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Co-Headteachers' Message

It is hard to believe how quickly the Spring term is whizzing by, and this week the children have dived headfirst into British Science Week, embracing this year's theme; "Curiosity: What's Your Question?" Fostering a sense of curiosity in our pupils is something we aim to do in a variety of ways throughout our curriculum and teaching approaches as it is when we are curious about the world around us and ask questions that we have the opportunity to learn and enjoy the thrill of discovery. Throughout the week, every class formulated their own unique inquiries, designed clever investigations to test their theories, and spent time researching the lives of diverse scientists who have changed the course of history. The week culminated in a wonderful session today, where children practised their oracy skills by explaining their findings to pupils in different year groups and classes, and we hope they have been sharing those same "eureka" moments with you at home.

It was also a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our parent and carer consultations this week. We trust these conversations offered a valuable insight into your child's progress and some specific next steps they are working toward. As a reminder, if you are looking for further ways to support your child at home, our school website's curriculum section contains detailed learning objectives and helpful resources for every year group.

The energy continued into our celebration assembly today, where we were delighted to announce the results of our recent house competitions. In our Book Bingo challenge, a huge congratulations goes to **Air** for soaring into first place with 220 points, followed by **Water** with 110 points, and **Fire** with 33 points. We also celebrated the creative talents of our pupils in the Big Bookmark Battle; a special well done to our overall winner, **Jake (4B)** from Air House! Thank you to everyone who participated with such enthusiasm. Looking ahead to next Friday, we will be supporting Red Nose Day by inviting all children to wear red or pink mufti clothing (please note, no football kits) in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief. You can read more about this further on in the newsletter.

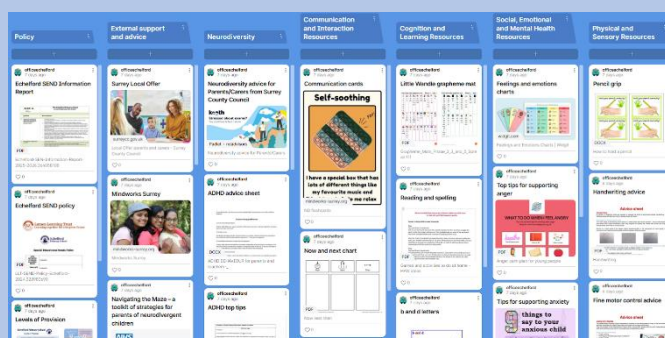
Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley





Inclusion Insights

We have lots of resources that you may find useful on our [Inclusion padlet](#) on our website. A quick guide to support available for mental health needs in Surrey has been added just this week.



If your child is neurodiverse or you think they may have a diagnosis of autism, ADHD or dyslexia, Nip in the Bud, a charitable organisation, has practical advice and videos for parents and carers - <https://nipinthebud.org/films-for-parents-carers/>

Nip in the Bud have recently shared a guide to support parents when their child has big emotions - <https://nipinthebud.org/blog/how-do-i-handle-my-childs-anger-practical-support-for-big-emotions/>

Here are some of the practical tips they suggest:

In the middle of an outburst, this is not the time to solve the problem. The priority is safety and calming down. You might say:

“I can see you’re really angry.”

“This feels hard right now.”

“We’ll talk about this when we’re both calmer.”

Sometimes, you may need to create space – by stepping away and explaining why: “I need a moment to calm myself. I’ll come back when we’re ready to talk.” This models healthy emotional regulation. It also shows your child that needing space is okay.

Naming emotions helps too. Helping children identify feelings like anger, frustration, or worry gives them language, and language reduces behaviour.

Try to listen rather than fix. Avoid asking lots of questions, which can overwhelm an already dysregulated child. What helps will vary, but options include:

- Giving space or quiet time
- Redirecting physical energy (e.g. hitting a cushion)
- Using agreed calming tools before a crisis



Staff News

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Oktay's baby arrived safely last weekend, we know you will join us in congratulating her and welcoming Yusuf to the world.

