

The Echelford Echo



Friday 29th September 2023

Weekly Issue Number 4

We are well into the Autumn term now and very soon we will be holding our first parent teacher consultation events. The events will take place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October. Booking will be available from 6pm on Monday 2nd October via the Parents Evening tab on SCOPAY. A guide on how to book is attached to this newsletter. These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher in a 10-minute appointment. At this point of the year, the focus of these meetings is to discuss how they have settled into the new academic year and any next steps that have been identified.

In our assemblies this week, the house captains have introduced our first whole school house competition to the children. As part of Walk to School Week, we are encouraging people to take advantage of the beautiful autumnal weather and walk to school. Each day, the children who have walked to school will have an opportunity to put a coin into their house tubes and contribute to their house total. The winning house will be rewarded with some extra break time: we look forward to sharing the winning house with you next week.

Walking to school certainly helps to reduce the amount of traffic outside school and from next week we will be beginning our parent parking patrols again. If you are able to offer your support and volunteer some time, please complete the attached google form- any help is very welcome, however big or small.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWY8OUoluhYjZwJfil3e3HLIXWvSFs1MWrjOJSUTFQbt7mBQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

National Fitness Day

Last week, Echelford Primary School marked National Fitness Day by participating in a live virtual dance class with renowned ballet dancer, Darcy Bussell. They were taught a range of short routines from different genres including Rock n Roll and 'the Haka'. In addition, we took part in an additional 10 minutes of physical activity each day from the Daily Mile, invasion games and trying out all of our new KS2 playground markings. Everyone had a brilliant week and we look to continue to keep our 10 minutes of additional activity in our timetables moving forward.



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.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder to our Year 6 families that applications for secondary school places close on 31st October 2023. If you need support with the application, Natasha Munro, our home school link worker is available to offer a call or a face to face or virtual meeting. Please get in touch via the school office.

Boys' Football Tournament

Last Friday, a group of Year 6 boys represented the Echelford Primary School at the Spelthorne Borough Tournament at Egham Leisure Centre. The team showed great perseverance, sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the afternoon and, out of 17 schools, came 1st. They were presented with the shield and individual medals, as well as confirmation of their place in League 1 for this season. Well done to all.



Wonderdome Visit

On Tuesday, Year 5 were lucky enough to have a visit from the Wonderdome, a planetarium style show all about the Solar System and the planets within it. The children were so excited to explore Space in this engaging way, and had great fun asking all of their questions to presenter Matt.



Year 6 WW1 Day

On Monday, Year 6 had the opportunity to travel back in time and experience life in WWII during their curriculum day. The children were able to fully immerse themselves in a variety of workshops that were planned for the day, these included: a 'Digging for Victory' allotment session, an army-style 'Boot Camp' to prepare them for war, and a code-breaking 'Escape Room' where the children acted as British spies needing to intercept the enemy. In the afternoon, we spent time creating a WWII inspired art piece, using the London skyline as inspiration to create a layered silhouette, contrasting with their vibrant background. All of the children ensured they gave their all and looked absolutely brilliant in the outfits and accessories they wore!



Child designed Christmas card orders

Your child will have come home this week with Christmas artwork they have created which can be produced as cards, gift labels and mugs. This is a lovely scheme which the children have thoroughly enjoyed completing over the last few years. This year, parents and carers will be able to place the orders themselves via the Cauliflower cards website. Please log on to <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk/>, click on online project parent order and follow the instructions. You will need the individual order codes at the top of the form to order. The artwork will need to be returned to school in order for us to send it back to Cauliflower Cards by **Thursday 5th October**. Any orders after this date will need to be sent by yourselves. **Please tick the box on the form to confirm you have paid online.** A percentage of the money raised will go towards projects in school, so we thank you in advance for your support.

School shirts return plea

If your child has borrowed a shirt or polo shirt from us, please can it be cleaned and returned as our supply of spares are getting low. In addition to this, if your child is likely to need a change of shirt/ clothes throughout the day, then please can you ensure that they have these in a named bag in school daily.

