

Eastern Green Junior School



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Thursday 8th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term One has been a whistle-stop tour, but the children have had a lovely half term, with so much happening, from football matches, rowing competitions, to trips to the river and Number Day. Every day at Eastern Green is jammed full of memorable experiences and learning opportunities and I am so grateful to our incredible teaching team for making it happen for our children!

This week is safer internet week. Today, we talked to the children in assembly about the wonders of the internet; the theme for Safer Internet Day 2024 is 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence, and navigating change online'. Our discussion focussed on all of the positives that having access to the internet can have and all the positive ways that it can be used, but also, we discussed that, just like in the real world, the internet has both nice and unkind people using it and that there might be people who want to help you and people who may want to trick you or be unkind to you. We reinforced the message that you can't 'see' the people using the internet and it is therefore hard to tell who is trustworthy and who isn't! We shared the message that the most important thing to remember is that if you are upset by something that happens online, to you or to someone else, tell a trusted adult right away. It might be a grown-up you live with or a teacher at school. Please do reinforce this message with your child at home this week. Our children are growing up in a world with such instant access to technology and the internet where there isn't a difference - online life and offline life is just life!

Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace, so it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues. Talking regularly with your child can help keep them safe online. Making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. It's easy to become overwhelmed with the different technology, the language that children use, the huge number of games and apps which are available and the potential risks. Considering your children's age and ability will help you decide how to speak to them. You can find more information here: [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

Have a wonderful half term!

Kindest regards,
Mrs Nealon - Headteacher

Stay Safe: Never give your name, address or passwords out to anyone online. They may say they are the same age as you, but they could be lying.

Meet: Never go to meet someone you have made friends with online. If an online friend wants to see you, talk to an adult you trust. Remember that they might not be who they say they are.

Accepting: If someone sends you a photo or a file, ask a trusted adult for help. Do not open the photo or file. It could have a virus.

Reliable: Remember that you can't trust everyone who uses the Internet. Not everyone is kind or trustworthy.

Tell: Tell a trusted adult if something online upsets you or makes you worried.

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Yesterday, Year 5 visited Coombe Country Park and completed a river study to support this term's topic work. Luckily, the sun was shining! When we first arrived, we looked at the map and talked about the different parts of the Smite Stream that flowed through the park. We walked down to the duck pond and looked at the revetments that are used to stop the bank from eroding away. Then we split into groups to take part in pond dipping and measuring the river. Whilst we were pond dipping we used a net to scoop out some of the bottom of the pond, which we then emptied into a tray and examined to see what creatures we could find. We found diving beetles, water lice, tadpoles, lesser water boatman, pond skaters, small fish and even a crawfish! Unfortunately, because of the rain the day before we could not get into the river to measure as you could not see the bottom so it was not safe. Instead, we used a long pole to measure the depth at 1m intervals across the river. We found it was deepest in the middle. Then we measured the speed of the river by dropping a stick and timing how long it took to go under the bridge. It was a super trip and we learnt lots more about rivers. Year 5 were impeccably behaved! Well done Year 5!



