

The Echelford Echo



Friday 8th November 2019

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I hope you had an enjoyable half term. Once again we have had a very busy week at school. On one of the new Reception parent tours we saw the vast range of provision on offer at Echelford. There were children participating in the Forest School, others using Chrome books, one class were speaking French, debating was taking place in the Lighthouse and children were changing their books in the Library. This is just a snapshot of the different opportunities available on top of the classroom teaching and learning we see throughout the day to engage our children. In addition, Year 4 went to Hampton Court, Year 1 had their Bedfont Lakes visit and 6L produced and performed their Bonfire Night assembly.

Hopefully you will now have seen the Curriculum Webs. These detail all the exciting things that your child's year group will be learning about this half term. We hope they give you an insight into your child's curriculum and allow you to be able to talk about what they have been doing. If you have not received them via email they are also available on our school website under the learning tab.

On Wednesday, I met with the PTA to look at the upcoming events. It's a very informal group who really want to offer exciting events for the children and support the school. If you feel you could help please do come along to the next meeting which will be held on the 17th January. Lots of people have young children and they are more than welcome to come along too.

We held two reading workshops for parents in Reception on Thursday. If you were unable to attend and would like the information shared please speak to your child's class teacher.

Finally, the weather really is getting colder please do send your child in with a coat!

Have a lovely weekend.

Staffing News

We were very pleased to welcome back Mrs Butler this week from her maternity leave. She will be working in Year 1 alongside Mrs Karim who joined us this week. Both Mrs Karim and Mrs Butler are extremely experienced senior teachers who will be teaching Year 1 following Mrs Hubbard leaving us at half term.

Parent Drop-In Clinic

We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday from 3:30-4pm at our Parent Drop-In Clinic. Please head to the doors by the dining hall straight after school, where you will be welcomed in by our teaching team. We will be available to answer any questions that you have about Reading, Writing or Maths and we will also have lots of resources to show you.

Story Sack Project

Story Sack Project Parents will remember that last year, Mrs Quinn led us in developing the Story Sack project for the school. If you volunteered to make one for us last year but didn't end up finding the time and you still have any resources that were given to you, please can these be returned to the school office as soon as possible? We are missing several story sacks and will need to make these in school to ensure we have two full sets so each child per class can take one home. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Fair Success!

This week, Echelford hosted the Scholastic Book Fair, allowing each child to develop their love of reading for pleasure through discovering a range of new texts. Thanks to the children bringing in their hard earned pocket money and their enthusiasm for reading, this term's total reached new heights. As a result, we are extremely excited to be purchasing new texts for classrooms as well as our fantastic new library. We look forward to hosting the book fair again in the Spring term.

Books for Schools Tokens - We Need You!

Competition Time! Recently, The Sun newspaper have created the "Books for Schools" campaign, which will offer 20,000 primary schools packs of 106 books with downloadable teaching resources, worth £600, from the publisher's Collins Big Cat, which is our school reading programme.

In order to receive such a prize we need to collect 3,500 tokens from the newspaper (that's only 6 papers from each child!) between the **23rd November and the 18th January**. To ensure our success, please cut out the token from the newspaper and give it to your child to hand to their teacher. Furthermore, we are launching a house competition for who can collect the most each week - which element will win?

6L Class Assembly

6L gave us a musical history lesson this week, recounting the life of Guy (Guido) Fawkes. Performed almost entirely in rhyming couplets, they dramatically charted his childhood, his desire to fight in Spain, and his ill-fated plot to kill the

King via a nefarious gunpowder plot. They were kindly accompanied by Elton John singing Rocket Man, and Katy Perry's Firework, complete with actions they created themselves. Well done 6L!

Year 4 Trip to Hampton Court Palace

Yesterday, our Year 4 children travelled to Hampton Court Palace to kick-start their learning on the Tudors. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the many different locations throughout the palace, from Henry VIII's kitchens to the Great Hall and the Chapel to the beautiful gardens. They were also immersed in an interactive workshop titled: Monarchs through the Ages. During this highly engaging session, the children discovered more about the changes to the palace across the 142 years between King Henry VIII, and King William III and Queen Mary II to reflect the changing needs of the monarch. The children behaved brilliantly and asked lots of exciting questions to support them in their learning about the Tudor period. They are now incredibly excited for their Tudor Day on Wednesday 20th November.