2W Class Assembly

On Wednesday, 2W performed their class assembly. The children performed a poem based on the story, The Snail and the Whale and spoke about kindness, a theme from the book. They sang their songs beautifully and everyone spoke clearly and confidently: well done!



Vacancies within the Trust

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:

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and caring individual who can assist in providing a stimulating and creative environment for children attending the After School club (Monday to Friday, 3:10pm to 6pm)

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-team-member-1371443>

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

Walton Oak Primary School is looking to recruit a caring and enthusiastic person to join our Breakfast Club team. The right candidate will be willing to engage children in exciting play that makes them feel welcome and settled in our Breakfast Club (Monday to Friday, 7:25am to 8:35am)

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-team-member-1371436>

Best wishes,

Karen Oakley
Co-Headteacher

Jess Bugembe
Co-Headteacher

This week, the winning classes are:



Winning Class – 5W

Winning Class – 2B



Word of the week

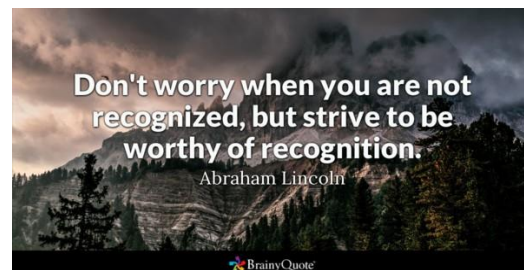
Each week, we will be sharing a word of the week. Please use this word with your child where possible, and encourage them to use it at home and school.

recognise (verb)

Meaning: identify from knowledge of appearance or character

Example: "I think I recognise that flower."

Origin: From Latin recognoscere 'know again, recall to mind'



This week we have been learning...

Reception	<p>In Reception we have been reading the story Tyrannosaurus Drip and have been working together to plan, build and create our very own traps to capture the T-Rexs! We've been exploring all the different things that make us unique and special and that it is okay to be different. In maths, we've been exploring our number bonds to 5 and have used numicon and bead strings to help us with our number investigations!</p> <p>Phonics: We've been learning how to sound out and read words as a class. We've been learning the sounds: i, n, m, d</p> <p>Rhyming words: sat/ mat, crown/ frown, log/ dog</p>
Year 1	<p>This week we have continued our story about the alien Beegu. On Tuesday we had a letter appear in our classroom and we caught footage of a spaceship flying over Echelford! We searched around the school for evidence of our special alien visitor Beegu. We have been writing letters back to her to tell her about the things we like to do on planet Earth. In maths we have been halving by sharing using cubes and practical resources. We have also been finding out about odd and even numbers in our maths meetings. In computing we have been giving beebots directional instructions to move in a maze and in RE we have been exploring where our food comes from and why Autumn is a good season for harvest. We all drew our favourite foods onto plates and shared our ideas with our group.</p> <p>Phonics: This week we have started to grow the code and learn some phase 5 sounds. We have learnt the alternative sounds ay, ou, ea and oy.</p> <p>Tricky words: We are practising the tricky words: said, says, you and do.</p>
Year 2	<p>In Year 2 this week we have been learning about the continent South America. This has formed part of our writing for the week. In Maths we have been finding the parts and the whole in addition and subtraction equations. Within Computing we have been learning about algorithms and coding. We are using 'Kodable' to teach simple instructions. In Science we have been learning about different habitats. 2B and 2K enjoyed watching 2W's class assembly on Wednesday - well done 2W, it was brilliant.</p> <p>Phonics: /sh/ - ti, ssi, si, ci: potion, mission, mansion, special,</p>
Year 3	<p>In our learning this week, the children have created wonderful storyboards retelling our Power of Reading text, 'Weslandia'. The children did well to sequence this story and then write their own original ending to the book. In Maths, we have started our second unit of the year, looking at three-digit numbers and the value of each number in the hundreds, tens and ones column. Continuing with our topic, 'From Farm to Fork' we have also started to look at urban and rural land in Britain and locating these areas on a map.</p>

