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Co-Headteachers' Message

We have reached the halfway point of the academic year and our Expo which took place on Wednesday was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate, as a school community, the year and many successes so far. A huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend and take the time to see your child's learning as well as taking the time to explore and discover other classrooms and spaces around school to understand the variety and progression of our curriculum. Thank you also to those who visited our market in the hall to purchase some of the items that were produced as part of our Maths enterprise week. We are still tallying the final total and look forward to sharing with you the total amount we have raised for the NSPCC after half term.

Beyond the classroom, this week has been exceptionally busy with a range of enriching experiences. The whole school engaged with Safer Internet day on Tuesday. This year's theme was Smart Tech, Safe Choices: exploring the Safe and responsible use of AI. Thank you to Miss Horler, our Computing lead, for organising a range of activities for the children to engage with during this day.

Our Year 3 children showed great maturity during their "Feet First" walking training. Led by Surrey County Council, this programme is vital for developing the road safety skills needed for safe travel with families now and independent travel in the years to come. Meanwhile, our Reception children were transported to a world of make-believe during a visit from Little City. It was a joy to watch them build language and social skills while exploring different careers in their own miniature city.

Our older students have also been out in the community this week. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Gurdwara, while Year 5 visited St Matthews Church in Ashford to consolidate their recent learning. These visits are a cornerstone of our Religious Education and World Views curriculum, and we are incredibly grateful to our local faith communities for their warm welcome. Such opportunities are invaluable for helping our children understand and respect the diverse religions, customs, and practices that make our school community so vibrant and special.

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved and restful half-term break. The coming weeks promise to be just as energetic, so please do keep a close eye on the school calendar and upcoming newsletters for key dates. We look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready to learn, on Monday, 23rd February.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



Inclusion Insights

As we approach the half term, we wanted to share some resources that you may find useful to use at home. We have developed a padlet on our website for you to access these resources:

<https://www.echelfordprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Resources&pid=48>

On the padlet, you can find links to a range of websites which can offer advice as well as resources to support children with a variety of needs. We have recently added guidance from Team Teach, the organisation we use to support staff training on de-escalation. They have advice sheets on:

- Biting
- Demand avoidant behaviours

Through our work with the PINS (Partnership for Inclusivity of Neurodiversity in Schools) project, our parents and carers have been invited to join a number of workshops set up by Family Voice Surrey:

- 10 March, 12.30–2pm – Masking Workshop
Hosted by Leanne Henderson (Family Voice) and Jane Gupta (All Age Autism Strategy, SCC). To sign up, follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982506976735?aff=oddtcreator>

There will be opportunities to ask questions during the session, and if you have any specific questions you'd like addressed, please feel free to share these in advance by emailing PINS@familyvoicesurrey.org.

- 17 March, 7pm – Dyslexia Workshop
Hosted by Kate Goode (Family Voice) and the Helen Arkell Charity

Sign up details to be shared after half term

We also want to shared information about support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism or suspected autism in Surrey.

Barnardo's Cygnet Programme for parents of children aged 5-18 years old which covers:

- Introductory session
- Overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & sensory
- Social interaction & communication
- Understanding & supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

To book on one of these programmes, parents can [register their interest here](#) to sign up to the mailing list. They will then be emailed each time a new set of courses are added and available for booking. If you have any questions please email parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk.



Book Bingo House Competition

Earlier this week your child/children should have come home with a Book Bingo House Competition Sheet. Over the next few weeks, they are being encouraged to complete the reading challenges in order to earn points towards their house total. The deadline for this is Friday 6th March (the day after World Book Day).

