

## **Edgewood Primary School**

## Building skills and values for life

Friday, 14 February 2025

#### **Newsletter**

The last week of the half-term has been a very busy one in school with our Ofsted visit. As soon as the report has been published, I will of course share it with you all. I think we have all earned ourselves a much-deserved break over the half term holiday. I hope you all have a restful time and we look forward to seeing everyone ready for learning on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Ed Seeley Headteacher

#### **Attendance**



Please remember to report absences for children daily – even if we have sent them home the day before. Thank you.

#### **Diary dates for this term**

#### **February**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Random acts of Kindness Day

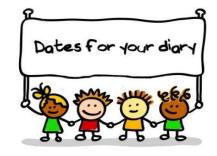
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – school re-opens to pupils

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Sports Hall Athletics District Final at Sutton Academy

Tuesday 25th February – First Year 6 SATs booster session after school

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - York Residential Meeting for Current Year 4 & 5 Pupils

Friday 28th February – Girls' Football Fixture - Away vs Hucknall FHA



#### March

WC 3rd March – After School Clubs Start - Full details to follow after half-term

Monday 3rd March - National Offer Day - Secondary School places

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Boys' Football Fixture - Away vs Leen Mills

Thursday 6th March - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition at Hucknall FHA

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March - British Science Week

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Science Competition deadline

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Careers Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 and 2 Victorian Day

Monday 31st March – Heights & Weight measurment for Reception & Year 6 (See below)











#### **Class Achievers**

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, we will celebrate the achievements of the following children for being our half-termly achievers. The Rainbow class achiever will be celebrated in their classroom.

Nursery & Reception		Years 1 & 2		Years 3 & 4		Years 5 & 6	
Rainbow	Ammu	<u>Blue</u>	James	<u>Amarillo</u>	Harry	Azul	Isaiah
Green	Ezmai	<u>Orange</u>	George M	Rosa	Isla	<u>Morado</u>	Edith
Red	Andrianna	Yellow	Ryder	<u>Verde</u>	lvy	<u>Rojo</u>	Esmae

#### Height & Weight Measurement - Reception & Year 6

#### The Healthy Child Programme

Supporting the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

Every year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). These measurements are used to check they're in their expected weight range. Your child's class will take part in this year's programme starting in September 2024.

If you have child in Reception or Year 6, please keep a look out for further information after half-term. If you have any questions, please ask reception.

#### **Children's Mental Health Week**

Last week, as part of Children's Mental Health Week, we held a compliments day where we invited children to pay someone in school a compliment and add it to our tree of kindness. Children from across the school took part all the way from Rainbow to Year 6. The messages our children wrote are beautiful and a real demonstration of how we can spread kindness to improve our mental health.

Next Monday (17th February) is Random acts of Kindness Day and it would be wonderful to see or hear of the children taking part in different activities that spread kindness around them. If you would like to share these on SeeSaw with your class teacher, please do. We look forward to seeing what you get up to.



#### **Science Update**

#### **Festival of Science**







For the Festival of Science and Curiosity, two engineers visited Years 3/4 and inspired many children. They constructed an electrical circuit and the children discovered that playdough is a conductor. It was a fantastic experience.

#### **Science Week Competition**

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between 7-16 March 2025. Every child will have the opportunity to enter our science competition by completing a science activity or investigation at home. To enter, the children should upload their work on Seesaw or give a paper copy to Miss Cross. Here are some great tips:

- Explain why you have chosen your investigation or science task
- Include scientific terminology
- Share a video or photographs
- Complete a prediction and share your findings if you complete a science investigation
- Most of all, have fun!

I have included five links to inspire you.

https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/

https://www.britishscienceweek.org/app/uploads/2025/01/British-Science-Week-2025-Primary-activity-pack-

Final.pdf?\_gl=1\*2zmxtw\*\_up\*MQ..\*\_ga\*MjE0MDQwMjgxNi4xNzM5MzkzODE3\*\_ga\_DVXQMTJLCS\*MTczOTM5MzgxNi4xLjEuMTczOTM5NDA4My4wLjAuMA

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https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/top-ten-science-experiments-to-do-at-home

https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g32176446/science-experiments-for-kids/

The deadline will be Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March and I will announce the winner the following week. The child who achieves 1st place will receive a £5 Amazon voucher. The children who achieve 2nd and 3rd place will win an Easter egg.

#### **Year 6 Leavers Hoodies**

The children's Year 6 leavers hoodies need to be ordered by the 18<sup>th</sup> March. You are more than welcome to pop into the school office after half-term to try on any samples to check which size would be best for your child and ask any questions. Thank you.



#### **Year 5 & 6 Residential**

Now the dust has settled on what has been the most incredible residential at Mount Cook Adventure Centre, we sit here thinking how incredibly proud of our residential heros we are.

