

Headteacher: Katy Brennan

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## **School Newsletter**

### **A message from the Headteacher**

As you may know, members of the NEU have voted to strike on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately, I have had to make the decision to close the school to children on these days as I anticipate a significant number of my teachers will participate in this industrial action and I cannot therefore guarantee the health and safety of children on site.

Children in receipt of Universal Free School Meals and means tested Free School Meals will receive a sandwich lunch for these days and these will be distributed on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. A letter was emailed to all parents whose children are entitled to Free School Meals informing them that they should log onto their parent pay accounts in order to select the sandwich filling their child would like. Please make sure you do this before Sunday evening as we cannot accommodate choices made later than this. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### **Words of Encouragement**

This week's words of encouragement are from 1 Peter 5:6:

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

Lent is a time for preparation and reflection as we wait for the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

### **Look what the children have been doing**

#### **Nursery**

This week the children in nursery have been exploring space travel with our story 'Whatever Next'. We acted out the story using props and enjoyed using construction equipment to build rockets to take us into space. We made planets for our reading area and we also made a robot called 'Metal Mike,' and had fun talking like a robot. We had fun when we practised our robot dance moves. The highlight of the week was when it snowed. We took the opportunity to talk about it and find out what animals live in the snow. It has been another very lovely and busy week!





## Reception

This week the children have been focusing on the properties of 3D shapes. We used a ramp to test which shapes roll. Children noticed that the 3D shapes with curved faces, such as a cylinder, were able to roll. The shapes with flat faces tended to slowly slide down the ramp!!



Our RE question was: Why did Jesus go to a special garden? We talked about when Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray and the children talked about their own special prayers and where they pray. They went on to create their own images of the special garden of Gethsemane.

During this week's literacy session, we read to the end of the story 'Wild' by Emily Hughes. Children made their own foxes because the character in the story loved playing with the foxes in the wild.



## Year 1

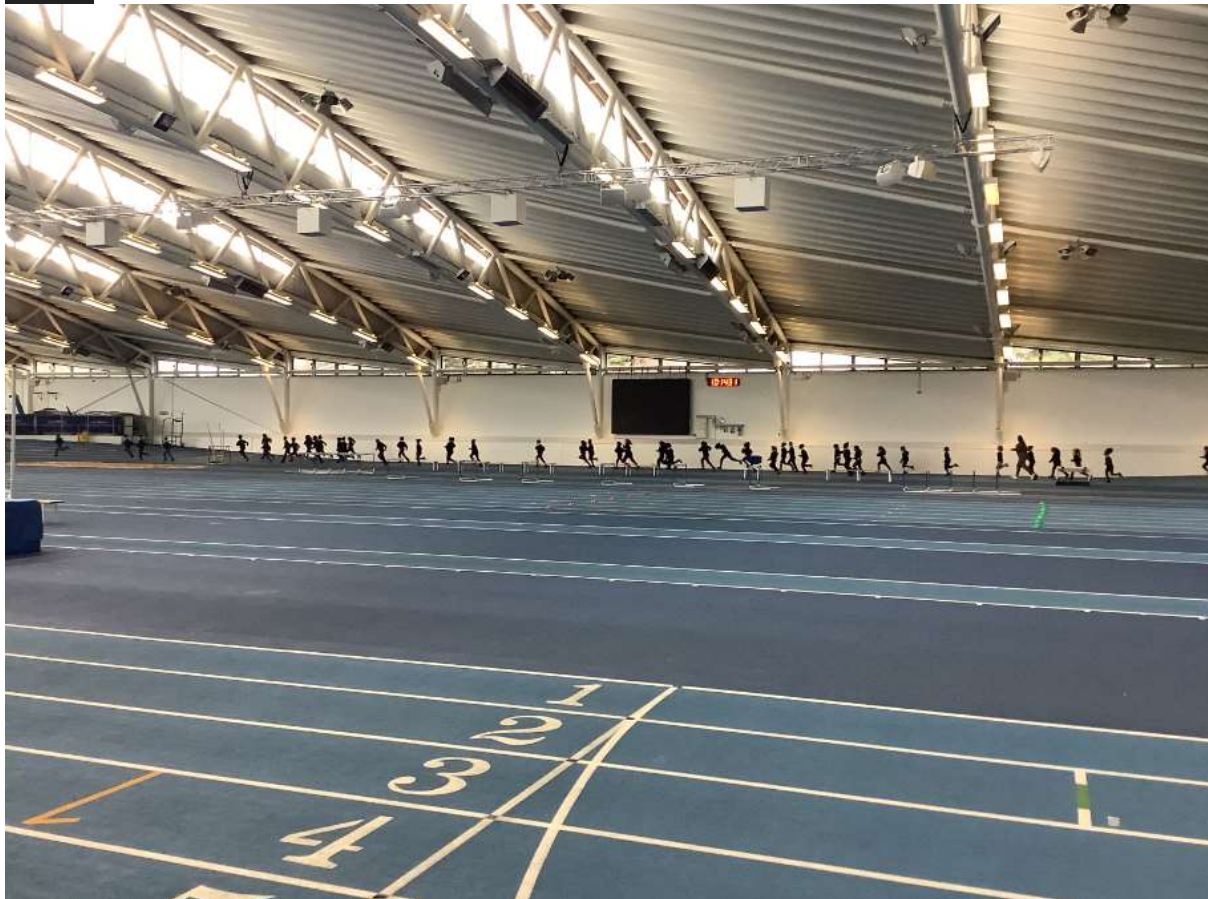
This week the children have been learning about how to write an informal letter. Children have used what they learned to write a reply to Goldilocks' letter of apology. They visited the school's Edible Garden after which they wrote a postcard to the Postman telling him how they used their senses during the visit.

