



Co-Headteachers' Message

Last Friday, our Year 3 children enjoyed a wonderful sleepover right here in school. For many, this was their first night away from home, providing a fantastic "stepping stone" in preparation for future residential trips. The evening was themed around their current Egyptian topic; the children threw themselves into a variety of themed challenges, ranging from a "Tomb Raider" obstacle course to an Egyptian-themed escape room. They rounded off the night with a campfire before everyone settled down for sleep. A fantastic time was had by all, and we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the staff who gave up their Friday night to make this possible—with a special thank you to Mrs. Summersett for her hard work in co-ordinating the event.

Looking ahead, the excitement continues as our Year 4 children venture to Henley Fort next week for the final residential of this academic year. We wish them a safe and adventurous trip, and we look forward to sharing news of their experiences in the next newsletter.

There was also a significant buzz of excitement in school this Wednesday when we were visited by Mrs. Tarry and Mrs. Johnson, along with their beautiful new additions. It was wonderful to catch up on their news while they are away on maternity leave. Baby Jax and baby Charlie were the stars of the show, visiting some of the classrooms where they were even proudly awarded their very first gold stickers by the children.

Today, the school was awash with colour as staff and pupils took part in Red Nose Day to raise money for Comic Relief. With splashes of red and pink everywhere and plenty of iconic red noses on display, the children had a brilliant time. Our House Captains organised a fantastic house competition where pupils designed their own red noses, and we look forward to announcing the winners next week. Thank you all for your incredibly generous donations; we are currently busy counting the total and will share the final figure with you in due course. If you haven't had a chance yet, there is still time to donate via our link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/the-echelford-primary-school-3>

Finally, we would like to send our warmest wishes to the many staff, pupils, and families celebrating Eid today. On Monday, a group of children led a wonderful assembly, sharing information with the whole school about the significance of the festival and their personal traditions. To continue this learning, each class will participate in an Eid "Pause" activity together next week. Eid Mubarak, we hope you have a wonderful celebration with your loved ones.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

Quick Links

School Calendar

We have been learning...

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Inclusion Insights

This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week. This website has some resources you may wish to look at with your child and some videos to help us better understand neurodiversity.

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/videos>

We are excited to share that four of our members of staff have recently been trained as Neurodiversity Champions - Miss Apps, Miss Robins, Mrs Allen and Mrs Santoudji.

Their role will be crucial in supporting our children and working with teachers and teaching assistants to provide a more inclusive experience at school.

One improvement they have helped to make is in the way we support children with transitions throughout the school day, with the use of our whole class visual timetables and now and next boards. This includes the introduction of a "whoops" board to support pupils through any last minute changes to the routine.



Neurodivergent children can find transitions, however big or small, difficult. *At home*, you can support your children through transitions by:

- Talking through plans for the day using visuals.
- Giving advance notice before changes, such as leaving the house or moving to bedtime.
- Using "now and next" language to help your child prepare for what's coming.
- Allowing extra time for transitions and recognising that change can feel tricky.
- Praising your child when they manage a transition well.

Our next SEND parent/carer forum will be on Wednesday 29th April from 2-3pm.

For this session, we will have a guest speaker, Tracy Playfoot, Neurodiversity Advisor from Surrey's [Team Around the School Support Hub](#).

We will talk about the *SEND support process* and the *EHCP process* from both a school and Local Authority point of view, so please come along if you would like to find out more about this.

Everyone is welcome - just come along to the school office.



Staff news

We are sad to share the news of two members of staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Newman has recently been appointed into a new role at a specialist school in Surrey, a wonderful opportunity for her to continue to progress her career in education. Due to personal circumstances, Miss Markwick has also made the difficult decision to leave Echelford. We are extremely grateful for the hard work and dedication both these members of staff have given to our children during their time at Echelford and they will be very missed.

We are pleased to share that Mrs Mckenna has been successfully appointed into the role of ELSA and she is looking forward to working with a range of children in this role alongside continuing her position as a T.A. in Year 6.

End of term 27th March

This will be our final day of term and the children will be finishing slightly earlier than normal. Dismissal times are as follows:

Reception, Years 1 & 2	1.35pm
Years 3 & 4	1.40pm
Years 5 & 6	1.45pm

Hay Fever Season

Hay fever is a common allergy that causes sneezing, coughing and itchy eyes. There are many ways you can help relieve your child's symptoms and support them whilst they are at school

- Morning & night antihistamines tablets
- Once a day antihistamines tablets
- Nasal sprays
- Hay fever wipes.

