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## Co-Headteachers' Message

Today marks the end of an action-packed term, and what a wonderful way to celebrate the progress and success of our children with our Headteacher's Assembly this morning. As part of this special celebration, a member from each class was presented with the Headteacher's Award for consistently demonstrating excellent learning behaviours. We heard inspiring examples of how pupils have shown remarkable resilience, made significant strides in their learning, and truly lived our "GREEN Values." A huge congratulations to all our recipients this term. You can find the full list of names further down in this newsletter.

Earlier in the week, our Year 4 children enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to Henley Fort in Guildford. They certainly experienced the full range of British weather, yet they embraced every physical and personal challenge with enthusiasm, making memories that will last a lifetime. We were delighted to hear from the staff how well the children represented our school. They have returned with a newfound confidence that will undoubtedly serve them well in the classroom during our final term. Our sincere thanks go to the staff members who volunteered their time to accompany the children and ensure the trip was such a success. While this marks the end of our residential for this academic year, planning for next year is already well underway. Thank you to those who attended yesterday's information evening regarding the Autumn trip to Bristol.

In Monday's assembly, we were joined by Vanessa Kane from Talking Trees, who spoke passionately to the children about the life of Swifts. Vanessa recently helped us install specialist "swift bricks" into the wall overlooking the KS2 playground. As these wonderful birds return from Africa to search for nesting sites, we are hopeful they might discover their new home here at school. We will be sure to keep you updated on any sightings next term.

As we head into the Easter break, may we kindly ask you to check that your child has the correct uniform ready for the summer term, including a rainproof coat and—most importantly—that every item is clearly named. We wish you all a restful and happy Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 13th April.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

## Staff News

This week we said goodbye to Madame Joshi, Miss Brady, Miss Newman and Miss Markwick. We wish all these members of staff good luck in their next endeavors.

We are pleased to share the news with the whole school community that Mrs Summersett and her husband are expecting their first child in September.



## Inclusion Insights

This week marks the end of our involvement with the PINS (Partnership for Inclusivity of Neurodiversity in Schools) project. We have worked closely with several partners in Surrey, and Family Voice Surrey have asked us to share this final update from them:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the PINS programme begins to draw to a close, we wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you. Your honesty, time, and lived experience have been at the heart of this journey - shaping conversations, influencing change, and helping schools create more inclusive environments. We're truly grateful for every coffee morning attended, survey completed, and session joined.

Please see below for details of two exciting events coming up. Tickets are now available for both events. As part of our PINS commitment, parents from PINS schools will have priority access to the sensory workshop before it opens more widely after Easter.

We hope to see some of you there, and in the meantime, we wish you and your families a happy, restful Easter break.

### Event 1:

#### ***Free Online Event: Welfare Benefits Update & Q&A***

Are you unsure about the latest changes to welfare benefits? You're not alone and we're here to help.

28th April at 7.00pm

Online via Zoom

Free sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985803258001?aff=oddtcreator>

Join Family Voice Surrey us for an informative session with Maria Zealey from Surrey Welfare Rights Unit (SWRU), who will provide a clear update on what's changing across welfare benefits and how this could impact you, your family, and friends. Following the update, there'll be an open Q&A session, where you can ask questions or request a private 1:1 advice session with an experienced SWRU adviser.

### Event 2:

***Free Online Event: Parent Workshop - Understanding Sensory Reactivity*** with Aniesa Blore Consultant Paediatric Occupational Therapist | Certified in Ayres Sensory Integration®

7th May at 7.00pm

Online via Zoom

Free sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985804718369?aff=oddtcreator>

Does your child seem overwhelmed by noise, touch, movement or busy environments? Or do they constantly seek movement, crash into things, chew, spin or make repetitive noises? You're not alone — and there is a reason for it.

This workshop helps parents understand sensory reactivity — how your child's nervous system responds to everyday sensory experiences — and how this directly impacts behaviour, emotions, sleep, attention and participation in daily life.



### NSPCC – Numbers Day

We have counted the money we raised last month for the NSPCC during our Maths week. Together with the money given for the mufti day and for selling the items made in class we raised an amazing £748.59! Many thanks to you all for your very kind donations which the NSPCC are very grateful for.

### Red Nose Day

Last Friday the children came into school looking fantastic wearing something red or pink for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who has very kindly donated, the total we have raised so far is £242.35. If you have not yet donated and would still like to, then please click on the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/the-echelford-primary-school-3>

### The London Marathon

Miss Bacon and Miss Moore have been training hard and are running the London Landmarks Half Marathon on 12th April for two different charities - Pancreatic Cancer UK and Action For Children. If you would like to support their cause with a donation please follow the links below:

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### Oracy - Food For Talk

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

**Wellbeing Wednesday**

Food for Talk!