With the expert guidance and encouragement from our team of instructors, the children defied belief and achieved things they never thought were possible. They took part in a huge range of activities including the zip wire, climbing, abseiling, Via Ferrata & many more and truly conquered their fears throughout the week.

The children represented the school superbly with Mount Cook staff commenting: "What an absolute pleasure all your students were to host - they were all polite, enthusiastic, and willing to throw themselves into new challenges despite a long and cold week!"



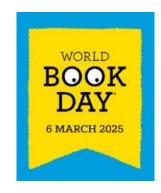






#### **World Book Day**

On Thursday 6th March, we will once again be celebrating World Book Day in school. We will start with a whole school assembly followed by some fun activities in classes. On this day, your child can come to school dressed as a book character or they can come dressed in pyjamas for a bedtime reading theme! Your child should have already received their World Book Day token, which can be exchanged for one of this year's World Book Day books in a wide range of participating bookshops and supermarkets.



### **Extreme Reading**

We are also excited to be running our Extreme Reading Challenge again! Where is the most interesting place your child has ever read a book? Whether it is up a tree or on top of a mountain, we want to see your photos! Your challenge is to take a picture of your child reading somewhere extreme and send it into school by Monday 3rd March. We are really looking forward to seeing who in school has such a passion for reading that they have to do it anywhere and everywhere! Prizes will be awarded for the most extreme and interesting places – good luck! You can upload your entries to your child's Seesaw page or alternatively, please email your entries to: <a href="mailto:office@edgewood.notts.sch.uk">office@edgewood.notts.sch.uk</a>

# Extreme Reading

Where is the most extreme place you have ever read a book?

Whether it is up a tree, in the park, in a shopping centre or you stood on your head. We want your photos! Your challenge is to take a picture of yourself reading somewhere extreme.



#### **Careers Day**

On Friday 14th March 2025, we are inviting the children to come to school dressed up as their future self! Perhaps you have an aspiring police officer, vet, builder or astronaut on your hands? Maybe your child will be the next big superstar!

The children are encouraged to dress in whatever they want to be when they grow up. We hope that by the end of the day the children have an increased awareness of the jobs on offer and the skills they will need to get into that career. We hope that the children will be able to make links to their current education and future job roles.

We are also seeking support from our parents and carers for this day! Do you have a unique job, work in STEM or have you met some famous faces through your line of work? Do you work in a job that has taken you across the globe or a job that you are really passionate about? We'd love to hear from you.

If you'd be interested in sharing your career with our children (or know someone who might), please complete the form below by 28th February 2025:

https://forms.office.com/e/n2rZjrTwrt



#### **Children's Belongings**

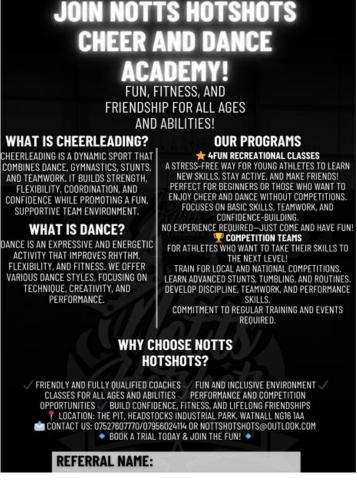
Children in school lose their things daily. Staff do their best to ensure that children do not misplace items of clothing, water bottles and lunch boxes; unfortunately, this does still happen. It would be extremely helpful if all children's items were clearly labelled. A tip for the younger children's gloves would be to thread them on string through the arms of their coats to prevent them getting lost.

#### Please can all items be labelled.

Due to a lack of storage space, any unnamed items that were left in school after we closed for this half-term will be donated to a local charity shop.











#### PINS PROJECT PARENT WORKSHOPS



As part of the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity In Schools Project

Parents/Carers of Neurodivergent children from PINS Schools are invited to attend

FREE on-line training to refresh and reframe your understanding of Neurodiversity (no diagnosis necessary)

The session will last for approximately 2 hours. There will be opportunities for selected Q&As during the session.

#### Workshops include the following:

Developing consistent approaches from home and school to ensure neurodiverse children are happy, healthy, supported and ready to learn and able to engage in the classroom, including:

- masking
- boundaries/demands
- transitions, including the transition between home and school

## All events below are identical, so you only need attend one session

These sessions will be delivered by PINS Project Lead - Louise Whitehead

Attend only 1 session



The sessions are taking place online via Microsoft Teams:

To book CTRL & Click only one of the Links below:

Wednesday, 26th February 2025 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

(morning)

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-tickets-1221035312489

Wednesday, 5th March 2025 at 4:00

p.m. - 6 p.m. (twilight)

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-tickets-1221133215319

Wednesday, 12th March 2025 at

1:00 p.m. - 3 p.m. (afternoon)

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-parent-event-pinsproject-parent-workshop-tickets-1221185491679