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day

This year, Comic Relief are running their annual fundraising event 'Red Nose Day' on Friday 20th March. We feel that this is an important time to come together as a whole school community and have some fun. The school council met and shared ideas for celebrating Red Nose Day, including wearing mufti and designing Red Noses.

To help raise money we are inviting children to come to school wearing a red (or pink) t-shirt, if they would like to do so, in exchange for a suggested £1 donation. 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 football tops are not worn. Red noses can be worn but please name these.

The House Captains are also running a Design a Red Nose House Competition.

To donate, please follow this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/the-echelford-primary-school-3>

Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Friday - If I was an animal I would be...

Food for Talk!

If I was an animal, I would be...because...

I agree and I would...

I couldn't disagree more because...



Vacancies Within the Trust

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to recruit a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant with a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion and equality and has a high expectation of themselves and every child. Working Hours: 3 days (days to be determined), 18 hours per week, 8.30am to 3.15pm. 45 minute unpaid break. 39 weeks a year (term time plus one week). This role is a fixed term position until 31st August 2026.

For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/fixed-term-higher-level-teaching-assistant-1537053>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive, skilled and reliable individual to take on the role of Office Assistant in our busy school office.

This is an exciting opportunity for anyone wishing to be part of a dedicated, fast paced team where you can make a real difference to our children. Riverbridge Primary School is a three-form entry primary school, with a diverse catchment and a strong team spirit.

For further information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-office-assistant-1536666>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting:

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a part-time Finance Manager to work as a member of the finance team. The post will be based at Saxon Primary School in Shepperton and is a permanent, part-time role - 15 hrs per week to be worked over 3 days/ 38 weeks per year. Under the direction of the Head of Finance, the Finance Manager will provide accurate financial reporting, compliance with financial regulations and strategic financial support.

If you have experience of financial management, ideally within the education sector, but more crucially, are professional in your approach, possess strong financial skills and are tenacious in your desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives, we want to hear from you.

For further information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/finance-manager-1536888>



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.



Last Sunday Billy in 6W, a.k.a. Billy the Bruiser, had his 4th bout, at his club's home show. Billy's bout was outstanding. This show was also very special to Billy as he was able to fight on the same day as his dad. At the end of the show both Billy and his dad entered the ring and received a massive cheer. They had both achieved a dream and something that is extremely rare within the England amateur boxing world. Many people stopped to compliment Billy that day on how well he did. Well done Billy on this fantastic achievement.



Last weekend Mya in 6H, Avaani in 3O and Mohan Veer in 4R all took part in Hemkunt symposium. This was a timed speech on Sikh history and philosophy. They spoke very confidently and eloquently in front of many people including judges. A huge well done to Mya who won 1st place in the 9-11 year old category. She will go to the next zonal round in two weeks. In the 6-8 year category - Avaani came 3rd and Veer a runner up. Well done to them all on this fantastic achievement



Congratulations to Hugo in 3S who has recently been selected for the Surrey County tennis team. His family are incredibly proud of him, as it reflects the hard work and commitment he has put into his tennis. He's very excited to have the opportunity to represent Surrey. Well done Hugo on this wonderful achievement and opportunity.



Well done to Jian in 2I who was awarded player of the week in his football training. Congratulations Jian on this amazing achievement.



Well done to Mariia in 2DB who recently received her Swimming Level 1 certificate and has now moved up to the level 2 class. Congratulations Mariia on this amazing 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: 4GB		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	Maya	RC	Emily	RG	Kai
1A	Presleigh	1B	Tharunika	1CE	Sachi
2A	Reuben	2DB	Amber S	2I	Gurmehar
3B	Rocco	3O	Kazim	3S	Savannah
4B	Jude	4GB	Aizah	4R	Consent to publish name not given
5L	Mia	5M	Maiya	5P	Hallie
6H	Navrina	6S	Consent to publish name not given	6W	Elsie

