

# The Echelford Echo



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Echelford has been buzzing with a festive feel all week. Year 1 and 2 entertained us with their nativity performances, whilst the KS2 children rehearsed in preparation for their musical show on Monday and Tuesday. We served up nearly 400 festive meals on Wednesday; it was an impressive team effort from everyone involved. Our house art competition is underway; the children have enjoyed using their creativity to decorate their classroom doors.

The staff have spent some time thinking ahead to next term. Not only have we been planning what to teach, but we have had a number of discussions about marking and how we can improve it. It is essential that what is being taught takes account of children's prior knowledge or misconceptions. When we look at books and talk to children, it is clear long marking comments are not read and work is not edited. We have, therefore, been identifying ways to make sure our marking is more purposeful and developmental for the children. There will be more to follow on our plans to develop marking next term.

We have also organised a lunchtime working group from across our staff to review how our whole lunchtime works. If you have any complete sets of games or toys that you no longer want (before or after Christmas), we would really appreciate any donations. We are looking to make up activity boxes for the children to use both inside and outside. In particular, we would be grateful for any Lego or complete board games for the children. Please bring any donations in to the school office.

Thank You

## This week we have been learning...

Reception	Reception have been writing letters to Santa. The children have been busy in our Post Office role play area, wrapping parcels and pretending to send their letters. We have continued our learning on 3D shapes in Maths and have been looking at what shapes the parcels in the role play area are. The children have enjoyed testing which 3D shapes can roll and which shapes are best to build with. Next week we will be writing Christmas cards and learning about months of the year, seasons and time.
Year 1	Year 1 have taken part in the Christmas Nativity performance. They were able to sing the songs they have been practising beautifully. All the children enjoyed taking part in this and obviously loved performing their dance moves with each song; we are very proud of them all. In addition to this, the children have been writing letters to Father Christmas. They have been practising changing singular nouns to plurals by adding 's' and 'es' to a given word.
Year 2	Year 2 took to the stage and performed their Nativity to the rest of the school on Monday and then to parents and carers on Tuesday and Wednesday. All children did an excellent job in their specific role which included acting, backstage crew and being a musician; we are so proud of every child! After our performances, we returned to our Power of Reading text, Leaf, to create different narratives about our lonesome polar bear. In Maths, we continued our learning about multiplication and division.
Year 3	Year 3 have been very busy practising our songs so that we are ready for the Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert; we are very excited to perform to our grown-ups next week. Within Reading and Literacy, we have been reading, creating and performing our own poems based on our Power of Reading text. This week, we began our Science topic on Light and have explored the different light sources.

Year 4	It has been an exciting week filled with Christmas performance rehearsals; we are really looking forward to performing next week. In Maths, we have been plotting our own time graphs, which has required us to remember both the x and y axes. We have just finished reading <i>Jemmy Button</i> and were excited to find out that this was based on a true story. Some of us have published our 'Button stories' and are looking forward to putting these into our school library for other children to enjoy.
Year 5	Amongst the exciting preparations for our upcoming Christmas performance, Year 5 have been using our prior maths knowledge to calculate the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes. This has supported us in creating our imaginative Christmas themed doors in our houses, ready for judging on Wednesday next week.
Year 6	It has been our Assessment Week this week and we've noticed a definite shift in the children's aspirations and curiosity in their final grades in these tests. In other times, we have been rehearsing for our forthcoming concerts and completing some of our foundation topics (which is why we have been exploring the outdoors so much). We are looking forward to performing for you next week, as well as finding out where Darkus's dad disappeared to in 'Beetle Boy.'

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at the KS2 shows next week.

*Karla Pearson*

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**Headteacher**

### **Christmas Assemblies**

This morning we were visited by Father Alex, from St. Matthew's Church in Ashford, who led assemblies on Advent and Christmas. The children retold the Christmas story, learnt more about the Advent wreath and how Christians celebrate Christmas in Churches. The children and staff then joined Father Alex in singing some Christmas Carols and songs which they have been learning this half term. Father Alex then visited the KS1 classrooms to talk about their RE learning from this term and answer any questions they had. We would like to thank Father Alex for taking the time to visit us.

### **Salvation Army Present Appeal**

Thank you for all your generous donations towards the Salvation Army Present Appeal. We were overwhelmed with the amount of wonderful presents we received. These were collected last week by the Salvation Army in Staines and will go towards supporting those in need this Christmas; we know they will make a real difference to so many.



