, Emily A, Alexia G, Millie W, Summer V, Freya E, Matilda D, Summer P, Francesca S, Freddie Bl, Zack H, Arya A, Bachir B, Owen L, Ethan M, Amreen G, Shrey M, Sienna L, Kareena S, Lola B, Hannah C, Caitlin M, Ava R, Sophia H, Lewys J, Ilias K, Ilyas K, Misha M, Charlotte G, Jason K, Muhammed M, Isla R, Georgina P, Elvy L, Chloe P, Penny M, Emilyanna B, Levi-Rose M, Sienna H, Sahara S, Henry C, Jenson W, Maxwell T, Zack P, Reggie A, Rajneet B, Karam G, Amelia S and Wania K

Achievements outside of school

If your child would like to celebrate success within the school community, please inform your class teacher or the office staff of your news. Along with the Newsletter, we will display any sports achievement photos and information on our 'Sports Shout Outs' board in the gym.

Congratulations to Emily in 6H who gained a merit on her grade 2 modern dance exam over the summer and achieved a distinction in her grade 2 tap exam. Well done Emily on this amazing achievement with your dance.

Well done to John in 6W who took part in the first Arenacross UK festival. Thousands of people came to watch the event and John ended up coming 1st in both of his races.



Term Dates for 2023 – 2024

September		
Wednesday 27th	9.00am	2W Class Assembly
October		
Sat 1st – Tue 31st		Black History Month & Walk to School Month
Wednesday 4th	9.00am	6J Class Assembly
Friday 6th		National Poetry Day
Mon 9th - Fri 13th Oct		Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 10th		Hello Yellow Day/World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 10th	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11th	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11th	9.00am	4S Class Assembly
Wednesday 11th	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 12th	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 12th	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Thursday 12th	3.00pm	Year R PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 16th - Fri 20th		Put your Phone Away week
Mon 16th - Fri 20th		Recycling Week
Monday 16th		Author visit for Put your Phone Away
Wednesday 18th		Individual and Sibling photos
Wednesday 18th	9.00am	6W Class Assembly
Thursday 19th		PTFA Spooky Disco
Friday 20th		Harvest Festival
Mon 23rd – Fri 27th		Half Term
Mon 30th Oct		INSET Day 3
Tuesday 31st		Children return to school
Tuesday 31st		Flu Vaccinations
November		
Wednesday 1st		Flu Vaccinations
Tues 7th – Fri 10th		Year 6 Bristol Residential
Wednesday 8th	9.00am	5W Class Assembly
Monday 13th		World Kindness Day
Mon 13th – Fri 17th		Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13th		Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Alliance
Wednesday 15th	9.00am	2B Class Assembly
Thursday 16th	3.00pm	Year 1 PTFA Bake Sale
Friday 17th		BBC Children in Need
Wednesday 29th	2.00pm	Reception Nativity
Thursday 30th	9.15am	Reception Nativity
December		
Friday 1st		PTFA Mufti for Christmas Fair
Friday 1st		Santa Fun Run
Wednesday 6th	2.00pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 7th	9.15am	KS1 Nativity
Friday 8th		PTFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12th	2.30pm & 3.30pm	Upper KS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th	9am	Headteachers' Assembly
Thursday 14th	2.30pm & 3.30pm	Lower KS2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19th	1.45pm	End of Term
January		
Thursday 4th		Children return to school
Wednesday 17th	9.00am	4M Class Assembly
Wednesday 24th	9.00am	2K Class Assembly
Mon 29th Jan - Fri 2nd Feb		Maths Week
Wednesday 31st		1C Class Assembly
February		
Friday 2nd		Year 3 Sleepover
Friday 2nd		Young Voices Concert at Wembley
Mon 5th – Fri 9th		Echelford Expo Week
Monday 5th		Year 3 Feet First
Tuesday 6th		Year 3 Feet First
Tuesday 6th	9.30am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 6th		Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th	9.30am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 7th	9.00am	3BT Assembly
Thursday 8th	9.30am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Thursday 8th		Year 3 Feet First
Thursday 8th	3.00pm	Year 2 PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 12th – Fri 16th		Half Term
Saturday 17th		Random Acts of Kindness Day
Wednesday 28th	9.00am	5B Class Assembly
Friday 29th		Costume Sale for World Book Day Year 3 PTFA Bake Sale
March		
Wednesday 6th		3H Class Assembly
Thursday 7th		World Book Day