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Thea B, Radhya N, Khwaish L, Asha R, Aaima H, Vienna S, Rafi B, Ajooni J, Mason J, Remi W, Oliver K, Ovin D, Joyce D, Manha N, Kiyan S, Asher J, Faizaan K, Zora D, Thaarika J, Louie B, Rocky T, Olivia K, Poppy B, Layla H, Emily A, Miguel A, Pearl C, Henry H, Poppy K, Diyana P, Ruben P, Sidney T, Sirin B, Isha Y, Banreet J, Harrison D, Everly H, Evie W, Arshaan H, Ollie R, Ollie J, Diyana P, Lyra S, Kai Y, Ivy C, Ezra W, Florence-lola B, Daniel A, Tharunika B, Idrees M, Meesha K, Viaan S, Jaanvi W, Erin P, Jenson J, Carla V, Zeyad A, Zack J, Jude B, Teddy C, Joshua K, Amaya C, Maya Violet B, Zack M, Octavia B, Alfie M, Scarlett W, Alfie M, Scarlett W, Ranveer S, Learno P, Shakeel M, Piper-Valentine L, Ava Y, Elsie Da, Jessica J, Eryn M, Bodhi M, Ivy K, Grayson Bi, Inaaya Y, Thomas G, Yahya M, Elsie Da, Elsie Da, Sienna S, Ibrahim Y, Leo J, Arthur A, Harry B, Elliott V, Effie A, Aubrey B, Jake T, Sahara S, Georgina P, Dexter O, Jude H, Brooke F, Henry C, Noah S, Ellis L, Amina R, Jayjay N, Jackson D, Levi-Rose M, Nathaniel L, Dylan C, Alfie A, Franco B, Own A, Ayaan H, Ava S, Owen J, Josh K, Amber J, Grace E, Jaap K, Jasmine P, Reggie C, Vidhaan S, Willow-Rae S, Connor R, Thomas M, Verity V, Holly W, Jacob J, Mustafa A, Joseph B, Lawrence C, Deshawn S, Arhaan L, Alharet E, Amir Z, Jasmine W, Maaria K, Iommi J, David P, Hallie T, Elias M, Mason C, Cody N, Dexter D, Harley C, Elias M, James G, Musa M, Toby D, Archie H, Idris Kh, Liliana R, Kaya G, Mia W, Mya A, Yihui T, Aaria D, Navrina K, Millie C, Bianca S, Joseph H, Jake Me, Arjun S, Lian Z, Jasleen B, William R, Yuvraaj S, Soha M, Latia B, Vivaan K and Anaya A.



Important Dates

March		
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



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

Easter Holiday Activities

Egg Cup and Cosy
31 March
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Decorate an egg cup and create an egg cosy
Cost: £4

Easter Craft and Trail
2 April
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Make pompom chicks and bunnies, and a basket from card. Then follow an Easter trail with a little treat at the end. Cost: £3




Victorian-Style Zoetropes
7 April
11am-12:30pm and 2-3:30pm
Make a Zoetrope and watch a Victorian-style moving image. Cost: £4.50

Abbey Tiles
9 April
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Find out about Chertsey Abbey tiles. Then make one of your own. Cost: £4

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

Activities for ages 6-12 (5 year olds with parent)
https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum

www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place



For All The Family

1st Saturday of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm


Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!

FREE DROP IN SESSION

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chertseymuseum.org



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The Great Spring Quest

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Englefield Green | St Judes Junior School

31st March, 1st, 7th & 8th April

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The Great Spring Quest

Easter 2026 Holiday Club

Staines | Staines Preparatory School

30th March - 10th April
• HAF DATES: 31st March, 1st, 7th & 8th April

Weybridge | St Georges Junior School

30th March - 17th April

Englefield Green | St Judes Junior School

31st March, 1st, 7th & 8th April
- HAF Dates

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Book Online!



DISCOVER SCIENCE DAY

Saturday 28 March 2026

Join us for a day of science exploration and discovery at Royal Holloway, University of London

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2.4	UPCYCLED EASTER BUNNY PLANTERS 10AM KIDS AND TEENS
4.4	ADULT, TEEN OR CHILD UPCYCLED PLANT POT PAINTING 10AM AND 12PM
9.4	PARENT AND TEEN FURNITURE PAINTING WORKSHOP. 10.30AM RIVERHOUSE BARN ARTS CENTRE WALTON

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