



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Friday, 19 May 2023

Newsletter

This week was the turn of Year 2 children to undertake their SATs tests. Once again, their resilience and determination was something that made me very proud to see. Well done to everyone involved and thanks to the staff who were extra flexible in their school day this week.

Congratulations to Blue class for a weekly attendance of 99.33%



Class Achievers

On Monday, we will celebrate the achievements of the following children for being this week's achievers.

Nurse & Reception		Years 1 & 2		Years 3 & 4		Years 5 & 6	
Rainbow	Noah	Yellow	Elijah	Verde	Leo-Jake	Azul	Molly
Red	Harriet	Blue	Isi	Amarillo	Fraser	Morado	Brendan
Green	Harry	Orange	Phoebe	Rosa	Lyla	Rojo	Ellis

School photos

Carmel Jane Photography will be in school on Monday 22nd May to take class photographs.

If your child has PE on Monday, please send them in their school uniform and they will get changed after their photograph into their PE kit.

Please ensure you have pre-registered with Carmel Jane so you can access your child's photographs. There will be no proofs sent to school – all proofs and orders are dealt with directly by Carmel Jane.

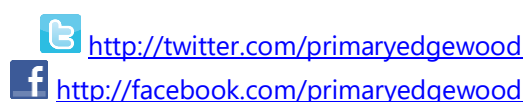


This week's letter:

Here is the link in case you have missed it:

Class photos (all children)

<http://www.edgewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/Class%20photo.pdf>



Christchurch Road, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, NG15 6HX

Most Active Class Awards

We have had a super active week at Edgewood and it's really pleasing to see all the classes working really hard during their playtimes to stay active.



**This week's winners:
Green Class & Azul Class**

Year 5/6 Cricket



This week, our year 5/6 cricket team travelled to Mansfield Hosier Mills to compete in a cricket festival with the hope of qualifying for the county finals, which are held at Trent Bridge.

The team played three group games in the morning against Mapplewells, Kingsway and Orchard. Having bowled exceptionally well throughout the morning, no team managed to score over 45 runs against us after 40 balls had been bowled – a tremendous achievement. In all three games, the boys batted with great concentration scoring over 80 runs and winning all three games.

The boys had qualified for the semi-finals knowing one more win would see them head to Trent Bridge. They saved their best performance of the day for St. Mary's ensuring they finished their batting innings on -27 runs after a devastating spell of bowling. The boys then smashed their way to their highest score of the day making 87 runs and seeing them qualify for finals day.

Unfortunately, a rematch against Orchard in the final did not yield the same result and after a good bowling performance restricted them to 59 runs our batting didn't fire on all cylinders and we could only muster 49.

The boys now look forward to finals day at Trent Bridge in July.

Walking to School Week



Next week, we are taking part in the national programme from Living Streets that encourages children to complete the five-day walking challenge.

In school, the children will be asked whether they have walked to school that day and an overall class champion will be crowned at the end of the week. Children will also undertake other activities during the week to look at the benefits of walking to school.

We appreciate that for some families walking to school presents significant challenges due to the distance they live away from school. However, if you can park further away from school and walk the last part, this will be counted towards their class total, and children will still receive their daily walking to school sticker.



Staff News

Next Friday, we wave goodbye to Miss Bembridge as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her every luck with the safe arrival of her new baby and will of course keep you updated when baby arrives.

Whilst Miss Bembridge is on maternity leave, Miss Heaton will be working in Orange Class. Miss Heaton is a very experienced Key Stage 1 teacher and some of you may recognise her as she has worked a few days as a supply teacher here. I know you will all give her a huge Edgewood welcome.

SMART online safety competition

It isn't too late to enter the SMART e-safety poster competition. The deadline has been extended to Friday 26th May to allow more children to enter. The winning entries will have their posters displayed in school and printed on the school newsletter.



Sunhat and suncream reminder



With warmer weather forecast, please may we remind you to send children with suncream & sun hats on sunny days.

BBC Children in Need – ‘Behind the Bandana’

To mark Mental Health Awareness Week, BBC Children in Need has launched the ‘Behind the Bandana’ campaign, because mental health issues can be harder to see. You will notice that Pudsey has temporarily removed his iconic bandana to show that mental health issues can be less visible on the outside, and to encourage conversations that can help.



If you feel you or your child need any help or support, the organisations below are specialist in this field.

SIGNPOSTING TO MORE SUPPORT



OLLEE

A digital friend for ages 8-11 which helps children explore feelings

Ollee asks how you're feeling and offers ideas about what to do. If you're not sure, Ollee will help you figure it out. Children and parents can both create and connect accounts - to share advice together. Try in a web browser or download the app.

app.ollie.org.uk



WELLREAD

Builds children's emotional wellbeing by reading great stories together & having interesting conversations.

You can create an account and start reading and exploring together.

mywellread.com



SHOUT

Free, confidential, 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who is struggling to cope.

To start a conversation, text the word 'SHOUT' to 85258. Trained volunteers are there to listen at any time of day or night, and messages won't appear on the phone bill.

giveusashout.org



CHILDLINE

Free, confidential support and advice, 24 hours a day on 0800 1111

childline.org.uk



YOUNG MINDS

Free, confidential online and telephone support, including information and advice, to any adult worried about the emotional wellbeing or mental health of a child or young person up to the age of 25. Call 0808 8025544.

youngminds.org.uk



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED - A MILLION & ME PROGRAMME

£10m fund, dedicated to supporting children (age 8-13) with their emotional wellbeing and mental health. A Million & Me funds projects which work across the UK, locally and digitally. The Million & Me Hub has links to tools and resources to support children's emotional wellbeing.

[A Million & Me Programme](#)

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Fund projects across the UK that support children and young people's emotional wellbeing. You can find out what we fund near you here.

bbc.co.uk/cin

The Big Plant 20th May 2023

Hucknall Wildlife Group will be at Washdyke Recreational Ground this Saturday from 10am. Parents and children are welcome to join in and plant their seedlings. If you are free to join Mrs Norgate and the Wildlife Group, this will be a fabulous event that will make a huge difference to our local community.

World Bee Day

20th May is also World Bee Day. This is a day when beekeepers raise awareness of the importance of bees and beekeeping and inform the public of beekeeping events where they can learn more about bees! More information and details of events can be found on

<https://www.bbka.org.uk/world-bee-day-events>

Homework club (Years 5 & 6)

Please remember, homework club is continuing from 8:30 every Tuesday & Thursday throughout the summer term. This is a great opportunity for children to access their homework while staff are available for support if needed. Children are also able to access laptops.

School year 2023/24

The Governors have now agreed the INSET days for the next academic year as follows:

5th September 2023

22nd December 2023

9th February 2024

24th May 2024

The full school calendar for the next academic year is at the bottom of this newsletter.

PTA – Make the rules day 26th May 2023

The PTA are giving children an opportunity to make the rules on Friday 26th May. For a suggested donation of £1 children can choose up to 3 rules for that day. More details are below.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of the PTA that raise vital funds for our school.



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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

Make the rules day

Friday the 26th of May

Rules to choose from:
bring..

1. A treat for break time
2. A cuddly toy
3. Squash in your water bottle
- wear...
4. Odd shoes or trainers
5. Nail varnish
6. Crazy/ coloured hair
7. Non school jumper

Maximum of 3 rules
per child.

Suggested donation
of £1



10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

Meet Our Expert

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