Fri 8th – Sun 17th		Science week
Wednesday 13th	9.00	1H Class Assembly
Friday 15th		Young Carers Day
Fri 15th - Sun 17th		Bowles
TBC		Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20th		1A Class Assembly
Tuesday 26th	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 27th	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 27th	9.00am	Headteachers' Assembly
Thursday 28th	1.45pm	End of Term
April		
Monday 15th		Children return to school
Wed 17th - Fri 19th		Year 4 Bikeability Level 1
Monday 22 nd		Earth Day
Wednesday 24th	9.00am	5G Class Assembly
Thursday 25th	3.00pm	Year 4 PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 29th Apr - Fri 3rd May		Year 6 Bikeability
May		
Wednesday 1st	9.00am	3S Class Assembly
Monday 6 th		May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th		RG Class Assembly
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th		KS2 SATs week
Thursday 16th	3.00pm	Year 5 PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 20th - Fri 24th		Year 4 Rise Up Festival (Exact dates TBC)
Tuesday 21st	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 22nd	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 22nd	9.00am	RL Class Assembly
Thursday 23rd	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st		Half Term
June		
Mon 3rd (two-week period)		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wed 5th		Sports Day
Friday 7 th		PTFA Lolly Sale
Mon 10th -Fri 14th		Y1 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 12th	9.00am	4LJ Class Assembly
Friday 14th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Friday 14th		Mufti for Summer Fair
Mon 17th - Fri 21st		Book Fair
Mon 17th - Fri 21st		Healthy Eating Week
Wednesday 19th	9.00am	RD Class Assembly
Friday 21st		PTFA Summer Fair
Friday 28th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
July		
Mon 1st - Fri 5th		Celebration of Us week
Friday 5th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 10th	1.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 10th	6.30pm	Year 6 production
Friday 12th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 17th	TBC	Year 6 Celebration Day and Colour Run
Wednesday 17th	9.00am	Headteachers' Assembly
Friday 19th	9am	Leavers' Assembly
Friday 19th		End of term
Monday 22nd		INSET Day 4
Tuesday 23rd		INSET Day 5

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
and you're invited



Let's do whatever it takes to support people
living with cancer

Place: The Echelford Primary School

Date: 29th September 2023

Time: 14.30 till end of school day

Contact: Natasha Munro

Please bring a donation to help support this cause.

Donated cakes will also be gratefully received.

This is a great opportunity for Mums, Dads, Grandparents
and Carers to come together within our community and all
for a good cause.

It really would be lovely to see as many of you as possible





THE MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

Open Evening:

Thursday 28th September
6-8pm

SCAN ME



Open Mornings:

Tuesday 3rd, 10th and 17th October
9am and 10am

Please book open mornings via our website

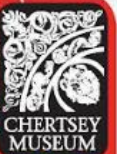


www.matthew-arnold.surrey.sch.uk

Dream Big, Work Hard, Achieve



October Holiday Activities



Dancing Skeleton Puppets

Tuesday 24th Oct
11-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm
Ages 7-12, £4

Come along to the museum to put together a wooden skeleton marionette puppet. Then decorate it to be as scary or friendly as you want!

Autumn Bunting

Thursday 26th Oct
10-11am or 11:30-12:30pm
Ages 4-12, £3

Create a string of paper bunting. It can have a spooky Halloween theme or an autumn theme - your choice! (An adult must stay with 4 and 5 year olds.)

Booking is essential

Book online at
<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk>
or by phone 01932 565 764



www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH ADHD



Come and share experiences with other parents/carers and learn more about ADHD over a coffee. Primary school aged children (newly diagnosed or awaiting diagnosis). 3- week course with professionals plus the opportunity to continue peer support after the group finishes.

Please be aware that there is no childcare available during the group.

ADHD PARENTS GROUP

10.30-12.30

TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER

THE LOCAL CONVERSATION, 112 HIGH ST, STANWELL, STAINES, TW19 7JS

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