The Echelford Echo



Friday 13th October 2023

Weekly Issue Number 6

It has been wonderful to welcome parents and carers into school this week to share and celebrate the learning of the children. On Wednesday and Thursday, the hall and the gym were buzzing with the individual discussions teachers held with parents and carers. We hope that you found these useful to understand how your child has settled into the new school year. Our next parent teacher consultation will take place in the Spring term, however, if you would like to discuss anything regarding your child before then please contact their teacher via the school office or talk to them on the playground at the end of the day. Ensuring there is a strong home school relationship with good communication between home and school is pivotal in ensuring success for our children.

Throughout the week, we have also welcomed our Reception parents and carers into school to enjoy the first stay and learn sessions. It is always special to see how excited the children are to show their grown ups their classrooms and we hope that all those who were able to attend enjoyed being able to be part of their child's day.

Feeling Good Week

This week has been our 'Feeling Good Week'. We have been thinking about our mental health as part of Hello Yellow day. Everyone has been created a Zone's of Regulation Toolkit personalised to them and listened to a story with the theme of mental health e.g. worrying.

Supporting children to develop their own toolkit for understanding and managing their own feelings is something we continuously work on in school through our Zones of Regulation. Why not ask your child about the different zones, what they mean and ask them what they have in their tool kit? Some examples might be:

Zone	In this Zone I feel	To move out of this zone I could
Blue	Sleepy/hungry/ill	star jumps, splashing water
Green	Happy and ready to learn	
Yellow	Frustrated/ excited	Read a book, take some breaths
Red	Lost control/ elated/ angry	Rush a wall, run, take some time out.

Well done to 4S who shared a wonderful class assembly on Wednesday where they talked about World Mental Health day, the importance of being kind and Friendship.

Harvest Festival

Next Friday, we will come together as a school to celebrate the Harvest Festival. Each year, the generous contributions from our school community ensure the Food Bank that serves our local area is able to be replenished and that families in need receive these items. We kindly ask that donations come into school from Monday 16th October and children will be able to deliver them directly to the hall each morning until Friday 20th.

We will be accepting the non-perishable donations listed below:

- Tinned meat, fish and vegetables; fruit and rice pudding;
- Tea, coffee, drinking chocolate and long-life cartons of juice;
- Custard (powder or tinned), dry pasta, rice and pasta sauces; porridge and crackers;
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes for all ages, liquid soap, shaving foam and washing up liquid.

Individual School Photos

School photographs will take place on Wednesday 18th October. Individual photos and sibling photos will be taken. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and that long hair is tied up with hair bands that are small and plain in a neutral colour. Please do not use decorative or large bows or ribbons. Year 5 should come to school in their school uniform on this day. Please note that sibling photos can only feature siblings from the same household. Extended family members including cousins, aunts and uncles cannot be included.

Times Table Rockstars Competition

Well done to all Year 6 children who have worked hard this week within our Times Table Rockstars competition against the other Lumen Learning Trust schools.

A special well done to the following children who worked tirelessly all week and made it towards the top of the battle leader board for Echelford.

Arya - 6H Jazzlyn - 6H Meysam - 6H Yo Yo - 6J Yacine - 6H Zack - 6H Dija - 6J

Show Racism The Red Card

Last week, we shared with you that throughout the month of October we will be focusing on Black History month. As part of this work on Friday the 20th of October, children are invited to participate in Show Racism the Red Card Day. Throughout the week, children will be participating in an Anti-Racism activity that explores their identity and respects others. In support of them, children will be invited to wear a red t-shirt or accessory to school on the 20th of October (Friday). If you would like to donate £1, text 'RED' to 70470.

Time To Talk





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?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Vacancy 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

Our thoughts are with any of our Echelford families who have been affected by the recent events in Israel and Palestine.

Best wishes,

Karen Oakley Co-Headteacher Jess Bugembe Co-Headteacher

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This week, the winning classes are:





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.

exaggerate (verb)

Meaning: represent (something) as being larger, better, or worse than

it really is

Example: "I tend to exaggerate how neat my handwriting is."

Origin: The word originally meant 'pile up, accumulate', later 'intensify

praise or blame', giving rise to current senses



This week we have been learning...