Miss Moore and Miss Clarke - Year 5 teaching team

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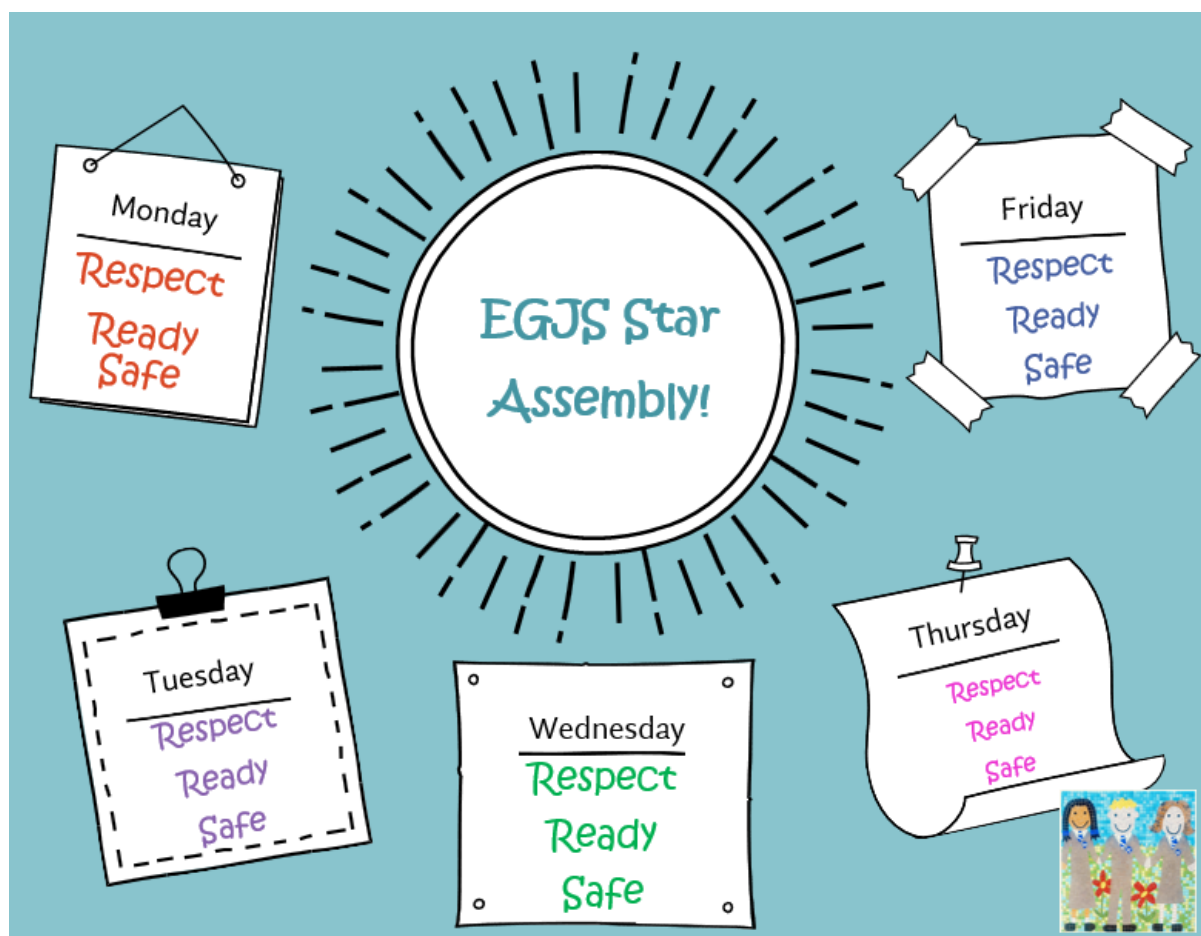


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Today, we had our third Eastern Green 'Star' Assembly, and welcomed into school the families of our eight half term stars! It was such a pleasure to hear about these wonderful pupils and all they have been up to this half term. Every single one of these children embody our school values and endeavour to 'live out' those values in everything they do. Well done to our 'Stars!' You are all incredible in every way.



Year 3	3C	3PS
	Esme	Erica
Year 4	4L	4C
	Elizabeth	Ella-Louise
Year 5	5M	5C
	Lucia-Mae	Archie B
Year 6	6AC	6L
	Olivia O	Darcey K-S



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Spring Two Calendar:



Monday 19th February - First day back at school! Year 6 Library Challenge

Wednesday 21st February - Year 6 go to Manor Adventure

Friday 23rd February - Year 6 Return from Manor Adventure

Monday 26th February - Reading Corners winner trip to the Park!

Wednesday 28th February - Year 3 School Games gymnastics competition

Year 6 Rainforest workshop

6pm - 7pm - Year 3 children back into school for Year 3 bedtime stories - wear your pyjamas and dressing gowns! 😊

Thursday 29th February - Year 4 and Year 5 Engage Rugby Event

Tuesday 5th March - Year 3 / 4 girls football tournament 3.45 - 5 pm

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - come dressed up! See information from Miss Colbourne!