In Science, the children have been looking at the changes that occur in different seasons. The children are learning why Easter is the most important festival for Christians. The focus this week is Palm Sunday; Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

The children continue to take part in "Eat them to defeat them!" initiative. They are proud to get and show off their stickers after eating their vegetables.



## Year 2



This week, the children took part in Lee Valley athletics challenge. The children engaged in a range of activities incorporating a range movements and exercises such as throwing, running, hopping and skipping.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the event as it allowed pupils to work on their coordination, balance, team-working and listening skills. They also had the opportunity to write their own stories for the first time. Stories were developed around the idea of a pirate who was stranded on an island. The range of ideas written explored a pirate's adventures, using a variety of adjectives and ideas built from the children's experiences and prior reading of past stories.

## Year 3

Year 3 really enjoyed their trip to Edmonton Green Library. They took their time to find interesting, engaging and adventurous books. Lemony Snicket's 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' is a popular choice amongst the children. They are keen to work their way through the collection!



#### Year 4

We appreciate the generosity of the 'Bread n Butter' company who provided each child with the ingredients together with a recipe of the vegetable stir-fry first cooked in class. Thank you all for supporting your children's enthusiasm in cooking and eating well. We know that you had fun having the meal prepared for you and thoroughly enjoyed your meals.

Here are some of our MasterChef's at work!



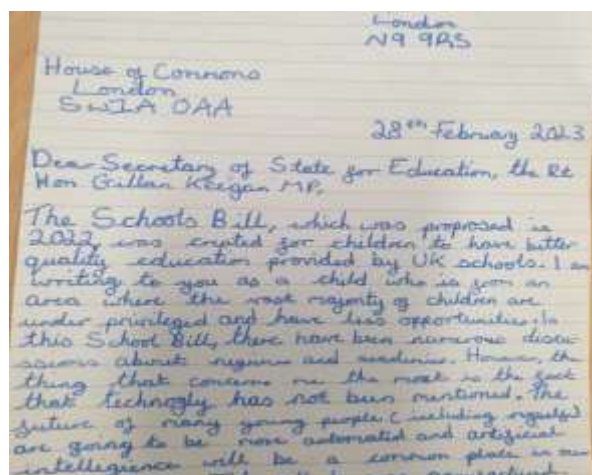
Thank you for sharing your photos.

Chemistry was our focus in science this week. The children were introduced to the concept of a reversible change! What does that mean? A reversible change is something that can be undone. Such as melting something or freezing water. Using a bar of chocolate, the children showed just how it works. They started with chocolate pieces which were then melted. The mixture was then poured into heart shaped ice trays, left in a cool place where they solidified.



#### Year 5

After learning about the Schools Bill, which aims to provide 'a quality education for every child' regardless of where they live, the children thought about the needs of their school community. They discussed and came up with ideas about what they believed would help to 'bridge the gap' and 'level the playing field' between the affluent areas and the more economically deprived areas. As part of their extended writing task, children wrote a letter of complaint to the Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP, who is the Secretary of State for Education'.



In preparation for Assessment week, children have been revising their grammar, maths and reading skills. Please remind children that effective revision and preparation is key to success!

### Year 6

Year 6 children have been busy this week editing and refining the diary entries that they wrote last week about how Anne Frank felt just before she went into hiding. Please encourage your children to use standard English in their daily conversations as many of them are using words like 'gonna' frequently in their writing. They sometimes have problems identifying grammatical mistakes as they fail to see how their everyday language is grammatically incorrect.