Reception	We have had another great week in Reception. This week we read Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs which led to us making some amazing wanted posters for pirates. In maths we have been learning all about number 5 and the different ways we can show it. We have also continued our learning about autumn looking at different things that happen in this time of year like harvesting. Phonics: h, b, l, f Tricky words: is, I, the	
Year 1	We have been working through our 'Black History Month' checklist this week, we learned about Rosa Parks and enjoyed painting a portrait of her in Art. In Geography, we continued learning about the countries in the UK, we have used songs, websites and videos to deepen our knowledge. In Maths, we have started our new topic of addition within 10. We have been learning to combine groups of numbers together in addition equations such as $5 + 4 = 9$ and $2 + 6 = 8$. We used our part-whole models and numicon to help us. Phonics: Recap of ay (play), oy (boy), ou (cloud), ea (stream) Tricky words: all, of, I, are, one, today	
Year 2	This week we have been creating our own poems about the African Savannah, which has been linked to our Geography continents learning. We have used our knowledge of nouns, verbs and adjectives to create a description of the Savannah. Additionally, we have created fact files about Lions. Within maths we have continued adding and subtracting and by the end of the maths unit we should be adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers without regrouping such as 23 + 54 = 77 or 89 - 26 = 63. We used Dienes to help us and when talking used the sentence stem "I know so I also know". Reviewing sounds: sc, st, wr, wh, /sh/ Reviewing suffixes: -ed, -ing Review words with a schwa	
Year 3	This week, Year 3 have created book reviews for our 'Power of Reading' text, Weslandia. The children successfully summarised the story and were able to give their opinion on what they liked/disliked about Wesley's adventure. In Maths, we played 'Two Digit Targets' and 'Three Digit Targets' which can be found here: https://nrich.maths.org/6343 . We have also practised and reviewed our Common Exception Words. Spellings: Words that end in 'ture' e.g. adventure, mixture, creature, nature, moisture and puncture.	
Year 4	This week, Year 4 have been writing descriptions of the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon from our text The Iron Man and have also written a battle scene between this creature and the Iron Man using speech. On Tuesday, the children took part in a walk around the local area and made notes of the different features they saw; they used this to draw a sketch map of their route to identify key features. In Maths, they have been learning about the distributive law when tackling multiplying larger numbers. In Science, they have been making circuits and testing out which materials are insulators and which are conductors.	

	Spellings: This week the children have been tested on their Common Exception words
Year 5	This week, Year 5 have been writing their very own newspaper articles about the 1969 moon landing. The children have been researching the key facts, including the '5Ws' (who, what, where, when and why), and considering how we can write using a formal voice. In Maths, we have been learning how to read, interpret and present data on a line graph. Year 5 have also been working on their orreries this week in DT; we have been preparing our resources ready to put them all together in the final week of term. Spellings: Words with the suffix -tial: confidential, torrential, preferential, essential, substantial, potential, residential, influential, impartial.
Year 6	This week, Year 6 have demonstrated determination and resilience in maths when learning how to solve problems using the long division method. In Literacy, we constructed a balanced argument debating the question: Should they destroy Budmouth Point lighthouse?' using our Power of Reading text, 'Letters from the Lighthouse' as inspiration. The children were also able to draw on their History knowledge to support their well articulated arguments. In Science, the children continued to develop their understanding of series circuits and their key components ready to apply this knowledge in DT next week. Spellings: Words containing the suffix '-ful'. For example: beautiful, doubtful, boastful, plentiful.

ACE Awards

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

Class	Name	Awarded	
RD	Parthveer	For showing amazing initiative towards his sounding out and independent writing	
RG	Savanna	Working hard to write captions in her literacy writing.	
RL	Anayia	For working hard on her reading this week.	
1A	Penny	For kindness in the classroom and playground.	
1C	Elodie	For contributing her fantastic ideas in our PSHE lesson.	
1H	Theo	For being such a kind friend to others and always lending a helping hand in the classroom.	
2B	Brooke	For her fantastic attitude to all her learning, in particular her writing this week.	
2K	Teddy	For his brilliant adjectives and verbs in his poetry writing	
2W	John	For his fantastic effort in his writing in Science this week.	
3BT	Nova	For always so kind to others and offering to help	
3H	Jessica	For her fantastic effort in her book review writing this week.	
3S	Abbie	For continually following expectations and being a great help around the classroom.	
4LJ	Isabella	For her outstanding use of oracy in our Literacy lesson	
4M	Charlie	For his hard work and determination in his Literacy learning this week.	
4S	All of 4S	For their wonderful contribution to our class assembly!	
5B	Fred B	For his fantastic and well-thought questions and contributions in class discussion.	
5G	Alazne	For the pride she always takes in her work, and for being a fabulous role model for her peers.	
5W	Jotham	For his consistent enthusiasm toward his learning, aiming high and modelling green choices to his peers.	