Name : _____ ECHELFORD BOOK BINGO KS1 Class: _____ House: _____

Read a book with someone at home and take turns reading sentences	Listen to a book or story online (maybe a zoom with a relative)	Make a bookmark for your favourite book	Find an advert in a newspaper	Read a book which has an animal as a character
Make a mask or dress up with what you have at home as your favourite character	Read a book with a green cover	Read in your bed	Read a book with a one-word title	Read before dinner
Make a den and read inside for 10 minutes	Pick out 10 verbs or 'doing words' in your book	FREE SPACE 	Act out your favourite story	Read in the kitchen
Listen to a story while eating lunch	Read a hardback book	Read a funny story that makes you laugh	Read your favourite book to a teddy bear	Create a story (comic strip or written) with your favourite character included
Read a book that someone else chooses for you	Read a poem	Draw a picture of one of the characters in your book and describe him/her to an adult	Pick out 5 nouns from a fairytale.	Read a book about space

Name : _____ ECHELFORD BOOK BINGO KS2 Class: _____ House: _____

Read a magazine or comic strip	Listen to an audio book	Design a bookmark for your favourite book	Find an article in a newspaper	Read a book set over 75 years ago.
Make a mask or dress up with what you have at home as your favourite character	Read a book about your favourite sport or hobby	Read on transport (e.g. in a car/bus)	Read a book with a one-word title	Read after dinner
Create a den and read inside for 20 minutes	Read a chapter to a relative or friend	FREE SPACE 	Write a conversation between you and the main character in your book. What would you ask?	Read in the kitchen
Design either a poster or a new front cover for a book of your choice	Read a recipe (you might also want to make it)	Create some ideas for a sequel or a different ending of the book	Read a book that is set in a different country	Create a story (comic strip or written) with your favourite character included
Read a book that someone else chooses for you	Read a poem	Read an internet article about the environment	Read outside	Describe your favourite character to an adult in as much detail as you can

Big Bookmark Battle

A further House Competition we are taking part in is designing a bookmark. Please encourage your child to take part in this - their sheet should be returned to their class teacher by World Book Day.

Uniform reminders

The children pride themselves on wearing their Echelford uniform and representing the school. A few key reminders regarding accessories to ensure that all children are looking smart:

- A small wrist watch (or one that can count steps) is permitted. **Smart watches that can be used to communicate are not permitted.**
- Small & discreet stud earrings (these earrings must be removed for PE in compliance with the Lumen Learning Trust PE Policy). No other jewellery is permitted.
- Nail varnish, false nails, make-up and temporary tattoos are not appropriate for school and a pupil will be asked to remove these accessories if seen by a member of staff.
- All children with shoulder-length or longer hair must have it completely tied back; hair should not be worn in a half-up-half-down style.
- Short hair should be uniform in length i.e. not shaved in one part and excessively long elsewhere.
- Hair bands should be small and plain in the neutral colours of white, black, brown, beige and blue only.
- Decorative and large accessories such as bows, headbands and long ribbons are not appropriate for school as they serve no functional purpose. We also now request that large plastic claw hair clips are not worn to school as they can be hazardous in the playground. Pupils will be asked to remove these items if worn.
- Extreme hair styles are not permitted in school; this includes patterns cut into hair e.g. tram lines, excessive use of hair products e.g. gel, the use of hair dye in non-natural colours or bleach.



Email Communication

It has been brought to our attention that some email communications are being sent into junk folders. Please check your junk folders in case this is happening and if so, please mark the emails as being from a trusted source. If you are not receiving any emails from us then you may have unsubscribed from SCOPAY so please log in and subscribe in order for you to receive all the relevant information we share.

Tree Planting

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with a tree planting session on Sunday the 22nd February from 10am to 12pm. If you are interested please contact the office.

Parking Reminders

A reminder to ensure that you are parking responsibly when dropping or picking up your child. This includes making sure you are not obstructing neighbours' driveways or stopping on the zig zag lines. Please can we ask you to be considerate for other parents and our neighbours when parking in the roads near the school. Can we remind you to treat our neighbours with respect at all times, especially in the presence of children. We also ask that you don't turn in the road directly outside the school as this causes extra congestion and makes it unsafe for pedestrians to cross. It has also been brought to our attention that cars are pulling up onto the pathway without consideration for pedestrians, we must all be vigilant and careful in order to keep our children safe. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

Children's Birthdays


We would love to continue to celebrate your child's birthday in school and appreciate that you may wish to send in something for your child's class. A reminder, we now ask that parents/carers do not send in sweets/food to celebrate a birthday. We hope you understand that this is because we have an increasing number of children with complex allergies and dietary requirements. Instead, if you wish to celebrate your child's birthday in school, we suggest sending in a birthday book (new, second hand or spare one from home) which will be labelled with a special birthday sticker, shared with the class and kept in their class library.