Year 5 Natural Disaster Day

As part of their Geography learning, Year 5 spent all day on Tuesday looking at natural disasters that occur around the world. Each class were given specific natural disasters to investigate including avalanches, tsunamis and hurricanes. The children used iPads and Chromebooks to conduct research to use to create information posters, disaster prevention videos, newspaper articles and replica diagrams before sharing their learning across the year group. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their day and were eager to share their new natural disaster knowledge.

Year 1 Visit from Bedfont Lakes Rangers

On Friday Year 1 enjoyed a visit from the animal centre at Bedfont Lakes. This links to our topic this term, as we are learning new facts about animals. All children were able to touch and hold a variety of reptiles and amphibians including: snakes, tree frogs and lizards. Everyone was very brave and enjoyed holding and touching each animal. We were all surprised at how cold the snakes felt.



Children in Need - Friday 15th November

On Friday 15th November, we will be taking part in the annual Children in Need fundraiser. This year, our Year 6 Wellbeing Ambassadors have decided that we will have a 'bright head/hair accessory day'. Next Friday, all pupils are invited to wear a bright head/hair accessory alongside their school uniform. This includes: large bows, bright headbands, caps, hats, Pudsey ears, animal ears, deely boppers and even coloured hair spray. Please note, coloured hair spray must be washed out before returning to school the following Monday. If your child is taking part, we are politely asking for a £1 donation towards Children in Need. We look forward to seeing the array of bright head/hair accessories next week!

Times Tables ROCK OUT 2019

Next week we will be taking part in a national competition against 2000 other schools to get the most correct answers on TT Rockstars. There are lots of amazing prizes on offer, including a pizza party for the top scoring class in the country. We will have lots of certificates to give out too!

When? 11th-16th November

What time can I play? 7:30am-7:30pm each day

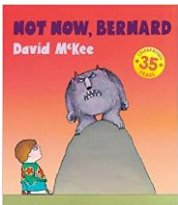
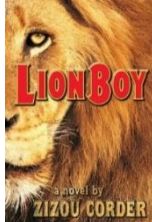
Which games? You can play in any game type

More details are available at trockstars.com/page/mathswweekengland2019

Book of the week – Get your hands on a good book

Each week you will find here recommended reading for both KS1 and KS2. This is intended to provide our Echelford families with inspiration for daily home reading.

Reading Recommendations

KS1	KS2
	
<p>Not Now, Bernard David McKee</p>	<p>LionBoy Zizou Corder</p>

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.

PTA INFORMATION

PTA AGM: Friday 22nd November, 6:45pm

A reminder that our Annual General Meeting is taking place on Friday 22nd November at 6:45pm in the school hall, prior to the quiz night which commences at 7:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend the AGM, even if you're not coming to the quiz night. At this meeting the new committee members will be appointed and the fundraising priorities for the coming year will be agreed.

If you are interested in joining the committee (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, or sharing a role) a list of the various roles was at the end of last week's newsletter, together with a nomination form. Being an active member of the PTA is a great way to contribute to the school community, shape your child's learning environment and to get to know other parents.

If you have any questions please talk to your Class Rep, speak to an existing member of the PTA or email us on pta.echelford@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk.

Quiz Night: Friday 22nd November, 7:15-9:30pm

It's just two weeks to go until the quiz night! You have until Tuesday 19th November to return your entry forms to the PTA box (teams of up to 8 people, or you can join a team on the night). Tickets are £5 each and include tea, coffee and water, but you are welcome to bring your own drinks/alcohol. Forms are available from the school office. You will be contacted by email to confirm your place, and your name/team name will be listed at the door. .

Echelford Pantomime: Saturday 30th November, 1-3pm and 5-7pm

It's not long before Chaplins Pantos will be performing the enchanting tale of Jack and the Beanstalk for two performances on Saturday 30th November, 1pm and 5pm: each show lasts two hours (including an interval). Refreshments will be available to purchase.

Children, adults, friends and family are welcome, and tickets are £7 per person (no unattended children will be admitted). Tickets will shortly be offered to the other schools within the Lumen Learning Trust so, if you want to ensure your place, please return your form (hard copies available from the school office) and cash payment to the PTA box as soon as possible. If you would prefer to pay by online transfer please email pta.echelford@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk and we will provide details.