6H	Bachir	For showing great presenting skills and inspiring others when sharing his knowledge of Space to a Year 5 class.
63	Freddie	For an excellent opening to his balanced debate about Budmouth Point Lighthouse
6W	Lisa- Marie	For showing resilience and determination when tackling long division in maths.

Gold Leaf Achievers

Special congratulations to: Parthveer K, Freya W, Jude T, Charlie P, Arjan S, Jack E, Aryaa D, Muhammad Hamza F, Nova D, Isabelle S, Anaiya O, Alex I, Evie S, Bodhi M, Daniela A, Theo H, Avaani P, Elsie D, Ivy K, Ivy K, Olly W, Elodie P, Effie A, Helina M, Amber M, Grayson Bi, Aarya P, Ivy G, Willow B, Ava Y, Josh K, Jake T, Ava S, Ellis L, Ethan H, Dexter O, Zainab F, Myra S, Issri R, Franco B, Maximillian S, Myles S, Joseph E, Noah S, Jayjay N, Jaylen M, Zach H, Robyn C, Vidhaan S, Ellie D, Hannah P, Rayan M, Sofia W, Vivaan K, Eesa N, Yuvraaj, Isaac, Karam, Millie G, Mya A, Anaya A, Soha M, Evie M, Jaya P, Aaria D, Elisa A, Daniel I, Eleanor S, Emmilija M, Sara F, Tate S, Noemi O, Jaya S, William M, Bonnie D, Myla-Rose H, Erin H, Jotham D, Ethan P, Michaela B, Michaela B, Nevaeh J, Angel C, Shanie B and Gracie S.

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 Samuel in 4LJ who played in his first Rugby Tournament recently and won the 'Man of the Match'. He made some very impressive tackles and was very happy with his performance. Well done Samuel on your amazing performance.



Well done to Meysam in 6H who won the "Battle of Kent" – under 12's Kickboxing Tournament last Sunday. Congratulations Meysam on this amazing achievement.





Congratulations to Amber in 1H who has moved up to yellow hats in swimming. Well done Amber on this wonderful achievement.

PTFA NEWS

Join us for our crucial Annual General Meeting!

This one is a game-changer as we need to fill ALL committee

roles, and your vote truly matters!

Date: October 19th Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Community Room

Be there to help shape our future together!







A HUGE shout out to Lucy G and Mandy B for their incredible dedication in helping to clear out our PTFA cupboard and Garage!

They've built shelves, organized items, and fearlessly tackled those eight-legged "helpers." #Teamwork #PTFACleanup



Your School Lottery

Have **YOU** signed up yet? It's super quick and easy:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/echelford-primary-school-ptfa

Tickets are just *£1*. Each ticket enters you 3 draws.

The BIG Jackpot £25,000 Prize. A traditional lottery format – match the most winning numbers of all lottery players and the jackpot is yours! Plus

The Echelford School Prize Draw. All tickets bought and associated with Echelford are entered into a raffle, from which a single winner is selected each week.

Last but by no means least, you will also be automatically entered into the **Special Prize draw - Harry Potter Double Prize Bundle**. WIN a family trip to the Wizarding World at the Warner Bros Studio Tour, then take a family trip to see the mind-boggling Harry Potter and the Cursed Child at the Palace Theatre! It's a dream come true for little (and not so little!) wizards, witches, and muggles alike!

All prize money is yours to keep. It's lovely if you want to donate, but there is NO obligation to do so. You simply buying a £1 ticket, raises money to help enrich the education for the children of Echelford. Win-Win! May the odds be in your favour!



