# The Echelford Echo

#### Friday 20th October 2023

It is difficult to believe how quickly we have arrived at half term. A special well done to all of our reception children who have completed their first half term of school: they certainly deserve a week off to rest!

Last night, many of our children in years 1-6 joined together for our Autumn disco. There were some great dance moves witnessed as the children enjoyed this social opportunity to spend time with their friends. A huge thank you to the PTFA and all of the parent and staff volunteers who gave up their time to ensure the event was possible and such a success.

It was wonderful to be able to join together this morning as a whole school to celebrate Harvest. As well as joining together in some Harvest songs, the children took the time to think about the importance of sharing. We reflected on the message that "Small things can make a big difference, so sharing the little you have is great." A huge thank you for your generous donations and contributions to our Harvest. The food will be distributed in our local area to Manna food bank in Shepperton and St Saviour's food bank in Sunbury.

#### Show Racism the Red Card

It has been lovely to see so many children wearing red accessories and t-shirts today for 'Wear Red Day'. This week, each class has discussed the similarities and differences between each other and the characteristics that form our own identity.

A reminder that if you wish to donate  $\pounds 1$  to 'Show Racism the Red Card', you can text **RED to 70470**. This costs  $\pounds 1 + a$  standard rate message.

#### **Echelford Geography Bee**

We are excited to launch the Echelford Geography Bee competition. Attached to this edition of the Echo is a set of instructions, hints and an all-important page of lists. Please encourage your child to learn as many pairs of countries/capitals as they can from List 1 over half term. These will be tested in a fun 'bee' style quiz in their classes, before the challenge gets a little harder.

The first Heat is in the week commencing 12th November. Good luck!







#### Weekly Issue Number 7

#### Staff News

This week we said goodbye to Miss Kokil, Class Teacher in year 2, has left Echelford to pursue other opportunities. We wish her well for the future.

#### **6W Class Assembly**

On Wednesday, 6W shared their class assembly with siblings, parents and carers. We celebrated Black History Month by shining a spotlight on the incredible achievements of the Hidden Figures: four remarkable African-American women who made history and broke boundaries in the world of science and space exploration. Our assembly highlighted the importance of recognising the wonderful contributions made by people from African and Caribbean descent and how they have helped shape the world we live in today.

#### **Remembrance Visit**

Year 6 had an exciting opportunity this week to be taken on a

journey back to World War One with a visit from Scott Green; an artefact and memorabilia collector and WWI and II enthusiast. The children were able to explore various pieces of memorabilia, each with a unique and fascinating story straight from the battlefields of the First World War. Scott shared his own experiences of visiting Somme and Flanders Fields, where he himself stumbled upon artefacts still lying in the place where soldiers fell. All of the children were fascinated with the various artefacts and stories he had to share, giving the children further insight to consolidate their History learning on World War Two.

#### **Author Visit - Lucy Moreland**

This week, we were delighted to host local author, Lucy Moreland. In assembly, Lucy read her story: 'The Phone Away Day' to all of the children in the school and asked them to consider what interesting activities they might get up to if they were not allowed to be on a screen for a day. We had some great responses, from visiting a local park to playing with Lego. For our older children, Lucy then ran a workshop to help inspire their creative writing and even answered a few questions from our Reading Ambassadors. We thank you for your support of our first author visit of the academic year as many children were able to take home a signed copy of the book.

#### **Boys Football - League Game**

On Tuesday, the Boys' Football team had their first league match against Chennestone Primary School. From start to finish, they all demonstrated great teamwork skills and sportsmanship; this was reflected in the score (4-2 to Echelford). The entire squad should be extremely proud of themselves. Thank you to everyone who came to support and a special thanks to Mrs. Harraden (www.hayleyscottphotography.co.uk) for capturing some great moments within the game. Well done to the team on a brilliant start to the season.













#### Year 6 - Netball

On Thursday, a group of Year 6 children travelled to Cleves School for a High-5 Netball tournament. All three teams had a brilliant time and won all of the matches they competed in. We are continually proud of all of our pupils for demonstrating our Green Values and being outstanding ambassadors for our school. Well done!



#### **Borrowed Clothing**

We are changing the clothing of lots of children throughout the day but unfortunately, we are not getting very many items returned. If your child has to be changed during the day, please can we ask that the borrowed clothing is washed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

#### **Carrier Bags**

If you have any spare carrier bags at home please can you bring them into the school office as we are getting very low.

#### **Pupil Data Collection**

We are no longer sending home the pupil data sheet for parents to check and amend. If there are any changes that need to be made please ensure you complete the Change of Contacts form which can be found on our website under Parents - Online forms.

#### Vacancies Within the Trust

Echelford School is recruiting: Your Community Needs You!