Advent Calendar Raffle – 6 luxury advent calendars up for grabs!

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets (50p each or £2.50 a book) to enter the draw taking place on 30th November to win a luxury advent calendar (Smiggle, Lego Harry Potter, Lego City, Jelly Belly, Kinder Egg or Naked Marshmallow). Tickets can be collected from the school office; please return stubs and cash in an envelope and drop into the PTA box.

PTA meeting – Friday 17th January, 9am

Thank you to everyone who came along to our meeting on Wednesday. It was great to see new faces and hear fresh ideas. Our next meeting has been scheduled for Friday 17th January at 9am in the Community Room when we will be looking at the events we have planned for 2020.

PTA Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 6th November: PTA meeting, 9am

Friday 22nd November: PTA AGM, 6:45-7:15pm

Friday 22nd November: Quiz Night, 7:30pm

Saturday 30th November: Pantomime, 1-3pm and 5-7pm

Saturday 30th November: Advent Calendar Raffle draw, 7pm

Thursday 5th December: Reception and Year 1 Christmas Craft Club, 3:30-4:30pm

Friday 6th December: Years 2 and 3 Christmas Craft Club, 3:30-4:30pm

Monday 9th December: Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Craft Club, 3:30-4:30pm

Friday 17th January PTA meeting 9am

Friday 24th January: Years 5 and 6 Quiz

Tuesday 13th March: Years 3 and 4 Quiz

Thursday 30th April: Year 1 and 2 event

Friday 22nd May: Year 6 Colour Run

Friday 26th June: Summer Fair

How You Can Get Involved

Please drop us an email if you have any questions, or are interested in taking on a more active role within the Committee or as Class Representative, our email address is pta.echelford@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk or you can drop a note into the PTA mailbox by the school office.

Learning and Behaviour celebrations

Sports awards

The following children have been awarded the sports star certificate this week based on their level of participation, effort, sportsmanship and general attitude.

RB	Leo	2J	Eryn	4R	Kiera
RC	Henry	2WM	Kieron	5J	Libby
RS	Raihaan	3D	Ricardo	5M	Lexie
1G	Reggie	3E	Deanna	5W	Manha
1KB	Ava	3L	Hana	6G	Maharshi
1L	Harleigh	4A	Maksim	6L	Tom
2C	Abigail	4B	Bray	6S	Chris

Literacy Masters

The following children have been celebrated last week for their writing. Their work has been displayed prominently within school.

RB	Soha	2J	Lisa Marie	4R	Hersh
RC	Harry	2WM	Zack	5J	Olivia
RS	Alex	3D	Filip	5M	Milo
1G	Esma	3E	Isabelle	5W	Jemima
1KB	Caitlin	3L	Gracie	6G	Oscar
1L	Gabi	4A	Ronnie	6L	Volodymyr
2C	Shanie	4B	Everyone	6S	Jack

Maths Masters

We congratulate all of our Mathematics Masters certificate winners from last week.

RB	Callum	2J	Yameen	4R	Jake
RC	Rian	2WM	Mary	5J	Amreet
RS	Tamera	3D	Frreddie	5M	Jayden
1G	Kian	3E	Bella	5W	Riley
1KB	Amber	3L	David	6G	Sam
1L	Freddie	4A	Alfie	6L	Isabella and Lilly
2C	Hari	4B	Riley	6S	Lucas

Jigsaw Award

The following children have been awarded the Jigsaw award this week based on their exemplary PSHE learning.

RB	Bradley	2J	Owen	4R	Roman
RC	Max	2WM	Freddie	5J	Bobby
RS	Evie	3D	Amalia	5M	Dylan
1G	Frank	3E	Jorgie	5W	Will
1KB	Affan	3L	Rosie	6G	Crystal
1L	Ionela	4A	David	6L	Evie
2C	Imogen	4B	Kyra	6S	Isabelle

Gold Leaf Achievers

Special congratulations to who have all received a gold leaf this week. Dylan, Freya, Zack, Francisco, Sufwan, Charlie, Jimmy, Zack, Paulina, Taha, Junior, Henry, Holly, Jessica, Kaitlyn, Eliane, Grace, Mustafa, Sam, Sirida, Lilly, Volodymyr, Isabella, Freya, Hazel-Louise, Mae, Annika, Crystal, Mark, Archie, Noah, Indigo, Rian, Annette, Stone, Charlie, Rosie,



