



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Friday, 10 November 2023

Newsletter

Welcome back to school after a well-deserved half term break! We hope everyone had a good time and stayed safe during the bad weather. This half term will be very busy, but lots of fun with numerous activities taking place in school. Now we are in the colder months, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat and appropriate footwear.

Attendance

Congratulations to Rosa class for a weekly attendance of 98.33%



Diary dates this half-term

November 2023

Monday 13th November – PTA Stay & Play

Monday 13th November - Odd socks day

Tuesday 14th November - Open evening for prospective parents

Thursday 16th November - Flu Vaccinations

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day

Monday 20th November - Year 3&4 trip to Creswell Crags

Wednesday 22nd November – Parent Open Evening to see your child's work

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November – On-line Parent's Evening appointments

December 2023

Friday 1st December – Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Tombola

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th December - Book fair

Friday 8th December – Christmas Fayre

Monday 11th December – PTA Stay & Play

Monday 11th December 4:30pm & Tuesday 12th December 10:00am - KS1 Nativity

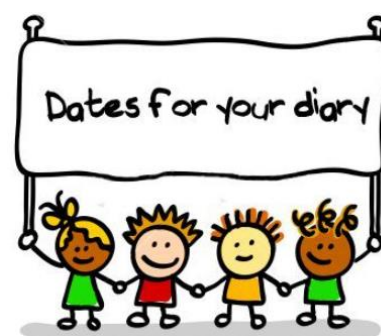
Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 13th December 10:30am & Thursday 14th December 2:30pm - EYFS Christmas Performance

Wednesday 20th December – PTA Film with Santa

Thursday 21st December – Last day of term

Friday 22nd December – Inset day (school closed to all pupils)





Class Achievers

On Tuesday 14th November, we will celebrate the achievements of the following children for being our weekly achievers.

Nursery & Reception		Years 1 & 2		Years 3 & 4		Years 5 & 6	
<u>Rainbow</u>	Henry	<u>Blue</u>	Georgina	<u>Amarillo</u>	Teja	<u>Azul</u>	Reian
<u>Green</u>	Niamh	<u>Orange</u>	Frazer	<u>Rosa</u>	Moez	<u>Morado</u>	Noah
<u>Red</u>	Ella	<u>Yellow</u>	Anissa	<u>Verde</u>	Esme	<u>Rojo</u>	Daksh



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Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Children (and staff!) can wear odd socks if they wish, to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness!



Flu Vaccinations

The Nurses will be back in school on Thursday 16th November to finish the flu vaccinations for children.

Children in Need day

There will be a non-uniform day in school on Friday 17th November for Children In Need –the theme is 'spotty'.

You should have received details of the sponsorship arrangements, so please create your own page and make a donation through this (if you can) so children are eligible to receive a medal from Children in Need. Sport challenges will take place in school the following week!



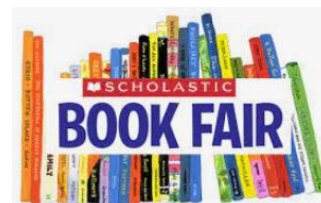
Scholastic Book Fair

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! To browse the latest books and order online click on the link below.

Not only are these great stocking fillers but for every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your orders by 10th November 2023 – last day!

Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/edgewood-primary/digital-book-club>



There will also be a Book Fair in school starting on Wednesday 6th December until Friday 8th December.

Message from a local resident

One of our local residents has been in touch to say that some cars are being parked on The Harrier and driving across the grassed area. This is causing the grass to be churned up and now looks very muddy. This is a private road and as such this is funded by the residents. We would urge all our parents to be considerate when parking and try to avoid The Harrier where possible. We know how difficult parking can be at busy times, but please be mindful of the impact you may have on the local community when parking near school. Thank you.

First aid texts from school

The school office will now only send notifications of first aid once each day in the afternoon before the end of school. (Morning nursery children will have a text before the end of their session.) If any child has a head bump or significant injury, parents will receive a call straightaway. If you have any concerns about your child being unwell whilst in school and may need more urgent notifications of smaller injuries, please speak to the class teacher to make them aware. Thank you.