	Spellings: To spell words where 'y' makes an /i/ sound. Mystery, gymnastics, lyrics, gym, symbol, myth, synonym, Egypt, pyramid, system
Year 4	<p>This week, in Literacy, the children designed a menu for the Iron Man using subheadings and headings to entice the Iron Man. We also explored how to use paragraphs correctly and put this into practise by writing a letter from Hogarth to the Iron Man apologising for trapping him. Year 4 have been focusing on column addition and subtraction in maths and have been able to make fantastic progress. Continuing with our topic of 'Electricity' the children sorted items in categories based on the way in which they are powered.</p> <p>Spellings: Words with the prefix -il, im and ir. For example: immature, illegal, irregular.</p>
Year 5	<p>It has been an exciting week for Year 5! After the visit from the Wonderdome on Tuesday, the children were inspired to design their very own planets, considering features such as its inhabitants, appearance and climate. They were able to draw this planet and then design their own double page spread filled with interesting information. In Maths, we have been learning how rounding can help us to estimate larger calculations. In Religion and World Views, we have been exploring what salvation is, and why Christians believe they need to be rescued by Jesus, as well as looking at the fall of man through the story of Adam and Eve.</p> <p>Spellings: Words with the suffix -cious. For example: luscious, delicious, atrocious, spacious.</p>
Year 6	<p>Year 6 have had a brilliant week this week. On Monday, the children travelled back in time to Britain at war, being able to fully immerse themselves in a variety of workshops that were planned for the day which included: a 'Digging for Victory' allotment session, an army-style 'Boot Camp' to prepare them for war, and a code-breaking 'Escape Room'. The children also looked fantastic in their outfits! In Literacy, we used our Power of Reading text 'Letters from the Lighthouse' to inspire some wonderful descriptive writing including a wide range of cohesive devices such as adverbials and pronouns to develop our writing. In Maths, we have been understanding and applying the order of operations to help us problem solve.</p> <p>Spellings: Words with the prefix over-. For example: overthrow, overreact, overlooked, overturned</p>

ACE Awards

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

Class	Name	Awarded
RD	Isaac	For settling into school and showing independence and resilience
RG	Harry	For working hard to practise reading and writing his new sounds this week.
RL	Evie	For working hard to write a sentence.
1A	Oliver	For excellent participation and trying hard to be his best this week!
1C	Elliot	For aiming high and using his phase 3 sounds in his letter writing to Beegu.
1H	Finley	For having a positive attitude towards his learning this week and for sharing his knowledge with such enthusiasm in class discussions.
2B	Owen	For trying his best in his learning and sharing his ideas with the rest of the class
2K	Elvy	For her excellent listening skills and focus in our lessons.
2W	Reggie	For setting a fantastic example to his friends and taking on feedback so quickly in his learning.
3BT	Arjan	For a great effort in his learning this week particularly in Maths problem solving.
3H	Jacob	For his excellent effort and attitude in our maths learning this week.

3S	Oliver	For his excellent effort in all his learning this week.
4LJ	Karam	For his huge improvement in behaviour for learning this week
4M	Tamera	For her wonderful effort and determination in her learning and her kindness towards her classmates.
4S	Toby	For his brilliant attitude to his learning and positive mindset.
5B	Darcie G	For using her toolkit strategies when faced with challenging situations.
5G	Summer	For her fabulous ideas during her Literacy writing this week.
5W	Caitlin	For always aiming high in her learning and modelling green choices to her peers.
6H	William	For aiming high with his maths learning by supporting his answers with reasoning where possible.
6J	Blu	For making amazing learning choices throughout the week
6W	Imogen W	For aiming high when writing a detailed, descriptive piece about the 'lighthouse'; ensuring she used a range of cohesive devices.

