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## Co-Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the updated Echelford Echo. We hope you enjoy our new format and find the information shared each week useful and easier to access.

We have carefully considered the information that is most useful to you as parents and carers each week which can be read, digested and then also referred back to throughout the week. We want the newsletter to keep you informed with information about what has been happening during the week in school as well as reminders about what is coming up in the future. Our newsletter also celebrates the individual successes of children both in school and out of school. All of this information will be included in the main body of the newsletter each week.

You will notice that there are a number of quick links on the left-hand side of this page. These will take you directly to separate pages of our website. They include links to term dates, online forms and information about pastoral support in school. Each week, you will be able to use the 'we have been learning' link to see what each class has been learning throughout the week. Our curriculum link shares information about the whole curriculum for each year group. This is the area to visit when you want to find out more detail about what your child will be learning about or has been learning at school. For each year group, you will see an overview of the curriculum for the whole year and then the curriculum web and knowledge organisers: we have just updated these documents for this half term. We hope that all of this information helps you to feel informed about the learning that is taking place in school and supports you with conversations about school, at home (beyond the limited responses that you might get when you ask your child what they have been learning)!

Our first curriculum visits and experiences of the term have taken place this week for some of our year groups. On Monday, our year 6 children took part in a Macbeth inspired day involving three morning workshops which they have built on this week to write a poem based on the witches potion.

On Tuesday, Year 1 were immersed in their new topic. The children dressed up as Superheroes and introduced the book 'Traction Man'.

Year 3 enjoyed a visit from Chertsey Museum on Wednesday to explore hundreds of Stone Age artefacts and replicas - a fantastic start to their topic this term.

Pictures of all of these experiences can be seen on our school Facebook page and the link on the left will take you directly to this information.

After school today, our Girls football team will be playing their first match of 2024. They hope to continue their unbeaten record and we look forward to sharing with you information about their match as well as more learning highlights in our newsletter next week.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



## Preparing for inclement weather

You may be aware that even colder weather is forecast from the middle to end of next week with the possibility of snow. As a school, in the event of snow we will endeavour to remain open if possible. Any decisions made will be based on risk assessment. This also includes ensuring we have enough staff to safely open as many of our teachers have to travel from further afield. If the school is required to close or delay opening until later, we will communicate this via a text message as well as on our school website and social media. Work will be set for children via Google classroom which all children will be expected to complete. This week, staff have ensured that all children have a login for Google Classroom and these will be stuck into their reading records. If these are needed, information will be sent to you about how to access google classroom etc. Hopefully this won't be necessary but it is always good to be prepared!

## Reception 2024 applications

The closing date for Reception applications for September 2024 entry is 15th January 2024. Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

## Our school app

Live and ready for you to install, our school app is available free of charge on your mobile device via the iOS App Store or Android Google Play. Just search for 'School News', look for the dark blue logo (right) and install to give you access to the key parts of our website: including our website school calendar, a quick contact tab as well as handy extras to connect you to key school information and online forms. The app calendar will even allow you to add school events to your own device calendar so you need never miss an important date again. Make sure you install it today!



Please visit this link for full instructions on how to install the app on your device:

<https://www.echelfordprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Our+News+%26amp%3B+Events+App&pid=113>

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## Vacancies within the Trust

### Darley Dene School in Addlestone 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 see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1390677>

### Riverbridge Primary School in Staines is recruiting

We are looking to appoint enthusiastic and creative Teaching Assistants/1:1 Teaching Assistants with a 'can do' attitude who are passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team

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### Riverbridge Primary School in Staines is recruiting

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic person to join the team in our extremely popular Breakfast Club

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/breakfast-club-assistant-1394819>

## 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 John in 6W who recently took part in the first round of the Arenacross tour in Manchester.

He rode like a pro and came in 1st position in both of his races! He is very proud of himself and so are his family and friends. Last year he came 2nd so was determined to win this year. Well done John on this amazing achievement.



Well done to Imogen in 3S who took part in a 10K walk last Sunday around Bushy Park with the London Irish under 14's rugby team, who her brother Dylan plays for. Imogen also plays rugby so was keen to join in. This was all in aid of raising money and awareness for CRY cardiac screening charity. Imogen did a great job walking round and they had a great turn out of over 100 people taking part. Congratulations Imogen on this wonderful achievement.





## School Awards

### Class Learning Awards

The following classes were this week's winners, working as a team whilst using our curriculum online resources. Well done!



**Class: 3BT**



**Class: RG**

### Green Values Award

Every week, an award is presented to a child in each class for embodying one of our Green Values. Congratulations to those children who have represented one of our values so brilliantly this week.

RG	Saira	RL	Jian	RO	Thea
1A	Jeetji	1C	Melody	1H	Grayson
2A	Georgina	2B	Amber	2W	Sukhpreet
3DT	Henry	3H	Iona	3S	Jasmine
4EJ	Elsie-Jayne	4M	James	4S	Aaria
5B	Reggie	5G	Zoe	5W	Misha
6H	Summer V	6J	Chloe	6W	Angel

### Gold Leaf Achievers

Every week, we celebrate those children awarded a Gold Leaf this week for their effort and achievement in their learning.

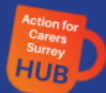
Savanna H, Saira A, Harry E, Radin M, Jimmy C, Holly T, Liahna D, Bentley V, Alex I, Deanna S, Holly T, Jian S, Blake B, Meera U, Adela F, Jovan G, Ayda W, Samko C, Thea B, Kaleb T, Amrit R, Madeline B, Ayaat Z, Hugo G, Sienna H, Ivy G, Savannah P, Finley J, Rory L, William G, Jasmine P, Saoirse M, John B, Jenson W, Kaira G, Robyn C, Reggie C, Jenson W, James W, Harper L, Lian Z, Sophia H, Elijah N, Annie V, Lyla R, Oscar C, Erin H, Misha M, Freya M, Ilyas K, Bonham J, Shane C, Jacob M, Jaya S, Caitlin M, Lewys J, Sienna L and Liliana P.

**On behalf of the Echelford Primary staff team, we wish you a pleasant weekend.**



## What's on Shepperton Hub January

The Greeno Centre, Glebelands  
Gardens, Shepperton, TW17 9DH



**Carer Support Adviser is: Barbara Bowden**



### Support Groups

**Parent Carers— Wednesday 17th Jan 10.30am—12 noon**

**Plus Family Information Services will be joining us.**

**A safe place to share how you feel as a Carer**

**Come along & meet people in the same situation**



### Carer Events

**Family Information Services will be staying after support  
group offering 1-2-1 sessions at the Hub on**

**Wednesday 17th January, 12.30pm—2pm**

**Please pre-book your slot (20 mins)**

You'll find more details of these events on our website, and you can  
register your interest in the event/s there.

You can also call to register on 0303 040 1234 option 1; or simply  
email us at [CSAdmin@actionforcarers.org.uk](mailto:CSAdmin@actionforcarers.org.uk)

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NOW**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Are you a parent or a grand-parent with some time to spare?  
Would you like to help young families?**

Home-Start Spelthorne is a local charity which supports parents from all backgrounds and cultures, who are going through challenging times. Our Home Visiting Volunteers have parenting experience and visit families weekly to offer emotional and practical support. This parent to parent support is a simple yet effective way of giving hope and enabling families to get back on track.

Find out more!

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[home-startspelthorne.org/home-visiting-volunteers](https://home-startspelthorne.org/home-visiting-volunteers)

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