

12th January 2023 (15)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break with your family and friends.

Whole School Assembly

In today's assembly the big question was "Are emojis an important part of communication?" The children raised great points for both '*for*' and '*against*' which they discussed, including the fact that they shouldn't replace writing a personal comment.

The children learnt that a child from Oxfordshire has started a petition to change the design of the emoji which has glasses, as he feels that it doesn't represent people who wear glasses fairly.

The children were excited to find out that anyone can design an emoji and send it to the Unicode Consortium, but they should reflect the diverse world we live in. The children were able to link today's assembly to 'Mutual Respect and Tolerance' as learning about each other can help us understand and respect one another.

Today's assembly was linked to the UN Right Article 2 - No discrimination. As a school the children know that everyone should be treated equally.

Design and Technology Spotlight

You should have all received the ParentMail explaining this term's spotlight subject is 'Design and Technology.'

I have set a home learning project for each child to cook or bake with you at home. This will support your child/children in class this term using specific equipment safely. Please upload any videos you take on to Teams, which can then be shared in class, or add a photo montage or bring into school a photo board of what they did.

I am currently covering Design and Technology, so I am looking forward to seeing what delicious dishes the children cook up!

Your child's class teacher will send more information by Friday 19th January 2024.



Andrianna's fundraiser for Little Princess Trust

Andrianna (6K) donated 18 inches of hair to the Little Princess Trust on 21st December 2023. She chose this charity in order to help children with cancer. Her donated hair will be put towards making real hair wigs, free of charge to children who have lost their hair, due to cancer treament and other conditions. The money she has raised will fund research projects into kinder and more effective treaments for all childhood cancers.



We are so proud of her. If you would like to support this cause, please click on the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/andrianna-ioannou-1701870514214?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fandriannaioannou-1701870514214&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Samantha Williams Headteacher





Individual Music Lessons

Individual Music Lessons with tutors from Enfield Music Service will start from Monday 15th January, and if you have paid for this service your child will receive 9 lessons.

The tutors will be coming into school to teach on the following days -

John Babbs	Tuesday & Thursday	Piano
Martha Babbs	Friday	Piano
Yvonne Dove	Friday	Piano & Keyboard
Simon Drey	Thursday	Guitar
Angela Hunt	Wednesday	Violin
Elliot Thomas	Wednesday	Clarinet & Saxophone
Sean Turpin	Tuesday	Cello

I am hoping that the timetable will be finalised on Monday and I will notify each child in writing of their specific lesson day and time.

If for any reason your child misses a lesson due to a trip or sporting event, please let your tutor know as soon as possible so that an alternative date can be arranged. Please encourage your child to practice at home, and I hope you and your child have an enjoyable musical term.

Lunchtime music clubs will start next week - Tuesday - choir, Wednesday - orchestra, and Thursday - guitar ensemble. All clubs would welcome new members, please just come along!

Listening to Music in January

We have started the month listening to Vivaldi's Winter from the Four Seasons, describing the frost, ice, coldness and wind of winter. The children have been introduced to a lute, a common instrument from about 1400 to 1700. Our second piece of music is played on the piano, Satie's Gymnopedie 1, a piece of dance music, though it has a slow tempo.

Sara Evans - Subject Leader for Music and The Arts









We would like to wish

Burhanuddín (Níghtíngale) and Ayla (1C)

a very Happy Birthday and thank you for donating a birthday book to your class

Our value for the month of Janaury is

Compassion

Attendance

One of the areas the school is working hard to improve is the attendance of children at Eversley Primary School. The United Nation Convention on the rights of the child entitles them to a Right to Education (Article 28). If the attendance drops below 95%, this could potentially affect any future Ofsted judgement, as well as children missing vital learning which reduces their chances of success. Please help us to continue the upward trend by ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time.

The overall school attendance to date is 95.66%



Dates for Diary - Spring/Summer 2024

Autumn Term	Time	Event
Monday 15th January		Deadline for Submission for Reception Sept 2024
Thursday 18th January		Year 6 Young Voices School Choirs 2024 at 02 Arena
Monday 22nd January	9.30am	EPSA Happy Bags Collection (drop off at either gate)
Tuesday 23rd January	am only	Year 5 Trip to Bayfordbury Observatory
Thursday 25th January		Year 4 Trip to St Albans Cathedral
Thursday 1st February		National Height & Weight Check for Children in Reception & Year 6
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	School Closed	Spring Half Term
Monday 19th February		Return to School
Friday 23rd February		EPSA Quiz Night
Wednesday 27th March		Break up for Easter Holidays (normal time)
Thursday 28th March		Inset Day - School Closed to Children
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	School Closed	Easter Holiday
Monday 15th April		Return to School
Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th April		Year 5 Trip to France
Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th April		Class & Sports Team Photography
Monday 6th May	School Closed	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May		Break for Half Term
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	School Closed	Summer Half Term
Monday 3rd June		Return to School
Monday 3rd June	9am-10am	EPSA Happy Bags Collection (drop off at either gate)
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June		Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood
Thursday 11th & Friday 12th July		Year 4 Residential Trip to Phasels Wood Activity Centre
Wednesday 24th July	1.30pm	Break up for Summer Holidays



Cookery Club – Spring Term 2024

For ages 5 and up. The children will learn simple cooking skills, and cook a variety of interesting dishes each week. We will cover all the different food groups. They will learn about ingredients, and how to cook easy, healthy food. My cooking classes run in a number of schools in North London – where my lessons are popular and oversubscribed. I also run my own cookery school for adults and teach cooking to vulnerable families as part of HomeStart charity.

Cookery club will run on Tuesdays and Fridays, after school, in the Training Room. All equipment and ingredients provided.

Cost is £14 per lesson. Please register your interest with Samina at <u>si.remote@gmail.com</u> as soon as possible.