



Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter 16 - 24th January 2020

Healthy School Dinners

We have noticed that a lot of children are not choosing vegetables or salad on their school lunches. We work closely with Taylor Shaw to ensure children have a healthy lunch which will fulfil their dietary needs. From Monday, children will be encouraged to eat more vegetables or salad and will need to choose one vegetable or salad portion on their meal. Children will not be forced to eat anything they do not like but if something is on their plate, they are more likely to try it and eat a wider range of foods.

Box 2B Fit

On Monday, Dave from Skip 2B Fit came into school to deliver a day of Box 2B Fit workshops. The children were delighted to have Dave back in school - Ryan and Jessica even had a 'Skip off' with him. They did really well but Dave (the expert) won! Children learnt that 'Practice makes you better' (not perfect)!



Restored Clock

We have a piece of history in our school hall. A few months ago, we found an old, broken clock in a school cupboard and were interested in where it had come from. Mrs Paul took it to a clockmaker in Hexham and we found out it was made in the 1930's. We had the clock fixed and investigated its history further. We found out that the clock was made by a clockmaker in Sacriston and was from the original Edmondsley School that stood on this site before the current building. The children have loved finding out about this clock and it's lovely to know we have something from the original school hanging on our hall wall. The children are fascinated by the fact it needs to be wound up by a key and I have had many volunteers desperate to do this job! Look out for the clock next time you're in school -the time will probably be wrong mind!

Australia Bushfire Fundraising

Some of our Year 6 children were so moved by the crisis in Australia that they felt they had to do something to help! Mia, Nieve, Amelia, Jessics, Katie, Annabel, Fin, Hamish and Darcy have organised a fundraising event straight after school in the hall on **Tuesday 11th February**. They will be selling cakes and cookies (50p/30p) and running a skipping challenge (50p). Please come along to support these children in their efforts and to raise some money to help this emergency.



School Facebook Page

Over the next few weeks, you will be noticing a lot more activity on our facebook page. If you don't already like our page, search for 'Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School'. We will be updating this regularly with photos and information about the wonderful things happening in school.

Whatsapp



Over the past few weeks, we have had some concerns raised by parents in regards to their children using WhatsApp inappropriately. WhatsApp is an app which can be used on mobile devices and tablets to send messages to groups or individuals. Although this is a good way to communicate with peers, the user age for this app is currently set at **13 years old**. It is important that parents are vigilant to what is being written in these apps if they are to allow their child to use them to ensure children are kept safe and happy online. We will continue to work with all children in school about staying safe online. If you have any concerns, please speak to Mr Glenton.

School Sports Partnership

This half term, Nursery and Reception are working with our School Sports Partnership to develop their fundamental movement skills. They had such fun learning new ways to travel, jump and roll.



CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS

On 4th February at 9:30am, we would like to invite grandparents in to Stag Class to take part in our plastics lesson. We would like to ask grandparents about how they used materials and plastics in the past and how they think this has changed in modern times. Please contact the school office if you are available for a couple of hours this day to help us with our learning. Tea and biscuits provided!

Year 2 and Year 6 SATS Parent Workshop

This term the children in Year 2 and Year 6 will begin preparing for their SATs. To further inform you about these tests, meetings will take place for parents of Year 2 and Year 6 children (see below). During the meeting, we will discuss which tests your child will take, the content of the tests and explore how you can support your child at home. If you cannot attend this meeting, information will be available on our website.

The meetings are as follows:

- **Year 6 parents/carers - Monday 27th January 2020 - 2.45-3.10pm**
- **Year 2 parents/carers - Tuesday 28th January 2020 - 2.45-3.10pm**

Stag Class Recycling Project

Stag Class have continued their work on understanding our use of plastics and how this can be dangerous to our environment. This week, we have started to make our own ecobricks, examined things which can be made out of recycled materials as well as audit the waste we are throwing away in school in the hopes of reducing our rubbish. **Please can children in other classes remember to bring in their own eco bricks on 4th February to help us construct our ecobrick sculpture.**

This Week's Attendance

Butterfly Class- 96.0%
Hedgehog Class- 81.2%
Squirrel Class- 99.2%
Rabbit Class- 90.4%
Deer Class- 97%
Stag Class- 96.1%

Overall Attendance this week -93.5%

**Well done
Squirrel class.
Enjoy your extra playtime**

Pen Licences

This week several children in Deer Class were awarded with pen licences and golden pen licences. As you can see, they were absolutely delighted! We are so proud of the effort they have put into improving their handwriting and presentation.



Which Castle achieved the most coins and Jewels this week?

Points for this week are:

Durham -106
Alnwick - 104
Bamburgh -101
Lumley - 50



Lunchtime Spotters

Who has been spotted this week for exceptional behaviour?
Elisha, Leo, Kieran

Let's Celebrate!

Who has kept our School Promise exceptionally well this week?

Polite and Caring, that's what we are

Best Break time Buddy Award was achieved by Lily-Rose, Isabella F, John, Jack F, Olly, Will

Respect and Kindness, takes us far

Edmondsley's Environmentalist Award was achieved by Rabbit Class

Open and Honest, we don't tell lies

Playful Pupil Award was achieved by Meg

Manners are important, everyone tries

Etiquette Award was achieved by Michael

I is in united, teamwork's the prize

Terrific Teamwork Award was achieved by Hedgehog class

Strive to be the best we can be,

Supreme Citizen Award was achieved by Oliver P

Everyone aims high at EDMONDSLEY

Life Long Learner Award was achieved by Hailey



Dates for the Diary - Spring

(this will be updated weekly as new events are added to the calendar)

All events are during school hours unless stated

Date and Time	Event	Who is involved?
Monday 27 th January	Robin Hood performance by Image Musical Theatre	All children
Monday 27 th January 2.45pm	Year 6 SATs Parent workshop	Year 6 parents/carers
Tuesday 28 th January	Stag Class OASES Workshop	Stagg class children
Tuesday 28 th January 9am	Additional needs coffee morning	Parents/carers of chn with additional needs
Tuesday 28 th January 2.45pm	Year 2 SATs Parent workshop	Year 2 parents/carers
Tuesday 4 th February	Squirrel class trip to Durham Cathedral	Squirrel class children
Tuesday 4 th February	Stag class OASES Workshop- Grandparents invited	Stag class - grandparents invited
Friday 7 th February	Reception Audio Screening	Butterfly class
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day- class activities	All children
Tuesday 11 th February 3.10pm	Australia fundraising in hall	Everyone invited
Wednesday 12 th February	Squirrel Class Creative Music Day	Squirrel class