### **Change of school meal preference**

If you wish for your child to change their meal preference when we return in January, please complete the online form on our website before 9am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

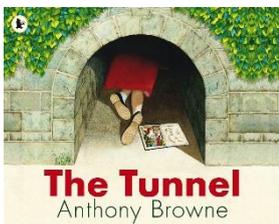
### **Borrowed clothing**

When your child has borrowed clothing from school please could we ask that the borrowed items are cleaned and returned to school at your earliest convenience? We are running particularly short of underwear, socks and tights of all sizes.

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

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

### **Reading Recommendations**

<b>KS1</b>	<b>KS2</b>
 <p><b>The Tunnel</b> Anthony Browne</p>	 <p><b>The Arrival</b> Shaun Tan</p>
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## Achievements outside of school

Congratulations to Amreet who has moved up to yellow belt in her Shentie Martial Arts class. Well done Amreet!



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

#### Craft Club Update

Just over 100 children attended the Christmas Craft Clubs on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December. Numerous plates, mugs gingerbread men were decorated, and baubles, cards, paper chains, snowflakes and reindeer food was made too. Thanks go to Danny Blackwell, Alison Cornwell, Amie White and Lauren McBride who organised the events, which raised £310.50 for school funds.

#### Christmas Production DVDs

KS1 children were filmed in Monday's dress rehearsal of their Christmas production and there was the option at the shows on Tuesday and Wednesday to purchase a DVD.

KS2 will be filmed in their dress rehearsal on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> but, due to the proximity of the KS2 performances to the end of term, all orders and payments for KS2 DVDs must be ordered in advance of the shows and deposited with payment and details of your child's name and class in the PTA box by the end of today.

Each DVD costs £10, with £7 going towards the making of the DVD and £3 going to school funds. The deadline to return orders and payments for Reception DVDs was last Friday, and any orders and payments for KS1 and KS2 DVDs must be in the PTA box by 3:30pm today.

All DVDs will be sent home with your child before school finishes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December but please note, if you have placed an order but not paid you will not receive your DVD until payment has been received.

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 & 6 Games/Quiz Night

Between 6-8pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, children from Years 5 and 6 will have the chance to compete in their own quiz/games night. Entry is £5 per person, with a team of up to 6 players. A trophy and goodie bags will be awarded to the winning team. Parents/carers are welcome to stay and watch and refreshments will be available during the interval (for a small charge). Please find attached an entry form that should be returned by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Please indicate if your child would like to participate but does not have a team; we will allocate them to one.

#### Echelford School Lottery

The winning number for the first draw of the school year was 9. If you wish to participate in the remaining draws, please return your form and payment of £7 by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January ahead of the draw on 14<sup>th</sup> January. Each entrant will be allocated a number which stays with you for the duration of the lottery. The winning number drawn will receive 50% of the funds taken that month, with the remaining 50% gifted to Echelford. Hard copies of the form are available from the school office.

#### Dates For Your Diary

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Deadline to return orders for KS1 and KS2 Christmas production DVDs

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January: PTA meeting, 9am

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Year 2 Cake Sale

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January: Year 5 & 6 Games/Quiz Night (sign up by 20<sup>th</sup> January)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February: Year 3 Cake Sale

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3 & 4 Games/Quiz Night

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Year 1 and 2 event

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Year 6 Colour Run

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Summer Fair

## 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.

<b>RB</b>	Charlie	<b>2J</b>	Michaela	<b>4R</b>	James
<b>RC</b>	Bailey	<b>2WM</b>	Jack	<b>5J</b>	All the girls who played in the football match on
<b>RS</b>	Jasleen	<b>3D</b>	Henley	<b>5M</b>	Monday
<b>1G</b>	Hubert	<b>3E</b>	Preston	<b>5W</b>	
<b>1KB</b>	Mason	<b>3L</b>	Naveen	<b>6G</b>	Sam
<b>1L</b>	Ionela	<b>4A</b>	Joban	<b>6L</b>	Freya
<b>2C</b>	Francesca	<b>4B</b>	Henry	<b>6S</b>	Fabiana

### Literacy Masters

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

<b>RB</b>	Ann Lydia	<b>2J</b>	Consent not given	<b>4R</b>	Alfie
<b>RC</b>	Jessica	<b>2WM</b>	Alexia	<b>5J</b>	Will
<b>RS</b>	Dylan	<b>3D</b>	Luke	<b>5M</b>	Luka
<b>1G</b>	Myla Rose	<b>3E</b>	Noah	<b>5W</b>	Harry
<b>1KB</b>	Lewys	<b>3L</b>	Natalia	<b>6G</b>	Jessica
<b>1L</b>	Jake	<b>4A</b>	Ethan D	<b>6L</b>	Holly
<b>2C</b>	Darcy	<b>4B</b>	Ryan	<b>6S</b>	Emily