Are you friendly, reliable, willing to work outdoors in all weathers and physically fit, to ensure the safety of children and parents?

Do you care about your community and have a little time to spare?

If the answer is yes, we have the perfect job for you! Echelford school are recruiting for a school crossing patrol officer. For more information please visit: https://www.eteach.com/job/school-crossing-patrol-officer-1378197

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 <a href="https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1378206">https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1378206</a>

#### **Time To Talk**





### In the news this week

Things to talk about at home ....

Phones can be a useful tool and can help us in our day-to-day lives. They can help us to call a friend, read the news, or even be used as a calculator. Spending lots of time on a phone, or screen, can impact our well-being, our concentration, and our quality time with friends and family.

- Share your thoughts on this week's news. Do you think we spend too much time on our phones?
- What things can you do at home that don't require the use of a phone?
- How can we spend less time on our phones and devices?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments:

Best wishes,

Karen Oakley Co-Headteacher Jess Bugembe Co-Headteacher

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This week, the winning classes are:



Winning Class – Year 4

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.

#### awkward (adjective)

Meaning: deliberately unreasonable or uncooperative Example: "This website is being so awkward." Origin: late Middle English (in the sense 'the wrong way round, upside down'): from dialect awk 'backwards, perverse, clumsy' (from Old Norse afugr 'turned the wrong way') + -ward. "It's not that I am scared to express how I feel towards you, but rather I am fearful of the awkward silence that follows afterward..."

– Karen Isabella

#### This week we have been learning...

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Reception	This week the Reception children started their week going on a bear hunt which linked to our story this week. The children found clues around the school and used key vocabulary from the book such as over, under and through to navigate their way around the school. From this we went on an adventure to the lighthouse to create a map or our bear hunt. In our outside area the children have enjoyed using the puppet theatre to retell the story and recreate the hunt. In maths we have been focussing on numbers 1-5. The children have been learning all the number bonds that make up each number. <b>Phonics: Recap all phase 3 words Tricky words: the</b>			
Year 1	This week we enjoyed our author visit for phone away day and we wrote postcards about screen free things we would like to do! In maths we have been subtracting using part whole models and number lines. We have tried so hard remembering all the movements in our dance this week, well done year 1. In RE we have been talking about Harvest and what we can do to give back to our community. We loved singing our Harvest songs in assembly. Have a brilliant half term break from the year 1 team! <b>Phonics:</b> We have been recapping our alternate sounds "ai/ ay" "ou/ ow" and "oy/ oi" <b>Tricky words: Phase 3 tricky words</b>			
Year 2	This week in Year 2 we enjoyed our author visit and have written postcards home about our ideas for our own Phone Away Days. Also, we have finished learning our first dance focussed on the continent of Europe, and have begun learning our second dance from the continent of Asia. <b>Reviewing sounds: `ti' `si' `ture' `y' `ie' `ea'</b>			
Year 3	After a very exciting author visit, Year 3 was inspired to put our gadgets away and take learning to the Lighthouse where children made human pictograms as part of this week's learning on graphs. The children have collected various data from their friends, from transport to school to favourite holiday destinations and have found different ways to represent results. In Literacy, we have come to the end of 'Charlotte's Web' and recapped our learning from our 'Farm to Fork' topic. We wish you all a restful half term and look forward to seeing the children again in Autumn Term 2. <b>Spellings: actual, bicycle, answer, circle, enough, earth, fruit, island, often, popular.</b>			
Year 4	This week, Year 4 has finished reading our core text, The Iron Man. The children have created a book review about the text and an exciting conversation using dialogue between the Iron Man and the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon. In DT, we created our own light up Iron Man figure, using our circuit knowledge from our science learning this term. In Maths, we have been continuing on our topic of multiplication, progressing to short term multiplication. We look forward to Year 4 returning next term for Autumn Term 2! <b>Spellings: Continuing to practise our Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words.</b>			
Year 5	This week, Year 5 have been thinking in further detail about Black History Month, and researching a number of influential black women to write about during Literacy lessons. In Maths, we have been learning about timetables, and considering all the ways timetables are used to keep our society running, such as trains, schools and even television scheduling. In Computing, we have continued to program our own Space themed games using Scratch, and the children have been learning to debug any errors in their coding whilst doing so. <b>Spellings: Words with the suffix -ial and -ially:</b> initial, initially, provincial, commercial, commercially, spatial, financial, financially, palatial, controversially.			
Year 6	This week, Year 6 reflected on the great achievements of influential British black women - conducting their own research to write up a detailed biography during our Literacy lessons. In Maths, we completed our new learning on long division and began to revise our knowledge of fractions ready for our new topic next half term. On Tuesday, the children were able to finally construct their own lighthouses using our Power or Reading text: 'Letters from the Lighthouse' as inspiration as well as merging their understanding of series circuits in electricity. <b>Spellings: Words that can be nouns and verbs.</b> <b>For example: produce, impact, transport, contest, increase</b>			