Gold Leaf Achievers

Special congratulations to: Freya A, Amber C, Amber S, Madeline B, Lexi B, Logan F, Rheya B, Alfie M, Harry E, Luna H, Jimmy C, Aahana S, Ibrahim O, Ebbenny W, Joshua K, Holly T, Oliver H, Learno P, Effie A, Effie A, Arvin K, Piper-Valentine L, Lennon F, Alexander B, Melody R, Millie J, Hallie F, Willow B, Theodore C, Leo W, Alfie E, Jaskirat D, Rory L, Helina M, Elsie Da, Grayson Bi, Rayan T, Savannah P, Aekambeer S, Sienna H, Finley J, Ava Y, Rosie M, Tommy H, Brooke F, Grace N, Aizah M, Hassan A, Issri R, Tia T, Erin M, Erin L, Teeyan B, Kesar R, Navraj B, Poppy R, Rose E, Bhavik S, Kaira G, Ellie D, Jude H, Reggie C, Elliot P, Amelia B, Theodore B, Maddie B, Connor R, Tommy Y, Ashreet K, Henry P, Toby M, Oliver K, Jesse S, Lydia Y, Aarav S, Isaac, Isabella H, Eesa N, Max K, Liliana R, Millie C, James W, Bessie G, Mya A, Lian Z, Harper L, Mason O, Toby D, Jocelyne S, Arthur P, Alesha B, Eleanor S, Amber P, Arifah R, Dawood K, Jamie T, Kian C, Tate S, Ibraheem K, Erin H, Lyla R, Annie V, Isobel P, Jacob M, Fiona G, Sophia H, Ilyas K, Jotham D, Joe W, Misha M, Anaiya D, Elif A, Zahra A, Freya E, William H, Blu A, Eryn L, Florence M, Liliana P, Chloe H and Yo Yo Y

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.

Term Dates for 2023 – 2024

October		
Sun 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	3.40-6.00pm	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	9.00am	PTFA AGM
Thursday 19th	3.15-4.15	PTFA Years 1 & 2 Autumn Disco
Thursday 19th	4.30-5.30	PTFA Years 3 & 4 Autumn Disco

Thursday 19th	5.45-6.45	PTFA Years 5 & 6 Autumn 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 22 nd	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 22 nd	9.00am	RL Class Assembly
Thursday 23 rd	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st		Half Term
June		
Mon 3 rd (two-week period)		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wed 5 th		Sports Day
Friday 7 th		PTFA Lolly Sale
Mon 10 th -Fri 14 th		Y1 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 12 th	9.00am	4LJ Class Assembly
Friday 14 th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Friday 14 th		Mufti for Summer Fair
Mon 17 th - Fri 21 st		Book Fair
Mon 17 th - Fri 21 st		Healthy Eating Week
Wednesday 19 th	9.00am	RD Class Assembly
Friday 21 st		PTFA Summer Fair
Friday 28 th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
July		
Mon 1 st - Fri 5 th		Celebration of Us week
Friday 5 th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 10 th	1.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 10 th	6.30pm	Year 6 production
Friday 12 th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 17 th	TBC	Year 6 Celebration Day and Colour Run
Wednesday 17 th	9.00am	Headteachers' Assembly
Friday 19 th	9am	Leavers' Assembly
Friday 19th		End of term
Monday 22nd		INSET Day 4
Tuesday 23rd		INSET Day 5



PUMPKIN POWER

RECYCLE YOUR PUMPKINS

after Halloween
using our food waste recycling service

**Did you know that
your pumpkin
could generate power?**



In Spelthorne we recycle food waste to generate electricity and make fertiliser.

Every year about 8 million pumpkins are thrown away after Halloween – that's a lot of electricity that could have been generated!

To recycle your pumpkin after Halloween put it out with your food waste bin on your collection day, it doesn't need to be bagged up, just put it on top of the bin.

If you don't yet use our food waste recycling service, don't worry, you can still put your pumpkin out on top of your normal bin and we will collect and recycle it.

Why not think about giving food recycling a go? It's a free collection that goes every week and we even give you the bins for free too!

For more information visit

www.spelthorne.gov.uk/foodwaste

Email: neighbourhoodservices@spelthorne.gov.uk

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