### Maths Masters

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

<b>RB</b>	Soha	<b>2J</b>	Georgie	<b>4R</b>	Dalilah
<b>RC</b>	Kaya	<b>2WM</b>	William	<b>5J</b>	Charlie
<b>RS</b>	Georgina	<b>3D</b>	Aylin	<b>5M</b>	Amelia
<b>1G</b>	Lily Mae	<b>3E</b>	Lujain	<b>5W</b>	Noor
<b>1KB</b>	Isabella	<b>3L</b>	Gracie	<b>6G</b>	Oscar
<b>1L</b>	Consent not given	<b>4A</b>	Kemi	<b>6L</b>	Justin
<b>2C</b>	Jakub	<b>4B</b>	Bray	<b>6S</b>	Frankie

### Jigsaw Award

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

<b>RB</b>	Emilia	<b>2J</b>	Freddie S	<b>4R</b>	Safaa
<b>RC</b>	Amelia	<b>2WM</b>	Callum	<b>5J</b>	Olivia
<b>RS</b>	Theo	<b>3D</b>	Ciona	<b>5M</b>	Consent not given
<b>1G</b>	Isobel	<b>3E</b>	Tomiwa	<b>5W</b>	Olivia
<b>1KB</b>	Bonham	<b>3L</b>	Consent not given	<b>6G</b>	Abi B
<b>1L</b>	Gabi	<b>4A</b>	Daisy	<b>6L</b>	Devon
<b>2C</b>	Summer V	<b>4B</b>	Dixie	<b>6S</b>	Scarlett

### Gold Leaf Achievers

Special congratulations to: Molly, Lola, Josiah, Ethan, Freddie, Georgie, Freddie, Emily, Amelia, Wania, James, Elsie Jayne, Mary, Latia, Muhammad, Cody, Tommy, Thomas, Billy, Bradley, Riley, Martha, Taha who have all received a gold leaf this week.

### Dates for 2019 – 2020

December		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Headteacher Assembly
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1.45pm</b>	<b>End of Term</b>
January 2020		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>		Children return to school
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am	4A Class Assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	After school	Year 2 cake sale
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am	5J Class Assembly
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9am	4B Class Assembly
February		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3.20pm–4.00pm	'Echelford Expo' Years R, 2, 4 & 6 Parent drop in
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	3.20pm–4.00pm	'Echelford Expo' Years 1, 3 & 5 Parent drop in
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9am	3E Class Assembly

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am	1G Class Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>		INSET Day
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>Half Term</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>		Y6 Residential Bristol
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	After school	Year 3 cake sale
<b>March</b>		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9am	4R Class Assembly
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 3 Sleepover
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9am	1L Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9am	1H Class Assembly
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Y5 Residential Bowles
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm- 7.30pm	Parent teacher consultations
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm-6pm	Parent teacher consultations
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	After school	Year 4 cake sale
<b>April</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9am	Headteacher Assembly
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>1.45pm</b>	<b>End of Term</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>		Children return to school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	After school	Year 5 cake sale
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9am	3D Class Assembly
<b>May</b>		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am	RB Class Assembly
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>		Polling Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>		May Bank Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>		KS1 SATs Period
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>		KS2 SATs week
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	After school each day	Book Fair
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Year 4 Rise Up Festival
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9am	RC Class Assembly
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 29<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Half Term</b>
<b>June</b>		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6pm	EYFS new parents meeting
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	After School	Year 6 cake sale
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am	5M Class Assembly
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am	RS Class Assembly
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/ KS1: 9.30am KS2: 1.30pm	Sports Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		EYFS taster sessions
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		EYFS taster sessions
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS taster sessions
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am	5W Class Assembly
<b>July</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Year 6 production
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Headteacher Assembly
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Leavers Disco
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Leavers Assembly
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>End of term</b>
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>INSET</b>

Year 5 and 6 children are welcome to come and test their knowledge and play some fun games at our...



# Year 5 & 6 Quiz/Games Night

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 6-8pm

£5 per entry



Teams of up to 6 players each from Year 5 & 6

Trophy and goodie bags for the winning team.

Parents/carers are encouraged to stay and watch/cheer on their child/team.

Refreshments will be available (small cost) during the break.

Please return your completed form and entry fee to the PTA post box by 3pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

NB: There will be no physical tickets for this event, if you sign up please assume your child has a space. If we have significant interest and there are no more tickets available you will be contacted. Children's names will be on a list to tick off on arrival.

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Deadline for tickets is 3pm on Monday 20th January.

I give permission for the following child/children to attend the PTA Year 5 & 6 quiz/games night.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate if your child wishes us to allocate them to a team on the night.

I have included £5 / £10 / £15 (exact money please)

My child will be collected by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact no: \_\_\_\_\_