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Co-Headteachers' Message

In our Monday assemblies so far this half term, we have been introducing the children to our new Curriculum Themes.

The staff have worked together to identify the key conceptual themes within our curriculum and ensured that these are at the heart of what we teach. We hope that these themes will support us to ensure our curriculum is engaging, progressive and cohesive for all of the children. The 7 Themes created are: Journeys, Our Wonderful World, Healthy Me, Power Conflict and Ideas, Diverse Heroes, Changes That Shaped Our World and Celebrating Differences.

The curriculum quick link on the left will take you to the curriculum part of our school website where you will be able to find more in-depth information about each curriculum theme and how these progress throughout the different year groups.

This week, we held our first ever Stay and Learn sessions for our Year 1 parents. Thank you to all who were able to participate in this event: the feedback from the workshop and time in class was really positive and we look forward to repeating similar opportunities in the future.

Other highlights from this week have included our Rocksteady assembly (there are still some places available for those children who would like to sign up to form a band). A fabulous assembly from 2A all about teamwork; a Year 6 Ancient Mayan experience day and a Year 3 Egyptian day. There are lots of pictures from these events on our Facebook Page.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

We will be taking part in World book day on Thursday 7th of March. All children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. On this day, we will be celebrating reading and books in school with a variety of activities which each year group are busy planning. We look forward to seeing the children's costumes - rumour has it a few members of staff may also be dressed up!

Spelthorne's Building a Better Borough Campaign

In the Autumn term, KS2 took part in a poster competition, as part of Spelthorne's Building a Better Borough Together campaign. The themes the posters covered were: litter, graffiti, climate change, recycling and speeding.

9 posters from Echelford won the competition! A huge congratulations to:

UKS2 - Darcy, Freddie, Ilyas, Lily W

LKS2 - Eesa, Jasleen, Nina, Keira, Tamsin

We look forward to seeing these posters used on Spelthorne's social media, on their digital screens, put on display in the community noticeboards, in the parks and highstreets and featured in the Spring Bulletin magazine.



Staff News

Miss Gerth will be leaving Echelford at the end of the academic year as she is relocating to the Oxford area. Whilst we are sad she will not be with us next year, we look forward to her being able to continue to develop our music and creative arts curriculum for the rest of this academic year. We have already started our recruitment for the next academic year and look forward to sharing any new appointment in the coming weeks.

Rocksteady Music School

Your child should have come home on Tuesday with a letter all about Rocksteady - a new music teaching school that will be coming into Echelford each week starting on Tuesday 5th March.

We currently have 45 spaces for children to take part. A reminder that places are allocated on a first come, first serve basis, so we would advise you to book quickly if your child is keen to join. We are particularly looking for singers, guitarists and bass guitarists. There will also be a waiting list so that spaces can be filled as needed.



SCAN ME

**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO
PLAY IN THEIR VERY OWN ROCK BAND?**

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or call 0330 113 0330 (local rate)
8am-8pm, Mon-Thurs, 8am-6pm Fridays

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ROCKSTEADY

Children work towards an official, exam-free
Ofqual regulated music qualification!

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

This year, Red Nose Day is taking place on Friday 15th March. We feel that this is an important time to come together as a whole school community and have some fun. The school council have met and shared ideas for celebrating Red Nose Day, including wearing mufti and exercise ideas.

To help raise money, we are inviting children to come to school wearing a red (or pink) t-shirt or accessory, if they would like to do so. Please note we encourage children to wear sensible clothes that are school and weather appropriate, for example t-shirts or long-sleeved tops. We also ask that long hair is tied up, hair is not dyed and children do not wear football tops. Red noses can be worn but please name these. Throughout the day, we will also be taking part in a "keepy uppy" challenge - how many "keepy uppys" can you do?



To participate in this fundraiser, we are suggesting a £1 voluntary donation via Just Giving from which all proceeds will go to Comic Relief.

