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Co-Headteachers' Message

Our final four days of this term has equalled the business of the Spring term. On Wednesday it was wonderful to come together as a whole school and celebrate all of the children's successes this term as well as the individual children who had been awarded the Headteacher Award. It was particularly pleasing to be able to refer to how many of the children receiving the award have been consistently displaying our Green Values.

We have also enjoyed the opportunity to see many of you after school this week at our parent/carer teacher consultation evenings. We hope you found it useful to be able to speak with your children's teachers about their learning so far this year and the areas you can continue to support at home. We recognise and value the importance of a strong home school partnership in order to fully support each individual and opportunities to share information with you are so important. If you were unable to attend then your child's slip will be sent home to you after Easter.

Within our newsletter we share a roundup of the work our Diversity team have been carrying out so far this year as well as the key headlines from our recent parent survey.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school for the Summer term on **Monday 15th April**.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



Staff News

At the end of this academic year Miss Simon will be leaving Echelford to take on a teaching role in a SEND school within Surrey. This is an area of education she worked in prior to training to become a teacher and we know they will benefit from her experience.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Corcoran back from her maternity leave. After Easter she will be sharing the class responsibility for 4EJ alongside Mrs Johnson.

Rocksteady Band Sessions

Very excitingly, we are introducing a second day of Rocksteady band sessions on Mondays to allow more children to take part! If you haven't already signed up or are not yet on the waiting list, please do so.

We are also opening this opportunity to KS1, so anyone can give it a go!



Parent Survey Results

We are pleased to share with you some of the results of our recent parent survey. Thank you to all the families that contributed their feedback. All answers received positive feedback and the majority were above 90% for agree or strongly agree.

Here are some highlights:

- 97% agreed or strongly agreed their child feels happy and safe at Echelford
- 98% agreed or strongly agreed Echelford encourages children to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally
- 96% agreed or strongly agreed Echelford helps children to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics

We are particularly pleased the work of our Diversity Heroes; staff team and Parent/Carer Diversity Forum have been so positively reflected in these results.

Through this survey, we can see that an area to continue to develop is supporting parents and carers to understand how well their child is doing and what the next steps in their learning is. One step we have already taken is sharing the key learning objectives for each year group on our website. Your child's class teacher may have referred to this in your parent/carers consultation meeting this week.

Any individual points have been responded to by the relevant member of staff. As always please continue to share any further comments or feedback through the normal channels.

We thank you for your feedback and we will continue to work to develop Echelford to ensure the best outcomes for all of our children.



Diversity at Echelford



Diversity and inclusion are at the heart of what we do here at Echelford. We strive to ensure that our curriculum, values and wider school embrace our differences and celebrate them as one. Below, you will see how the children, staff and parent/carers have been contributing towards this.

Children:

Miss Holman and Miss Simon run the Diversity Heroes group at Echelford, with children ranging across the school, who meet monthly to discuss exciting ways to further embed diversity and equity in the school day. Our Diversity Hero leads have written some information below about what they have done this year.

We are the Diversity leaders!

At our school to show diversity, we do all types of things. We are designing a flag to go in front of our school. We have an Echelford festival planned out for July.

All our Diversity Heroes have signed up for a Show Racism the Red Card poster.

We have meetings every first Friday of the month to discuss how to make our school more diverse. We hope to have more events planned out.

Thank you for reading Elif (6H) and YoYo (6J).

Staff:

This academic year, a staff diversity team has been created who come together to consider the developments surrounding diversity and inclusion and where this can be embedded into all areas of school life. The team created the Parent/Carer diversity questionnaire to gauge an understanding of your views; we have started to forward think about our Celebration of Us week in July and we come together as a group to consider our next steps as a school community.



Diversity at Echelford



Parent/carer forum:

We have now had two parent/carer forums this academic year. The purpose of the group is to look at the whole school community in our race, inclusion, diversity and identity work; to work alongside parent/carers to ensure we are representing all and to discuss and plan next steps for Echelford and how we can achieve this.

We have discussed the work done by our Diversity Heroes, including the new school flag designs; Say No to Racism competition and our Celebration of Us week. In addition, we have thought of impactful ways to share diverse artwork in the communal areas of our school.

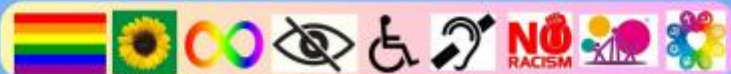


DIVERSITY PARENT/CARER FORUM



Do you want to ensure that everyone is represented and celebrated at Echelford?

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 20TH MAY
2.30PM-3.10PM**



**Diversity is the one true thing we all
have in common.**



Vacancies within the Trust

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025. There is the possibility that the contract will be extended subject to the funding from the DfE continuing. <https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1407402>

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are for a fixed term Teaching Assistant until the end of August 2024. 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-1411306>

Darley Dene Primary 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. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1410747>

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual who is qualified with a minimum of Level 3 Teaching Assistant to join our team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1410732>

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:

Do you have a passion for Early Years? Are you motivated by working within a high performing environment? We currently have an opportunity for a dedicated nursery Leader to join our Team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/nursery-room-leader-1411012>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint an Office Assistant 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/school-office-assistant-1410722>

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 Elijah in RO who achieved his stage 2 swimming badge last Saturday. Well done Elijah on this amazing achievement.



Well done to Jake in 4EJ who achieved his blue belt in Karate last weekend. Congratulations Jake on this wonderful achievement.





Congratulations to Lily Grace in 6H who earned her stage 4 badge and certificate in gymnastics last week. Well done Lily Grace on this fabulous achievement.