Karla Pearson
Headteacher

Dates for 2019 – 2020

November		
Tuesday 12 th	3.30pm	Maths and Literacy drop in parent sessions Year R: Reception classrooms Years 1- 6: Main hall and gym
Wednesday 13 th	9am	2WM Class Assembly
Tuesday 19 th	9.15- 10am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 20 th	9.15- 10am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Thursday 21 st	9.15- 10am	EYFS Stay and Learn

Wednesday 20 th	9am	3L Class Assembly
Friday 22 nd	After school	Year 1 cake sale
Saturday 30 th	1- 3pm & 5- 7pm	PTA pantomime
December		
Wednesday 4 th	2.15pm	EYFS nativity
Thursday 5 th	9.15am	EYFS nativity
Tuesday 10 th	2pm	KS1 nativity
Wednesday 11 th	9.15am	KS1 nativity
Monday 16 th	6pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 17 th	2pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 17 th	6pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 18 th	9am	Headteacher Assembly
Friday 20th	1.45pm	End of Term
January 2020		
Monday 6 th		Children return to school
Monday 13 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 14 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 15 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 15 th	9am	4A Class Assembly
Friday 17 th	After school	Year 2 cake sale
Wednesday 22 nd	9am	5J Class Assembly
Wednesday 29 th	9am	4B Class Assembly
February		
Wednesday 5 th	9am	3E Class Assembly
Wednesday 12 th	9am	1G Class Assembly
Friday 14 th		INSET Day
Mon 17th – Fri 21st		Half Term
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th		Y6 Residential Bristol
Friday 28 th	After school	Year 3 cake sale
March		
Wednesday 4 th	9am	4R Class Assembly
Friday 6 th March		Year 3 Sleepover
Monday 9 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 10 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11 th	9am	1L Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 th	9am	1H Class Assembly
Fri 20 th – Sun 22 nd		Y5 Residential Bowles
Tuesday 24 th	4pm- 7.30pm	Parent teacher consultations
Wednesday 25 th	3.30pm-6pm	Parent teacher consultations
Friday 27 th	After school	Year 4 cake sale
April		
Wednesday 1 st	9am	Headteacher Assembly
Friday 3rd	1.45pm	End of Term
Monday 20 th		Children return to school
Friday 24 th	After school	Year 5 cake sale
Wednesday 29 th	9am	3D Class Assembly
May		
Wednesday 6 th	9am	RB Class Assembly
Thursday 7 th		Polling Day
Friday 8 th		May Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 12 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 13 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Mon 4 th – Fri 22 nd		KS1 SATs Period
Mon 11 th – Thurs 14 th		KS2 SATs week
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd	After school each day	Book Fair
Wed 20 th – Fri 22 nd		Year 4 Rise Up Festival
Wednesday 20 th	9am	RC Class Assembly
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th		Half Term
June		

Wednesday 3 rd	6pm	EYFS new parents meeting
Wednesday 10 th	9am	5M Class Assembly
Wednesday 17 th	9am	RS Class Assembly
Thursday 18 th	EYFS/ KS1: 9.30am KS2: 1.30pm	Sports Day
Monday 22 nd		EYFS taster sessions
Tuesday 23 rd		EYFS taster sessions
Wednesday 24 th		EYFS taster sessions
Wednesday 24 th	9am	5W Class Assembly
Friday 5 th June	After school	Year 6 cake sale
July		
Monday 6 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 7 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 8 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 8 th	6.30pm	Year 6 production
Thursday 9 th	6.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 15 th	9am	Headteacher Assembly
Thursday 16 th	6pm	Leavers Disco
Friday 17 th	9am	Leavers Assembly
Friday 17th		End of term
Mon 20th – Wed 22nd		INSET

CHANGE STARTS WITH US
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

BULLYING IS NOT OKAY

Change starts here.
Change starts now.
Change starts with us.

Small Difference. Big Change

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 12TH - 15TH NOVEMBER

During this week at school children will take part in a variety of activities including:

Assemblies | Teamwork activities | Craft Activities | Class Swaps

SOME OF ECHELFORD'S CHILD LEADERS WILL BE HOLDING PARENT WORKSHOPS:
TUESDAY 2.30PM THURSDAY 9.00AM & 3.20PM