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Co-Headteachers' Message

It's hard to believe that we have already reached half term and are now halfway through this academic year.

It was a fantastic turnout at our Echelford Expo after school on Wednesday and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity as a family to visit the different classes and spaces around the school. There was a lovely buzz of excitement and a fantastic showcase of learning that the children have taken part in so far this academic year. Once again, the food sampling from AIP, our school caterers, proved very popular indeed!

This week, our Reception parents have also enjoyed spending time in school as part of the Stay and Learn sessions. The children of all ages are always very proud to share their learning with their families and we look forward to similar events in the future.

Thank you to those of you who have already completed our parent and carer survey. Please use the QR code below to take you to the form to complete this. All of the responses are looked at with SLT and help to inform our next steps and future actions as a school so your feedback is always appreciated.

Other highlights this week have included a wonderful assembly on Wednesday by 3DT all about the Stone Age, a house competition and Safer Internet Day. You can see more about these on our Facebook page. There are also pictures of the Year 3 sleepover and Young Voices, which took place last Friday.

After such a busy end to the half term, we hope you all enjoy the half term break and we look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 19th February.



Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

Staff News

Miss Cottle has made the decision that she will be moving back to Wales at the end of this academic year. Sadly, the commute for her to remain at Echelford would be too long and this means that she will leave us at the end of the year. We will be very sad to say goodbye in the Summer but understand her decision and wanting to be closer to her family.

Parent Workshop - Neurodiversity

Mindworks (formally CAMHS) have recently added a recording of their 'Navigating the Maze' training to the Mindworks Website, which is an excellent addition. Historically, parents have had to wait until their child has a diagnosis to access the course and, in some instances, navigate work and/or childcare around the course. Mindworks hope this recording will make the training much more accessible, with the added bonus that it can also be viewed by people hoping to learn more about how to support young people with neurodiverse needs.

Navigating the Maze: Navigating the Maze - online workshop:: Mindworks Surrey (mindworkssurrey.org)

















House Captains

This week, we have been participating in the Proud Cloud house competition as part of Children's Mental Health Awareness week. Each child had the opportunity to write things they are proud of in the different boxes on their proud moments sheet. We received a hefty 161 completed sheets and we have enjoyed reading through the variety of proud moments. Congratulations to Air House who won with 60 completed entries. We would like to congratulate everyone who participated and we hope that everyone continues to take the time to remind themselves of their proud moments; they should be proud of themselves every day!

KS Teamwear price rise

If you are thinking of buying any school uniform, please note there will be a price rise at KS Teamwear from 1st March 2024, so you may wish to make your purchases before then.

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.

Nut Free School

We would like to remind you that Echelford is a nut free school. Please do not give your child any food that contains nuts. This includes Nutella, pesto, cereal bars, peanut butter, chicken satay etc. If you are unsure, we would be grateful if you could check the ingredients before you pack their lunches.

Healthy Snack for Break Time

All children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school to eat during their break time. These should be in as little packaging as possible because we're also keen to reduce our use of plastics (e.g. no bear yoyos or fruit winders).

These snacks are limited to:

- Fresh Fruit
- Fresh Vegetables
- Dried Fruit
- Plain rice cakes
- Bread sticks
- Yoghurt tube
- · Plain crackers
- Pitta bread or Wraps (with no filling)

If children come into school with something that is not on the list, it will be sent back home. No cutlery should be brought in. A reminder that only Reception and Key Stage 1 children are provided daily fruit or vegetables as part of the Government scheme.













Vacancies within the Trust

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint two enthusiastic Teaching Assistants who can bring high quality support to children in our Early Years Foundation Stage. We are looking for individuals who are not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and be immersed in the children's play. For more information please see: https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1399591

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of 1:1 SEND Teaching Assistant at Saxon Primary School. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: https://www.eteach.com/job/send-teaching-assistant-1399607

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint an Early years teaching assistant who has a passion for creating lifelong learners, is committed to inclusion and equality and has high expectations of themselves and every child. If you would like to become a part of our friendly and inclusive support staff team and for more information please see: https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1402147

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.

Well done to Zack in 3H who played for Bedfont Eagles football team for the first time last Saturday and won the Man of the Match trophy. Congratulations Zack on this amazing achievement.



Congratulations to Octavia in RO who has moved from level 1 to level 2 swimming this week. Well done Octavia on this wonderful achievement.



Well done to Penny in 1A who was awarded her yellow and white belt at Shentie Martial Arts recently. Congratulations Penny on this fantastic 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: 2K

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	Luna	RL	Safa	RO	Cherish
1A	Kazim	1C	Jessica	1H	Ivy
2A	Aubrey	2B	Shan	2W	Sahara
3DT	Annik	3H	Iommi	3S	Lydia
4EJ	Kaya	4M	Ethan	4S	Marcelino
5B	Mannat	5G	Noemi	5W	Shane
6H	Emily	6J	Amreen	6W	Gaia

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Aryaa D, Luna H, Jack E, Louie H, Harry E, Teddy L, Evie S, Joshua K, Rohan M, Jind K, Blake B, Scarlett W, Bentley V, Anaiya O, Evie S, Yuna M, Alex I, Nellie-Mae H, Nova D, Isabelle S, Cherish T, Adela F, Tommy B, Amrit R, Jude T, Panav S, Tommy B, Penny M, Daniela A, Chloe P, Vinisha B, Arthur A, Rosie-Mae D, Bodhi M, Ismail K, Noor V, Max T, Effie A, Elsie D, Hallie F, Gurmukh B, Harry B, Florence G, Heidi D, Ivy K, Theodore C, Leah A, Helina M, Ava Y, Ivy G, Elsie Da, Amelia D, Ibrahim Y, Aekambeer S, Jaskirat D, Sienna H, Ayaan H, Jake T, Owen J, Jaxon B, Ava S, Ethan H, Tommy H, George W, Frankie C, Teddy J, Jude H, Kaira G, Levi-Rose M, Reggie C, Own A, Vidhaan S, Jennifer M, Thomas M, Safiyyah M, Mia B, Kaira S, Alana C, Nova H, Verity V, Hallie T, Arthur C, Robert A, Arjan P, Tamsin B, Maaria K, Evie G, Mason O, Wareez A, Bradley W, Chloe M, Darcy H, Eddie C, Summer H, Mason D, Amber P, Kian C, Hashveen K, Kornel P, Arifah R, Isabella S, Emmilija M, Sydney M, Jake P, Harleigh B, Noemi O, Eleanor S, Jocelyne S, Arthur P, Rajveer B, Zoe W, Juno M, Poppy G, Darcie H, Frank W, Timotei A, Jamie T, Tate S, Lily C, Erin H, William M, Ava A, Myla-Rose H, Lewys J, Oscar C, Sydney H, Misha M, Molly S, John S, Gracie S, Carmel C, Lisa-Marie O, Reem M, Callum C, Nirvan S, Henry T, Mary J, Shanie B, Ifeyinwa O, Lilly M, Imogen F and Jack G.

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

















KEMPTON CRICKET CLUB



We are excited to share that we will be running an Easter Camp at the club this year for players of **all abilities and experience** aged between 4 to 15 years old. The camp will be led by an ex England under 18 cricketer who is a level 2 qualified coach.

The camp will run from **Monday 08 April to Friday 12 April** from 10am-3pm. Its aim will be to develop all players cricketing skills while of course, having fun. The cost of the camp is £29 per day, with discounts available for booking all five days and siblings.

Players should bring a packed lunch, drinks and bundles of energy!

To book your child's place call Andy ASAP on 07795 831183 or email ward_andy@icloud.com

EASTER CAMP 2024