Well done to Jian in RL who recently completed his Spring Term 2024 of Bollywood Dancing and even took part in a performance in front of an audience. Congratulations Jian on this wonderful achievement.

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: 1C

Headteacher Awards

Many congratulations to all of the children who were presented with a Headteacher's award for their achievement this term.

RG	Luna Rose	RL	Alex	RO	Adela
1A	Lucy	1C	Elodie	1H	Theo
2A	Erin	2B	Ethan	2W	Frankie
3DT	Ashreet	3H	Iommi	3S	Darcy
4EJ	Samuel	4M	Millie	4S	Aaria
5B	Ranjot	5G	Rajveer	5W	Ilias
6H	Anaiya	6J	Hannah	6W	Ifeyinwa



Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Arjan S, Zack M, Maya Violet B, Maddie M, Jack E, Liahna D, Evie S, Nia L, Isabelle S, Alex I, Anastasia M, Anaiya O, Nellie-Mae H, Olly W, Sienna S, Savannah P, Laksh K, Ibrahim Y, Willow B, Alfie E, Rory L, Elsie Da, Ayaan H, Jake T, Issri R, Ellis L, Jaxon B, Alfie A, Ethan H, Rose E, Frankie C, Jessica W, Jaxon W, Toby M, Archie H, Eesa N, Latia B, Cody N, Lily-Mae W, Freddie Bo, Daniel I, Elizabeth C, Zoya R, Reggie A, Niharika J, Daisy A, Mannat K, Preston H, Freddie Ba, Tate S, Alesha B, Timotei A, Lily C, Hubert O and Summer H.

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



New Walking Instructors needed – please apply below

Dear parents and carers,

Surrey County Council are hiring new Walking Instructors to join their Safer Travel team to help train Year 3 primary aged pupils across Surrey.

What is the Feet First: Walking Training Programme?

[Feet First](#) is a road safety and active travel skills awareness course that is aimed at Year 3 pupils (aged 7-8 years old). It will provide pupils with road safety awareness skills, providing them with a key life skill that prepares them for travelling independently in the future.

What is a Walking Instructor?

We would like to hear from people who want to make a difference for primary school-age pupils, by encouraging them to feel more confident walking to school by equipping them with the necessary road safety knowledge and awareness skills. You will be directly leading the on-road training sessions with small groups of trainees, so you will feel confident engaging children of 7-8 years old both in the classroom and during the on-road training elements of the course. You



will also be confident working on your own, managing your own workload and timings, as although you may be attending schools with other Instructors, you will be expected to lead your own groups.

Full training provided.

So, if you are looking for a rewarding new role that is **term time only** and **flexible around school drop-off and pick-up times**, please apply using the link below:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=563>

Kind Regards,

The Safer Travel Team

WalkingTraining@surreycc.gov.uk

Surrey Community Lounge

Wednesday 3 April

3:30-4:30pm

All Ages

Virtual Workshop (online)

FREE

Calling all residents! Join Surrey County Council and the Spelthorne Resource Centre for an online crafting Surrey Community Lounge event! We will create 3D animal portraits using a variety of materials you may have at home.

[Book your place](#)





Spelthorne Resource Centre
Staines Park,
Commercial Road,
TW18 2QJ

Book now!

Saturday Craft Club

Our Saturday Morning Craft Club provides children aged 5-9 years with the opportunity to take part in art and craft activities, learn new skills and have fun. With guidance from staff the children will be able to make and create their own art and craft masterpieces.

Dates:
Saturday 20 April - Saturday 25 May 2024 (6 sessions in total)

Times:
Sessions run on Saturday mornings during school term. Sessions are at 10am-11am and last one hour.

Cost:
£4.80 per session or £28.80 for the term. Fees are payable in advance at the beginning of each half term and must be pre-booked as spaces are limited.

Location:
The Resource Centre is situated in Staines Park, Commercial Road, Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 2QJ.

Booking:
Sessions must be pre-booked. To book, please visit www.spelthorne.gov.uk/craftclub



STANWELL YOUTH DANCE PROJECT

Sessions run on Tuesdays throughout the year at **Stanwell Youth Centre, Hadrian Way, Stanwell, TW19 7HE**

Ages 10-14: 5.00pm-6.00pm
Ages 14-18: 6.00pm-7.30pm

Dance styles include contemporary, creative development, movement games and interdisciplinary creation.

All abilities welcome.

Booking not required, simply drop in.

For more information, please contact leisure@spelthorne.gov.uk

Sessions are FREE

Stanwell Events
Community Project



Spelthorne Resource Centre
Staines Park,
Commercial Road,
TW18 2QJ

Spring art open day

Saturday 13 April, 10am - 2pm

£1 per child (50p for siblings). No booking necessary.

For families with children aged 4-11 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Space is offered on a first come first serve basis, so you may be required to wait. Due to limited space and fire safety procedures in the Resource Centre we politely ask people not to come with a pushchair or buggy.

Spelthorne Resource Centre: 01784 461769
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www.spelthorne.gov.uk/resourcecentre



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2nd & 9th
April
10-1pm**

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MAYOR'S CYCLE FUN DAY!

Calling all families and bike enthusiasts!
Get ready for a day of non-stop fun this Easter.

Scooter and skateboard workshops

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Bike checks and Police UV marking

Trails and competitions Arts & crafts

Free children and adult cycling lessons

Cycling for Health

**Bring a
picnic!**

BEST DRESSED BIKE!

Bring along your decorated bike
for a chance to win a prize!

SATURDAY

6 APRIL 2024



STARTS AT

11 AM - 3 PM



LAMMAS PARK

STAINES-UPON-THAMES



For more information

www.spelthorne.gov.uk/MayorEvents