Oracy - Food For Talk

This is one of our Food For Talk topics that children have been discussing at lunchtime this week.

Wednesday - Talking Points

If I was a gladiator, my name would be...



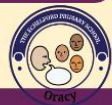
GLADIATORS

Food for Talk!

My gladiator name would be...because...

That is a great name but mine would be...because...

Tell me a bit more about why you have chosen that name...





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.



On Friday 6th February, Billy in 6W, a.k.a. Billy the Bruiser, travelled into east London to take on his 3rd skills bout. Fighting for his club Feltham Boxing ABC, he took the fight on with only 4 days notice. His show of skill and ability from the first bell to the last was outstanding and Billy walked away with another skills bout under his belt. Billy is back in training on the lead up to his biggest show yet. The Feltham home show where Billy and his dad will be part of something extremely rare to happen within the England boxing world. Well done Billy on another amazing achievement, we look forward to hearing all about your next bout.



Well done to Benjamin in 1B who won Player of the Week during his football session with JA Coaching. Congratulations Benjamin 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: 4R		Class: 2A
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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.

RA	Aahana	RG	Cassie	RO	Arabella
1A	Sirin	1B	Consent to publish name not given	1CE	Jude
2A	Jind	2DB	Safa	2I	Logan
3B	Piper	3O	Oliwier	3S	Logan
4B	Victoria	4GB	Consent to publish name not given	4R	Maximus
5L	Maddie	5M	Gurdeep	5P	Evie
6H	James G	6S	Indigo	6W	Anaya

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Aahana S, Oliver K, Ayeza M, Vienna S, Dillon D, Joyce D, Maya S, Rafi B, Ashton H, Radhya N, Thea B, Hollie O, Olivia K, Emily A, Hamzah F, Jaya K, Penny R, Roza M, Zora D, Cameron R, Asher J, Viyaan O, Leo W, Pearl C, Everly H, Sirin B, Cooper M, Isha Y, Radvin H, Harrison D, Henry H, Sidney T, Poppy K, Banreet J, Ollie R, May-Rose W, Arthur T, Joshua K, Jude T, Kaleb T, Tom B, Luna H, Maya Violet B, Davina B, Octavia B, Bentley V, Maddie M, Savanna H, Lexi B, Deanna S, Holly T, Harry E, Safa M, Blake B, Michelle A, Scarlett W, Nova D, Asil E, Liahna D, Radin M, Gurmehar K, Logan F, Emilia R, Rosie-Mae D, Isla H, Lerno P, Shakeel M, Elsie Da, Eryn M, Theodore C, Daniela A, Shakeel M, Sienna S, Emilyanna B, Olly W, Grayson B, Helina M, Kamran W, Ibrahim Y, Oliwier O, Amelia D, Arthur A, Jaskirat D, Aditya R, Alfie E, Hugo G, Jess B, Dotty H, Georgina P, Jake T, Brooke F, Grace N, Dexter O, Rosie M, Elia D, Frankie C, Swara S, Jaylen M, Amina R, Aizah M, Navraj B, Nathaniel L, Ellie D, Own A, Jayjay N, Ava S, Robyn C, Grace E, Bhavik S, Hassan A, Reggie C, Kaira G, Rico P, Daniel K, Evie G, Alana C, Verity V, Nova H, Maddie B, Robert A, Daria B, Avni N, Hannah P, Oliver G, Jesse S, Jonathan B, Jasmine W, Luna D, Iommi J, David P, Alharet E, Rosie W, Mia W, Navrina K, Nysha S, Paige T, Dexter D, Idris Kh, Mason C, Toby D, Musa M, Elias M, Mason Ja, Harper L, Yuvraaj S, Bessie G, Isla B, Latia B, Anaya A, Leonard R, Khadija R, Tommy C, Vincent B and Lexi Y.

