



9th February 2024

## **School Newsletter**

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

It was great to see so many of you at parent consultation day. If you didn't get to see your child's teacher, please try to make an appointment with them for when we return from the half term break.

The Keystage 2 children who came along to the disco last Friday had a fantastic time- children have been talking about it all week! We raised almost £1000 for school funds! Many thanks to all of the staff who gave up their Friday evening to stay and help. A special thank you to Mr Russell for organizing the event!

Please remember that we break up for half term today and we will reopen at the usual time on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Words of Encouragement**

Our words of encouragement this week come from 1 Peter 5:6

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

During the half term week we have Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent in the Christian calendar. Lent is the time of preparation in the lead up to Easter. Let us consider God's teachings and take the time to prepare ourselves for His Rising.

### **Attendance award**

Our attendance awards for last week go to:

Reception Red, 2 Blue, 4 Blue, 5 Blue

**Congratulations!**

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

#### **Nursery**

This week we have been celebrating the Chinese New Year and 'The Year of the Dragon' We listened to the story of 'The Great Race' and made some wonderful lanterns and decorations. We were excited to use the large lion head and created our own lion dance to frighten the dragon!! We used junk modelling and were very creative making our own dragons.

We practised using chopsticks to pick up the pom poms and copied some Chinese numbers. All that hard work made us hungry so we used the play dough to make some noodles and spring rolls!

"Xīnnián hǎo" (新年好)





## Reception

This week is Children's mental health week. Miss Elie visited us one afternoon to work on a lovely activity, creating paper 'worry' planes.

Children have been enjoying demonstrating an array of skills in the outside learning area, including balance, coordination, number and writing skills



For maths we have been working on length and height, using mathematical vocabulary to compare objects. For RE we looked at how the church cares for God's special world, thinking about harvest festival food collections and food banks for those in need.

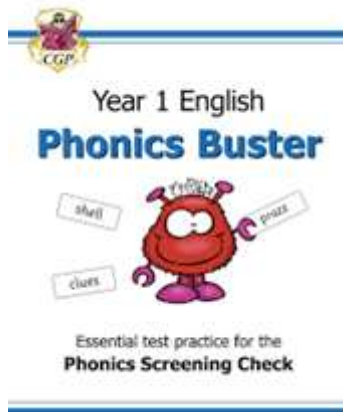
## Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy half term learning about the weather, making wind vanes and storm inspired art! The children used various materials including paint to create their art and used this as a stimulus for some descriptive writing. They have made great progress with their phonics and will continue to build on their knowledge of phase 5 sounds next half term.

This week the children have worked hard to practise their addition and subtraction skills to 20. Their focus has been to find efficient ways to understand calculation using the number facts



that they know. Next term, we will continue to build on these skills in more depth. All the pupils in year 1 have received a copy of the CGP Phonics book. Please focus on completing the marked pages for the week and return to school at the end of the week.



Storm inspired art



## Year 2

This week the children had the opportunity to take part in the Spelling Bee competition. It was a hard fought contest and all the children who took part did extremely well. Well done to the following pupils: Mackenzie 2R Zachary 2Y Ambrose 2R Neel 2B Aaron 2Y All showed great resilience, dedication and confidence as they took part in the challenge.

## Year 3

We have been sewing semaphore flags this week in Year 3. The semaphore flag system uses two short poles with square flags, which a signal person holds in different positions to signal letters of the alphabet and numbers.

Red and yellow flags are used at sea, while blue and white flags are used on land. Sewing the flags, using the backstitch, was very challenging for us however we pushed through!



## Year 4

Year 4 have been continuing their learning about perimeter in maths and states of matter in Science.

However, we have also been focusing on Mental Health with the theme: My Voice Matters. The children voted for ideas to be put to the Head teacher to help us improve our school. The children will present them through the school council for her consideration.



Furthermore, Year 4 participated in our Spelling Bee competition and we had six champions.