Term Dates for 2023 – 2024

October		
Sun 1st – Tue 31st		Black History Month & Walk to School Month
Mon 16th - Fri 20th		Put your Phone Away week
Mon 16th - Fri 20th		Recycling Week
Monday 16 th		Author visit for Put your Phone Away
Wednesday 18th		Individual and Sibling photos
Wednesday 18th	9.00am	6W Class Assembly
Thursday 19 th	9.00am	PTFA AGM
Thursday 19th	3.15-4.15	PTFA Years 1 & 2 Autumn Disco
Thursday 19 th	4.30-5.30	PTFA Years 3 & 4 Autumn Disco
Thursday 19 th	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

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Tuesday 12th	2.30pm & 3.30pm	Upper KS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th	9am	Headteachers' Assembly
Thursday 14th	2.30pm & 3.30pm	
Tuesday 19th	1.45pm	End of Term
Thursday 4th	T	Children retrum to achool
Thursday 4th Wednesday 17th	9.00am	Children return to school 4M Class Assembly
Wednesday 24th	9.00am	2K Class Assembly
Mon 29th Jan - Fri 2nd Feb	9.000111	Maths Week
Wednesday 31st		1C Class Assembly
Wednesday 515t		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	3.00pm	Costume Sale for World Book Day and
		Year 3 PTFA Bake Sale March
Wednesday 6th		3H Class Assembly
Thursday 7th		World Book Day
Fri 8th – Sun 17th		Science week
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Wednesday 13th Friday 15th	9.00	1H Class Assembly Young Carers Day
Fri 15th - Sun 17th		Year 5 Bowles Residential
Friday 15th		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
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Wednesday 1st	9.00am	3S Class Assembly
Monday 6 th		May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th		RG Class Assembly
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th	2.00mm	KS2 SATs week
Thursday 16th	3.00pm	Year 5 PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 20th - Fri 24th	2.30pm	Year 4 Rise Up Festival (Exact dates TBC) EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 21st Wednesday 22nd	2.30pm 2.30pm	
Wednesday 22nd Wednesday 22nd	9.00am	EYFS Stay and Learn RL Class Assembly
Thursday 23rd	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st	2.30piii	Half Term
June		
Mon 3rd (two-week period)		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wed 5th		Sports Day
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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	9.00am	Leavers' Assembly
Friday 19th		End of term
Monday 22nd		INSET Day 4
Tuesday 23rd		INSET Day 5



Free Online Cookery Courses and Workshops for Families



Do you want to have fun cooking together with your child? From soups to sweet treats – short courses and workshops delivered online for you to take part in after school with your child.

What will I learn?

- · Improve your practical family cooking skills
- · Create healthy meals and treats on a budget
- · Learn how to make healthier choices and food swaps
- New food ideas and tips for fussy eaters

New Three Week Course

Cooking Ideas for you and your child (ADHD, Autism and Neurodivergent)

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on this link or scan the QR code





Web: <u>www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning</u> Email: family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk

Tel: 0300 200 1044





FAMILY LEARNING



Free Courses and Workshops for parents and carers who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Are you new to the UK or did you go to school in another country?
These free courses and workshops are delivered online and can help you support your child with school and family life.

What will I learn?

- Understand the education system in England
- How to support your child with schoolwork including reading, phonics, grammar and the language of maths
- · Tips on raising bilingual children
- Practise your English language skills

New EAL workshops:

Adapting to Secondary School Let's talk about Life Online How to talk about my Neurodivergent Child

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on <u>this link</u> or scan the QR code





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A helping hand for a healthier family

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child?

Be Your Best is a free service for Surrey families with children aged 0-12 who are above the healthy weight range.

We can help you make a positive difference to your child's health and wellbeing.

Families will be offered 6 one-to-one sessions and 6 online group sessions.

Sessions include:

- Live cooking workshops
- Interactive supermarket tours
- Meal planning for the whole family
- Reducing anxiety
- Managing screen time
- How to become an active family
- Importance of sleep



One-to-one sessions:

Consist of home visits and take place at a mutually agreed time.

Group sessions:

Tuesdays or Thursdays 4 - 5.30pm via Zoom

Family Fit sessions:

Wednesdays 4.30 - 5pm via Zoom

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