#### **ACE Awards**

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

Class	Name	Awarded			
RD	Samko	Always making Green Choices and setting an excellent example, as well as your amazing efforts in reading.			
RG	Zack	For his dedication to never give up on his learning this week!			
RL	Alex	For his amazing effort in handwriting this week!			
1A	Chloe	For excellent handwriting this week and practising her tricky words.			
1C	Harry	For using his phase 3 phonics and tricky words in his writing.			
1H	Ava	For showing great teamwork skills this week and helping others with their learning.			
2B	Ethan	For his superb effort within his learning and being an excellent classmate to his peers.			
2K	Erin L	For her fantastic effort in Literacy to create a descriptive piece of writing about the Savannah.			
2W	Rico	For his enthusiasm and effort in our dance lessons and for being so helpful in looking after our classroom.			
3BT	Ashreet	For her positive attitude to all learning and being a kind friend.			
3H	Billy	For making an excellent effort to make green choices this week. Well done Billy!			
3S	Darcy	For the tremendous effort and improvement in your reading this term! Keep it up!			
4LJ	Latia	For working so hard on her reading and moving up to Lime books.			
4M	Millie C	For her determined attitude towards her maths learning and for consistently making green choices.			
4S	Mohammed	For his excellent reasoning in his maths lessons this week.			
5B	Daniel	For using his individualised toolkit successfully to regulate and be in his green zone.			
5G	Sydney	For her positive attitude towards her learning, and for consistently making green choices.			
5W	Ilyas	For consistently aiming high and challenging himself during Computing sessions, creating a detailed Solar System on Scratch.			
6H	Matilda	For consistently demonstrating great Oracy skills and for encouraging her peers to use the 'Instigate' sentence starters where possible.			
6J	Lola	For persevering in Maths to develop her understanding of long division			
6W	John	For showing determination to challenge himself in his Maths learning this week.			

#### **Gold Leaf Achievers**

Special congratulations to: Eloise D, Elijah B, James B, Shiloh M, Elishama B, Aahana S, Jimmy C, Luna H, Ebbenny W, Savanna H, Zack M, Henry H, Beau S, Cristian S, Nia L, Isaac P, Jess B, Grayson B,Emelia J, Hugo G, Elijah J, Michael G, Emelia J, Elliott V, Hallie F, Ayaat Z, Hugo G, Rory L, Elsie Da, Thomas G, Jessica J, Grayson Bi, Laksh K, Kanan A, Alfie E, Leah A, Sienna S, Rehanuddin M, Tommy H, Jaxon B, Owen J, Sahib T, Amber J, Idris K, Shan N, Frazer D, Brooke F, Mohan Veer A, Jayjay N, Nathaniel L, Saoirse M, Jasmine P, Reggie C, Sukhpreet Kaur T, George W, Elia D, Theodore B, Jude H, Alex T, Alex T, Jacob J, Gurdeep B, Oliver K, Jonathan B, Darcy O, Evie G, Jaxon W, Maiya W, Jasmine W, Zachary A, Samuel W, Amelia S, Liliana, Jake Me, Isabella H, Karam G, Lian Z, Jasleen B, Harper L, Erika Z, Millie C, Finley M, Jaya P, Evie M, Aaria D, Soha M, James B, Dylan F, Diego A, Rosie W, Darcy H, Chloe M, Mannat K, Lily C, Shane C, William M, Erin H, Myla-Rose H, Isobel P, Jaya S, Fiona G, Jacob M, Freya M, Oscar C, Ellie B, Freddie B, Freya E.

#### 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 31 <sup>st</sup>		Black History Month & Walk to School Month						
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							
Wednesday 13th	9am	Headteachers' Assembly						
Thursday 14th	2.30pm & 3.30pm	Lower KS2 Christmas Performance						
Tuesday 19th	1.45pm	End of Term						
	T	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	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						

Wednesday 12th	9.00	1H Class Assembly
Wednesday 13th	9.00	
Friday 15th		Young Carers Day
Fri 15th - Sun 17th Friday 15th		Year 5 Bowles Residential
/		Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20th	4.00.7.00	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
Monday 15th		April Children return to school
Wed 17th - Fri 19th		
		Year 4 Bikeability Level 1
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	0.00am	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 <sup>th</sup>		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 <sup>th</sup>		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	ТВС	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



## 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.

For more information visit **www.spelthorne.gov.uk/foodwaste** Email: neighbourhoodservices@spelthorne.gov.uk Phone: 01784 446411

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!





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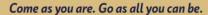
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