The champion of champions was Cheryl in 4R.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
<u>Champions</u>	
Prince	4B
Eliz	4B
<u>Rashveer</u>	4Y
<u>Namata</u>	4Y
Dillon	4R
Cheryl	4R <b>Winner!</b>
	<b>Champion of Champions</b>

**Congratulations!**

### Year 5

We've had a busy and exciting week in Year 5. Last Friday, we danced the night away at the KS2 Disco where our very own Wuraloa in 5Y won best dressed. She wore a very stylish glittery jumpsuit that Ms Looby wishes came in adult sizes too! On Tuesday, Ethan from 5B earned the much coveted Spelling Bee Champion after much ohs and ahs and a few tears. It was a fierce competition and we are all very proud of each of the contenders - Amelia, Melin, Kingsley, Kledi and Askvika. Well done all of you! Finally, on Thursday, our swimmers are advancing by leaps and bounds and all teachers are amazed by the speedy progress of each and every one of them. Thank you to Ms Smitten who goes into the pool to work individually with our beginning swimmers and a special shout out to Joy in 5Y who swims like a fish and is absolute poetry in the water.

### Year 6

In maths this week the children have been learning all about decimal numbers. They spent time converting fractions into decimal numbers and they identified the value of each digit in numbers given to three decimal places. In the run-up- to SATs we are doing a half hour of arithmetic revision daily. Please encourage your child to learn all their times tables and the related division facts as they are the building blocks needed for rapid recall of multiplication and division questions.

All children took part in the Spelling Bee heats and six children (two from each class) made it through to the final. Well done to all the children who worked hard learning their spellings.

The final three winners are:

First Place: Mylah 6 Yellow

Second Place: Anotida 6 Blue

Third Place: Sarah 6 Blue





### **Exciting news about our courtyard**

We have some exciting news to share with you! One of our wonderful parents has generously offered to lead a project to transform our courtyard into a truly sensory experience for all of our SEN children.

This project will involve creating a space filled with flowers, herbs, and other elements to support the sensory needs of our students.

To make this project a reality, we need your help! We are seeking volunteers to dedicate one Sunday at the beginning of March to assist with planting flowers and herbs, painting fences, and general tidying up of the courtyard.

Your involvement will not only support our school but also enhance the experience of all our children, including your own.

If you are able to spare a day and would like to contribute to this exciting initiative, please get in touch via email ([ecapja1.308@lgflmail.org](mailto:ecapja1.308@lgflmail.org)).

Your participation will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make our school a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.



# Fifteen is fantastic

Young people who read for 15 minutes a day...



Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a young person's future success - more than their family background, parents' educational background, or income.



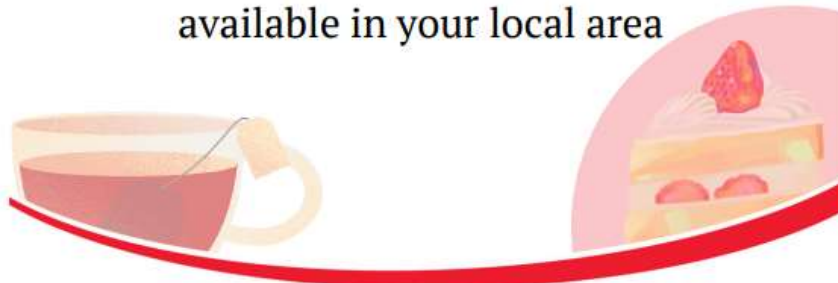
## Stories, songs and chat

Edmonton Green Library, children's area

Wednesdays

**10-10.30am:** stories and songs

**10.30-11am:** coffee, cake, get to know  
other parents and find out what support is  
available in your local area



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**CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSONS' SERVICES**

## PARENTING PROGRAMME

**6 WEEK POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME**

- Do you:
- Have a child aged between 3-18 years?
- Want to improve communication between you and your child?
- Want to empower yourself and your children to make positive decisions in the community and for the future?
- Want to explore techniques in establishing boundaries and consequences for your children?

**PROGRAM FEATURES :**

- ✓ Childhood characteristics, Parent-Child relationship
- ✓ Discussion based learning
- ✓ Tools and strategies

Starting every Tuesday from  
February 20th , 27th  
March 5, 12, 19, 26  
Time: 9.30-12.30  
Venue: The ARK,  
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### Wrap around care survey

Enfield council has produced a survey for parents about wrap around care. This survey aims to gather views about your breakfast and after school club needs. Please access this survey using the link below.

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SZKMJ5S>**

### Dates for your diary

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: children break up for half term at 3.15pm  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb: Children return to school after half term  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Mar: Children break up for Easter 1.30pm (No after school club this day)  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Children return to school after Easter Holiday  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Class photographs  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Children break up for half term at 3.15pm  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Children return to school after half term





**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: INSET day (No children in school)**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Children break up for Summer holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club on this day)**

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.

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"*