<https://click.contact.justgiving.com/?qs=985ca38a60be511426b69631a7c60a703ccc4fdc9aa4160edcca7279d803084db3bd6231f6d7cfc29141adbf0737540809eaffa0495ff5e3>



Vacancies within the Trust

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children attending the After School Club (Wednesday and Thursday 3.30pm to 6pm). For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-team-member-1405065>

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting: We are 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 more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-team-member-1405047>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting: We are seeking an experienced, enthusiastic individual for the role of Governance Professional and Clerk to Directors to join our growing Trust, this is a part time role that offers flexible term time working. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/lumenlearningtrust/job/governance-professional-and-clerk-to-directors-1403073>

Riverbridge Primary School 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. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1406374>

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 Amber in 1H who started Rainbows this week: she had a great time with some friends from her class.



Congratulations to John in 6W who completed the Arenacross Tour at the weekend and was crowned 65cc Arenacross British Champion! He achieved 1st place in all 7 rounds of the competition. Well done, John, on this amazing success.



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: 5G



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	Arjan	RL	Ema	RO	Freya W
1A	Kamran	1C	Elijah	1H	Rory
2A	Zach H	2B	Ellis	2W	Rose
3DT	Ethan	3H	Avni	3S	Jesse
4EJ	Yuvraaj	4M	Liam	4S	Wareez
5B	Eddie	5G	Lily	5W	Jacob
6H	Archie-Joe	6J	Flo	6W	Consent to publish name not given

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Jimmy C, Arjan S, Safa M, Nia L, Holly T, Joshua K, Bentley V, Yuna M, Evie S, Jovan G, Jude T, Thea B, Lexi B, Adela F, Logan F, Ajus S, Teddy B, Arthur A, Jess B, Logan M, Vinisha B, Kazim Z, Daniela A, Noor V, Penny M, Learno P, Max T, Dotty H, Elodie P, Theodore C, Amelia D, Kanan A, Leah A, Willow B, Rayan T, Ivy G, Laksh K, Helina M, Luca I, Grayson Bi, Teddy K, Jason K, Jayjay N, Zach H, Muhammed M, Aizah M, Shan N, Vidhaan S, John B, Saoirse M, Frankie C, Own A, Robyn C, Sahara S, Levi-Rose M, Vidhaan S, Jude H, Rose E, Henry C, Adam T, Jessica W, Toby M, Elias M, Isaac V, Edyth M, Latia B, William R, Elizabeth C, Lily Wh, Preston H, Riley B, Darcie G, Daisy A, Chloe M, Kornel P, Sara F, Zoe W, Grace P, Shane C, Caitlin M, Myla-Rose H, William M, Lewys J, Fiona G, Annie V, Ethan P, Freddie B, Freya E, Arya A, Gracie S, Lilly M, Shanie B and Lisa-Marie O.

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



Little Kickers is coming to St Matthews Ashford:

Little Kickers provide boys and girls with a fun introduction to sport offering classes from 18 months to 5 years of age, the classes are held indoors every Sunday morning at St Matthews Church. With each class tailored towards the learning requirements of that specific age group. It's the perfect way to ignite confidence and social interaction.

18 Months - 2.5 Years: 9am - 9.45am
2.5 Years - 3.5 Years: 10am - 10.45am
3.5 Years - 5 Years: 11am - 11.45am

No Booking Fee and free Kit (Saving £27) during Feb & March!

For more information and to book
a **FREE TRIAL** Richmond@littlekickers.co.uk / 07944412836



Have your say on Surrey County Council's new Road Safety Strategy by completing the consultation below!

Dear parents and carers,

We need your help!

Surrey County Council are consulting with all residents in Surrey regarding a new road safety strategy which aims to cut road collisions resulting in death or serious injury, to zero by 2050.

What is Surrey County Council's Vision Zero Strategy?

The strategy includes a new policy for introducing 20 mph speed limits. We will be focusing on schools, residential areas and town centres. We will listen to the views of local people before we develop any new scheme. There is no intention that this will be a blanket approach to 20mph limits.

Please give us your say by completing the consultation via the link below:

<http://visionzerosurrey.commonplace.is>

Kind regards,

The Safer Travel Team – safetravelteam@surreycc.gov.uk



MADE IN SPELTHORNE

*A family activity day,
celebrating our
industrial heritage.*



Make a bendy toy, mill some grains, design a lino pattern, learn how to make lino, formulate a new drink and bottle label, follow the ever popular teddy trail.

Spelthorne Museum
Access via Staines Library
23rd March 2024
11am to 4pm
Admission Free