Active Class Winners Red & Verde

Boys Football – Away vs Hucknall FHA – match report

The boys began their cup campaign away to Hucknall Flying High. With the competition now being regionalised until the latter stages, we will come across many of the other local Hucknall schools. The boys started on the front foot creating numerous chances scoring two goals inside the first ten minutes (Isaac & Ethan). Hucknall FHA grew into the game and deservedly got a goal back with a good team goal.

The second half was a much more even contest with very few chances of note for either side. The boys did eventually put the game to bed with another wonderful team goal as the light began to fade. This game ends our football participation until we get lighter nights again around February.

Players & Teachers Player of the Match – Finley who had an amazing game in the heart of defence.

An Online Safety curriculum update from Mrs Trenowden

I wanted to share an overview with you of the Online Safety strands which will be covered across school over the next academic year. These will be as follows:

Health, well-being and lifestyle
Managing online information
Online relationships
Online reputation

Online bullying
Privacy and security
Self-image and identity
Copyright and ownership

Every year group will cover all the strands but the depth to which they are explored will vary depending on the year group of your child. Coming back to these strands each year will support children to leave our primary school with a rich knowledge of what it means to be safe online.

We explored health, well-being and lifestyle last half term. Children in Key Stage 1 discussed screen time and the negative impact too much of it can have on their health. They made suggestions as a class about what would make good alternatives to screen time and came up with a huge list of brilliant ideas. The children shared how too much screen time made them feel with insightful comments such as “it gives me a headache” and “it stops me from being fit because I don’t move around enough”. We’re really pleased with their reflections and we hope they can take what they’ve learnt and apply it at home.

There are a wealth of resources available to parents on the National Online Safety website. If you sign up, there is no cost to you and you will gain access to parent and carer courses, online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics. To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/edgewood-primary-school> and complete your details. When you’re set up, you’ll be able to set ‘Parent/Carer’ as your user type. You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via the smartphone app.



It can be challenging for parents and carers to know whether children are spending too much time on their devices. Furthermore, it's even more of a challenge to know whether a child is addicted to the internet and social media. As technology is becoming more pervasive, children and young people are experiencing tech-related dependencies. Do we as parents and carers have the knowledge to identify and support children and young people who may be developing an addiction to their devices?



What parents need to know about SCREEN ADDICTION



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Children as young as 13 are attending 'smartphone rehab' following growing concerns over screen time. There are now help centers in the UK which deal with screen addiction for children and adults showing the seriousness of device addiction. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has officially recognised gaming addiction as a modern disease. The condition was confirmed as part of their International Classification of Diseases (ICD) which serves as an international standard for diagnosing and treating health conditions.

LACK OF SLEEP

7 out of 10 children said they had missed out on sleep because of their online habits and 60% said they had neglected school work as a result. It is important that children get the sleep they need in order to focus the next day.

LOSS OF INTEREST IN OTHER THINGS

Your child may become less interested in anything that does not include their device. You may notice that your child is missing school time and generally being less engaged with other activities in the home. It is important to discuss this with your child as soon as you notice a behaviour change.



CONFIDENCE, SUPPORT & ADVICE

The Children's Commissioner report 'Life in Likes', explored how children aged 8-11 are using social media today. It showed that children are using their devices to speak to their online friends about their problems and seek acceptance and support, removing face to face interactions.

APPS CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Apps have been designed with 'psychological tricks' to constantly keep grabbing your attention. One example of this is on the app Snapchat, where you can gain 'streaks' when interacting with your friends. If you don't respond, you lose the streak. This addictive nature of apps aims to engage children and keep them coming back for more.