Here is a link to the NHS website for handy tips on how to treat and manage hay fever


<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/>

Oracy - Food For Talk


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

Tuesday - Which one does not belong?


A.




B.



C.





D.




Food for Talk!

In my opinion...

I think... 

I understand your point of view but have you thought about... 

I would like to challenge this because... 



Vacancies Within the Trust

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a 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. The role will be to support children in their learning and development, in small groups or with individual pupils as directed, including those with additional educational needs. Working Hours are 31.25 hours per week, term time plus one week (38 weeks per year) to be worked Monday to Friday. 8.30am - 3.15pm.

For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1539645>

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 Savannah in 3S who has worked really hard to complete stage 4 in swimming. Well done Savannah on this amazing achievement.



Congratulations to Naylin in 4B who has played in two Squash tournaments in the last month, Finchley Manor Open & Oakleigh Park Bronze Tournament. In both tournaments he finished as Runner Up in the boys U9. Well done Naylin on this fantastic achievement, we hope you continue to work hard and enjoy playing squash.





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: 2DB
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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	Stanley	RC	Braydon	RG	Kai
1A	Ezra	1B	Viaan	1CE	Pollyanna
2A	Octavia	2DB	Freya A	2I	Radin
3B	Alex	3O	Effie	3S	Consent to publish name not given
4B	Tommy	4GB	Levi-Rose	4R	Elodie
5L	Consent to publish name not given	5M	Daniel	5P	Jessica
6H	James B	6S	William	6W	Wareez

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Radhya N, Cody W, Luke N, Scarlett-Rose M, Leo W, Theo W, Sylvia B, Louie B, Jaya K, Alfie T, Rocky T, Zalan S, Henry H, Ruben P, Pearl C, Sidney T, May-Rose W, Toby T, Radvin H, Isha Y, Ollie J, Miguel A, Ezra W, Banreet J, Oscar B, Jasmine R, Romeo L, Arabella M, Teddy C, Zeyad A, Sachi B, Jacob S, Rosalee E, Jacob S, Rosalee E, Cody H, Romeo L, Eddie T, Arabella M, Zack J, Mia M, Ryan S, Erin P, Joshua K, Jude T, Kaleb T, Jovan G, Isaac P, Bentley V, Rheya B, Meera U, Octavia B, Arvitha P, Maddie M, Maya Violet B, Luna H, Zack M, Reuben A, Joshua K, Amaya C, Harper B, Holly T, Safa M, Mariia L, Isabelle S, Arjan S, Nova D, Anaiya O, Gurmehar K, Florence C, Ema F, Logan F, Michelle A, Radin M, Shiloh M, Elsie Da, Lily W, Inaaya Y, Jessica J, Alexander B, Avaani P, Emilyanna B, Chloe P, Alfie E, Arthur A, Aishleen K, Sienna S, Jaskirat D, Amber M, Teddy B, Helina M, Effie A, Amelia D, Emelia J, Aditya R, Theo H, Logan M, Gurmukh B, Millie J, Lucy B, Georgina P, Jaxon B, Jake T, Tommy H, Erin M, Victoria N, Isla R, Elvy L, Alfie Z, Elia D, Rosie M, Sahara S, Noah S, Brooke F, Adriel D, Teeyan B, Dylan C, Nathaniel L, Ellie D, Saoirse M, Franco B, Max S, Ellie P, Amina R, Aizah M, Ethan H, Levi-Rose M, Owen J, Theo B, Nainika B, Ilyas M, Frazer D, Elodie M, Amber J, Robyn C, Kaira G, Sahib T, Zach H, Abbie L, Poppy R, Rianna D, Rubi W, Verity V, Alana C, Willow-Rae S, Connor R, Henry P, Zack F, Tommy Y, Jennifer M, Daria B, Mason B, Jasmin C, Aidan B, Luna D, Monika T, Callum O, Dylan F, Anaya A, Yuvraaj S, Soha M, Lexi Y, Isla B and Vivaan K.

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



Important Dates

March		
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



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