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



Important Dates

February		
Mon 16th – Fri 20th Half Term		
Monday 23rd		Children return to school
Thursday 26th		Costume Sale for World Book Day Year 3 PTFA Bake Sale
Friday 27th		Reception Popcorn Club
March		
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th		Book Week
Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th		Year 5 Residential High Ashurst
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th		Level 1 Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 4th	9.00	2A Class Assembly
Thursday 5th		World Book Day & PTFA Wonky Bars
Monday 9th - Friday 13th		Book Fair
Wednesday 11th	9.00	1A Class Assembly
Wednesday 11th		Young Carers Day
Wednesday 11th	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 12th	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 18th	9.00	2I Class Assembly
Friday 20th		Red Nose Day
Saturday 21st		Single Parents Day
Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th		Year 4 Residential Henley Fort
Friday 27th	1.45 finish	End of Term
Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April Easter Break		
April		
Monday 13th		Children return to school
Monday 20th - Friday 24th		Science Week
Wednesday 22nd		Earth Day
Wednesday 22nd	9.00	3S Class Assembly
Thursday 23rd		Year 4 Bake sale
Wednesday 29th	9.00am	RO Class Assembly
May		
Monday 4th		May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6th		RA Class Assembly
Thursday 7th May		Year 5 PTFA Bake Sale
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th		KS2 SATs week
Friday 15th		Enterprise Day Year 6
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd	All day	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
Wednesday 20th		Year 1 Family Learning Session 3
Wednesday 20th	9.00am	3O Class Assembly
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th Half Term		
June		
Monday 1st		Children return to school
Monday 1st (two week period)		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 3rd		Sports Day
Friday 5th		PTFA Lolly Sale
Monday 8th - Friday 12th		Healthy Eating Week
Wednesday 10th	9.00am	1B Class Assembly
Friday 12 th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Friday 12th		Mufti for Summer Fair



Monday 15th to Friday 19th	All day	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
Wednesday 17th	9.00am	RG Class Assembly
Friday 19th		PTFA Summer Fair
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th		Celebration of Us Week
Wednesday 24th	AM	Class photo day
Friday 26 th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 1st		Move up morning
Friday 3rd	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
July		
Wednesday 8th	1.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 8th	5.30pm	Year 6 production
Friday 10th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Friday 17th	9am	Leavers' Assembly
Friday 17th		End of term
Monday 20th		INSET Day 4
Tuesday 21st		INSET Day 5

junior parkrun - where everyone is



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!

Laleham junior parkrun

junior parkrun event:

Thames Side, Laleham, TW18 1SS

Location:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/laleham-juniors/>

Arrive for 0850 - prompt start at 0900

Time:



junior parkrun



A helping hand for a healthier family

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?

Be Your Best is a funded healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range.

We can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health & wellbeing.

The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:

Sessions include

- Live cooking workshop
- Meal planning for the whole family
- Easy food swaps
- Managing screen time
- How to become an active family
- Importance of sleep

One-to-one sessions

With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location

Online group sessions for parents/carers

Week days after school via Zoom

Online physical activity sessions

Group sessions via zoom or on-demand video content

"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." - Mum

Find out more :






ASHFORD (MIDDLESEX) HOCKEY CLUB




HALF-TERM HOCKEY CAMP

-  18th, 19th & 20th of February 2026
-  Girls & Boys Ages 6 - 14
-  All abilities welcome!
-  10:00 - 15:00 (Lunch 12:30 - 13:30)
Drop-Off from 09:30
-  £20.00 per day (3 days for £50.00)
Discount for siblings
-  Ashford Sports Club - Short Lane
Stanwell - Middlesex - TW19 7BQ

Bring water, a packed lunch, a gum shield and shin pads. Hockey Sticks can be provided.

PLEASE CONTACT PETER:

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