Top Tips for Parents



LIMIT SCREEN TIME

In today's digital age, technology is an important part of a child's development so completely banning them from their device will mean they are missing out on a lot, including conversations and communication with their friends. Rather than banning them from using their devices, we suggest setting a screen time limit. Work out what you think is a suitable and healthy amount of time for your child to be on their device per week. Remember that your child may need to use devices for their school homework so only set screen limits on recreational time on their device. Once you have established this, have the conversation with them to discuss why you are implementing a screen limit. There will be others in your child's friendship group who will not have screen limits set and will be sending messages when they do not have access to their phones.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children model their behavior on their peers, so if their parents are constantly on their device, they will see this as acceptable. Try limiting your own screen time and follow the same rules you have set for them. If you have asked your child to not use their device at the table, make sure you don't. Try setting house rules that the whole family abide by.

REMOVE DEVICES FROM THEIR BEDROOM

Setting a rule about removing devices from bedrooms will help your child to get the sleep they need and be more focussed the next day at school. 20% of teenagers said that they wake up to check their social network accounts on their devices. Even by having a device switched off in their bedroom, they may be tempted to check for notifications.

LESS TIME MEANS LESS EXPOSURE

There are many risks associated with devices, such as cyberbullying, grooming, sexting, viewing inappropriate content etc. Less time spent on a screen means that a child will be less exposed to these risks.

MOBILE-FREE MEAL TIMES

Have you tried to settle your child by giving them a tablet at the dinner table or restaurant? This may seem like a quick fix to calm them down but in reality, it is encouraging them to use their device as a distraction from conversation and dealing with their emotions. We suggest removing all technology from the dinner table and having conversations with your family about how their day has been.

ENCOURAGE ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES

It may seem like an obvious solution, but encouraging children to play with their friends, read a book, or playing outdoors will help them realise they can have fun without their device. Playing football, trampolining, camping, going for a walk or swimming are all healthy replacements for screen time. Try to join them in their Outdoor activities to show your support.

STATISTICS

52% of children aged **3-4**
go online for nearly **9hrs** a week

82% of children aged **5-7**
go online for nearly **9.5hrs** a week

93% of children aged **8-11**
go online for nearly **13.5hrs** a week

99% of children aged **12-15**
go online for nearly **20.5hrs** a week

Children and Parents Study and Attitudes Report 2018

Nottinghamshire
Family Hub

Have your say on our proposals for the roll out of family hubs across Nottinghamshire

Complete the survey at
[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/
family-hubs-consultation](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/family-hubs-consultation)
2 October - 3 December

You can also be entered
into a free prize draw to
win £150 Love to Shop voucher
if you complete the questionnaire.
Terms and conditions apply.

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Have your say on Nottinghamshire Family Hubs

As we develop Family Hub Networks in Nottinghamshire, we want to gather your views and ideas, so that we make sure that the services provided meet the needs of local families and stakeholders.

Family Hubs aim to make a positive difference to children, young people and their families by providing joined up, local services which provide the right support at the right time.

The proposals include changing the use of Children's Centre Service buildings so that they become Family Hubs, which will provide joined up services for the whole family, not just families with children under the age of 5.

To help shape future proposals, the council is seeking views from families and anyone with an interest in services for children and families in the county to take part in a public consultation which runs until Sunday, 3 December 2023.

You can also be entered into a free prize draw to win a £150 Love to Shop voucher if you complete the questionnaire.

The survey will close on 3 December 2023.

To take part in the consultation visit
[Family Hubs Consultation Survey 2023 - Nottinghamshire County Council - Citizen Space](#)

Check out our webpages:

[Discover your local family hub](#)
(Nottinghamshire County Council)

Follow us on social media:

Follow us on social media for more opportunities to get involved by following the Families Information Service:

- [Facebook - Nottinghamshire Families Information Service](#)
- [Instagram - @nottsfs](#)

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Phone 0300 500 80 80 if you need the information in a different language or format.

Family Hubs consultation
have your say from the **2 October - 3 December**
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School Holidays



Public Holidays



Administration Day

Autumn Term

4 September - 20 October 7 weeks

6 November - 22 December 7 weeks

Spring Term

4 January - 9 February 5 weeks 2 days

19 February - 29 March 5 weeks 4 days

Summer Term

15 April - 24 May 5 weeks 4 days

3 June - 26 July 8 weeks

O INSET DAY