Friday 8th March - International Women's Day

Monday 11th March - Scholastic Book Fair in school

National Science Week

Wednesday 13th March - Science Day - Find out about someone who changed the world! **PM - Parents Evening**

Thursday 14th March - **PM - Parents Evening**

Monday 18th March - World Water Day! Non-uniform day coming up on Friday

Thursday 21st March - Easter Day!

Friday 22nd March - Last day of term: *Non uniform day - wear 'water colours' blues / greens etc... for world water day - please bring a silver or gold donation!* Easter Raffle pull! Star Assembly - parents will receive an invite to this assembly if their child is receiving an Award.

Easter Holiday 25th March - 5th April

First Day back at school - Monday 8th April

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Half Termly 'Spotlight on Sport!' Spring 1 by Mrs Pearson-Dodd

We have started the new year like we ended the last one, with a busy half term of sport here at Eastern Green. Even though it's only been 5 weeks we've packed lots in!

Each year group has completed at least 2 hours of PE lessons a week, on top of their daily mile, playtimes and active movement breaks, all of which encourage 60 active minutes each day. Year 3 have been dancing and sparkling with Ricky each Tuesday and they have enjoyed performing a variety of routines. Year 6 took their turn to have tennis coaching from coach Lucy! It's not quite been the weather for tennis, but the children have still loved every minute of it and Lucy has said how brilliant they are.

The football season has officially begun for our Y5/6 boys' squad. ***The boys are currently unbeaten in the league and cup. WOW!*** It's great to see the team working so brilliantly together and we can't wait to see what the season has in store for them. The girls in Y5/6 have been patiently waiting for their turn with fixtures due to commence after half term. However, some of our Y5/6 boys and girls' squad did get to play in the EFL tournament a couple of weeks ago, and they were incredible. It's fabulous to see girls and boys playing alongside each other. Our boys' squad were also invited along to Epic's football tournament, where again they were unbeaten! Our boys' team had to play Pearl Hyde in the league and the Harry Shaw cup, so last night they played both games. It was quite some night, as the team won the cup game 3-0 and the league game 5-0. The goals came from Archie B, Alfie and Archie S, with Alfie being awarded player of the match. Every time we take our boys out to fixtures, they make us so proud, not just in their abilities but also in the way that they show all of our values on and off the pitch.

During the first week back in January, our Y3/4 girls represented us at match day 4 at the AT7 centre playing some incredible football. They make us proud everytime and it's lovely to keep giving lots of girls the opportunity to play in such a supportive environment. It really is a great tournament. Unfortunately, the February one was cancelled so they are looking forward to March! Progress each month is unbelievable!

Thank you to the staff and families who have helped with lifts and supported our teams!

This week, 12 year 6 pupils took part in rowing competitions at the AT7 centre against lots of other schools in Coventry.

Boys' team - Archie, Hugo, Henry and Zack

Girls' team - Ava, Darcey, Ava-Mae and Annalise

Mixed team - Jaxon, Jack, Felicity and Lucy-Jade

They have all been training hard in preparation for the competition and during the event they had to row for 1 min 30 secs individually and then take part in a 4 minute relay. The boys rowed 2064m - placing 7th out of the whole of Coventry, the girls rowed 1982m placing 12th out of the whole of the city and the mixed team rowed 1826m and we await their finishing position. All of the teams represented our school brilliantly and the teamwork and support for each other was admirable! We are very proud of them all.

We've had another varied set of after school and lunchtime clubs on offer again including netball, dance, football, dodgeball and tag rugby to name a few! Thank you to everyone who has supported our clubs this half term.

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Next half term we have these clubs on offer:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.30-4.30 Dodgeball	3.30-4.30 Ricky's dance 3.30-4.30 Girl's football	Y3/4 cross country (lunchtime) Y5/6 boys football squad (lunchtime) *invite only	Y5/6 cross country (lunchtime) 3.30-4.30 Musical theatre 3.30-4.30 Multi sports * invite only	3.30-4.30 Football for fun 3.30-4.30 Marts

There's still plenty of time to sign up! If you have any questions please contact the school office or Mrs Pearson-Dodd.