Our history lessons this week, have focused on World War 2. We spent time looking at: the blitz, evacuation, rationing and shelters used during air raids. I am sure your child would love to tell you all about Morrison and Anderson shelters and how the London Underground was used to shelter people during the Blitz.

In maths this week, we have spent time looking at angles and pie charts and how to use a protractor. We also looked at how to translate and reflect shapes. Please continue to encourage your child to complete their Times Tables Rockstars sessions weekly. They should spend approximately 30- 40 minutes to complete each session. This will help to consolidate their times table knowledge.

### Attendance award

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance last week!

Reception Yellow

1 Yellow

4 Blue

5 Yellow

### Year 6 SATS meeting

A date for your diary! If your child is in Year 6 please be aware that there will be a Year 6 SATs meeting on 13 Mar 2023 at 5.30pm (prompt) in the junior hall. Access will be via school office door.



### Spring Movie Nights

We are holding our annual spring term Movie Nights for our pupils:

Date	Year group	Collection time
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception	5.20pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6	5.20pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2	5.20pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5	5.20pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4	5.20pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3	5.20pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1	5.20pm

Please note that siblings of pupils attending their year group's event must be collected on time, and not left in school to collect with the child attending movie night.

To cover costs, we ask each child to pay **£3** (via Parent Pay only). This includes snacks and drinks that will be provided for the pupils to enjoy during the movie.

To book a place for your child, please complete the payment on Parent Pay AND confirm all of the following information:

1. permission for your child to attend
2. agree your child can eat the snacks we are providing (ingredients listed on the letter and please include any food allergy information for your child)
3. confirm your child will be collected at **5.20pm**

This year's movie:

**The Bad Guys** (rated U)



### Community information



### Enfield School Nurses providing Health Information for Parents

Spring is upon us, but the common cold and flu virus is still around. This is a quick reminder to be mindful of the symptoms of the flu and common cold and how to treat them. To prevent widespread flu and the common cold in the school, we recommend that your child stay home from school if they are experiencing the symptoms below:



**Keep your child at home for treatment and observation if he or she has any of these symptoms:**

- Fever and chills
- An aching body
- Feeling tired or exhausted
- Vomiting (even once)
- Diarrhoea
- A headache
- Not eating or drinking
- Difficulty in sleeping
- A sore throat

#### Common Cold Symptoms:

- A blocked or runny nose
- A sore throat
- Headaches
- Muscle aches
- Coughs/sneezing
- Raised temperature
- Pressure in the ears and face

#### Flu Symptoms:

- A high temperature 38C and above
- Aching body
- Feeling tired or exhausted
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- A headache
- Difficulty in sleeping
- Not eating and drinking
- Diarrhoea or tummy pain
- Vomiting or feeling sick

**If your child is sick:**

- Talk to your doctor right away if you are worried about your child's illness or call NHS 111 if you are unable to make contact with your doctor.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks plenty of water to keep hydrated.
- Give your child Calpol and Ibuprofen to bring the temperature down and treat the aches and pains
- If your child is at higher risk for flu complications, call your doctor or NHS 111.

**To help prevent the flu and the common cold, teach your child good hygiene habits:**

- Wash hands frequently
- Do not touch eyes, nose or mouth
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a paper tissue, throw it away and then wash hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

If you require any further support or advice regarding your child's health, please contact the Enfield School Nurses Team on **0203 9887300 (option 2)** or email us on: **northmid.cedarsn@nhs.net**

### **Dates for your diary**

*Please make sure you check these dates regularly as additional events may be added.*

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Year 6 movie night**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 5.30pm: Year 6 SATs meeting**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Year 2 movie night**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March: potential strike by NEU. More details to follow.**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Comic relief non uniform day**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Year 5 movie night**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4 movie night**  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3 movie night**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Year 1 movie night**  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Wear Blue for Autism awareness non uniform day**  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Mar: School closes for Easter holiday at 1.30pm.**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Apr: Return to school after the Easter holiday.**  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Apr: Class photograph day.**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Bank holiday**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday for the Kings coronation.**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: school closes for half term holiday.**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jun: Return to school after half term holiday.**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul: INSET day no children in school**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Jul: school closes at 1.30 for summer holiday.**

If you have any queries about information in the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact school via the office or to ask one of the staff team in the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Best wishes

Katy Brennan

Head teacher

*In our school we love deeply, respecting everyone and treating them with dignity;  
we aspire with confidence, working hard and embracing challenge and  
we serve God and the community, following the example of Jesus, to create a better world.*

**Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)**

*"Live a life of love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us"*