How are you feeling today?

What do you have for lunch?

Now let's talk about you.

What has been the best part of your day so far?

Thank you for asking.

What have you learnt this morning?

What will you play on the playground?

What about you?

Oracy



## Vacancies Within the Trust

**Southfield Park Primary & Ewell Grove Primary & Nursery School are recruiting** - We are looking to appoint a permanent part-time HR Assistant to join our HR Team. This exciting role will support the Trust's HR Manager with providing a range of administrative support services to assist effective and efficient HR, payroll and training & development across the Trust. This is an excellent opportunity for someone looking to grow their experience in HR whilst contributing to a supportive and collaborative team. Working hours are: 25 hours per week, to be worked between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday, term time plus 5 inset days and one additional week to be worked during school holidays (39 weeks a year).

For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/hr-assistant-1542318>

## 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-1542653>

## 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.

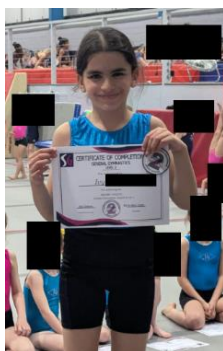
Congratulations to Mason J in 6H who helped his team to victory by scoring 2 goals and was awarded Man of the Match. He also got to meet Gareth Bale after the game. Well done Mason on this fantastic achievement.



Well done to Hannah in 5P who has competed in the 2026 London Championships in Trampoline and DMT (Double Mini Trampoline). She competed extremely well and won two gold medals. Following this, she has now been selected for the London Regional Squad and will compete at her first national level events, the English Silver in May and the Inter-Regional Challenge Cup Final in July. Congratulations Hannah on this amazing achievement. We look forward to hearing how you get on at your next event.



Well done to Ivy in 3B who has completed level 2 in general Gymnastics and received her certificate this week. Congratulations Ivy on this wonderful achievement.



Congratulations to Everly in 1A who has recently achieved her general Gymnastics Award Level One. She has especially improved with her cartwheels and handstands and has worked really hard in her lessons at Spelthorne Gymnastics. Well done Everly on this fabulous achievement.





### Class Learning Awards

The following classes were this week’s winners, working as a team whilst using our curriculum online resources. Well done.

	<b>Class: 30</b>		<b>Class: 2I</b>
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### Headteacher Awards

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

RA	Rafi B	RC	Zora D	RG	Jaya K
1A	Lyra S-G	1B	Alex T	1CE	Zeyad A
2A	Bentley V-L	2DB	Isabelle S	2I	Isaac S
3B	Eli J	3O	Amber M	3S	Lennon F
4B	Erin M	4GB	Lizwi Z	4R	Maximus J
5L	Daniel K	5M	Eeva M	5P	Jacob J
6H	Paige T	6S	Freddie W	6W	Bradley W

### Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Leo W, Sidney T, Florence-Lola B, Everly H, Ollie R, Harrison D, Cooper M, Toby T, Ruben P, Sirin B, May-Rose W, Zaheer M, Arshaan H, Meesha K, Oscar B, Viaan S, Alex T, Arham K, Carla V, Jacob S, Jaanvi W, Riley J, Romeo L, Miles B, Ryan S, Abhay B, Zack J, Romeo L, Jacob S, Miles B, Carla V, Riley J, Jaanvi W, Liahna D, Panav S, Jimmy C, Jack E, Theodore C, Inaaya Y, Elijah J, Florence G, Heidi D, Jessica P, Max T, Lennon F, Rory L, Albert M, Jasmine D, Ismail K, Michael G, Elsie D, Dotty H, Savannah P, Ivy G, Noor V, Jeet O, Jeshvik N, Vinisha B, Hugo G, Arjun P, Jess B, Sienna Hi, Eliza S, Own A, Nathaniel L, Aizah M, Teeyan B, Frankie C, Ethan H, Rubi W, Evie G, Poppy R, Dev L, Arzaan L, Toby M and Rianna D.

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



## Important Dates

<b>April</b>		
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
<b>May</b>		
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
<b>Mon 25th May – Fri 29th Half Term</b>		
<b>June</b>		
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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 1st		Move up morning
Friday 3rd	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
<b>July</b>		
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
<b>Friday 17th</b>		<b>End of term</b>
<b>Monday 20th</b>		<b>INSET Day 4</b>
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>		<b>INSET Day 5</b>



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