PE days Spring 2

Next half term PE days are as follows:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	6AC	6L
Monday and Wednesday	Tuesday and Thursday	Thursday and Friday	Monday and Tuesday	Tuesday and Friday

Please come in correct kit on your PE days. Safety note - Please ensure all jewellery is removed and hair is tied up for PE lessons.

Thank you again for another incredible half term of sports!

Mrs Pearson-Dodd

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PE Kit

We have noticed that many children are not wearing suitable kit on their PE days. The purpose of kit is to allow them to participate in physical activities safely. A reminder that PE kit is as follows:

- Black or navy, plain leggings/jogging bottoms/shorts
- Black or navy, plain hoody/jumper for outdoor PE days. No large logos
- House t-shirt or a plain t-shirt in the same colour. No football shirts or non-house colour t-shirts please
- Black, grey or white socks
- Trainers which are designed for sporting activities (not leisure trainers such as Converse)

Please ensure no jewellery is worn on PE days; if it is, it will need to be removed and placed in a valuables box in each classroom. This also applies to watches. Long hair must be tied back on these days too.

From after the half term holiday, if children come to school not wearing the correct kit we will be contacting parents to bring the correct items into school for their child to change into.

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One of our Eastern Green traditions, that children and staff have loved over the years, is our 'Easter Egg Raffle.' This year, we will be holding another raffle for our children at the end of the spring term. It has always been a great success and a lot of fun too!

For those who are new to school this year, we ask parents, grandparents, other relatives, and friends of the school to donate Easter Eggs of any size, shape or style.



Children then can buy tickets for 20p each, with a maximum spend of £1 per child. Tickets will be sold from the week beginning 11th March and the raffle will be held on Friday 22nd March during the afternoon. We will be starting to collect eggs in the first week back after half term. ***Do please give generously!*** We hope you will support us by popping a chocolate egg into your basket when you visit the shops in the next few weeks.

Thank you! 😊



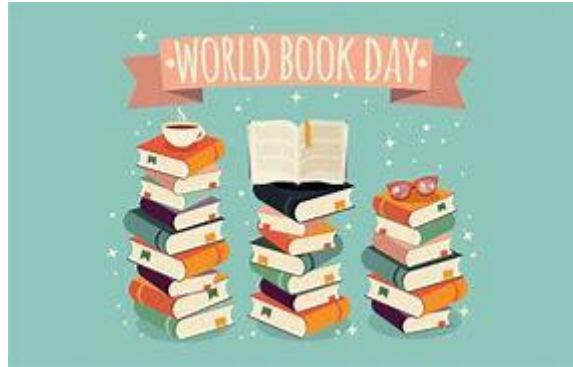
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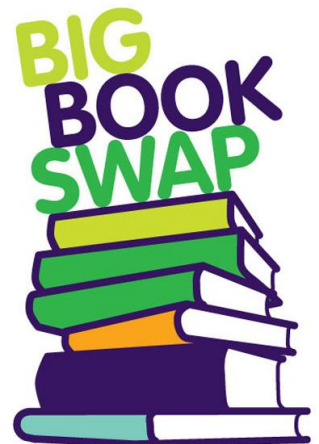


World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7th March**, and we hope you will join us as we come together to celebrate in school.

*This year we are hosting a range of events. The first is that we are asking children (and staff) to **come to school dressed as something from their favourite book**- this could be a character, an item or even dressed as the author!*

We encourage you to use things you already have at home for this and do not expect you to buy anything new.

We are also hosting our own '**Big Book Swap**'. This is a chance for children to dust off old books and share them with others in their own year group. We would like each child to bring in a book that they no longer read at home. It should be age appropriate and something they think somebody else in their year group may enjoy. To add to the intrigue and excitement of the book swap, we would like the books to be covered in wrapping paper so it is a mystery as to what they will receive. Children should write a note on the front to show their year group and explain what type of book it is or why they would recommend it (e.g. this is an adventure story, for someone who likes funny stories...).



These should be brought into school by **Thursday 7th March**. On this day all books from each year group will be set out for children who have taken part to select a new book.

We will also be running our '**Booked Potato**' competition again this year. Over recent years this has proven to be great fun, as children are challenged to decorate a potato to look like their favourite book character. Any entries for this should also be brought into the school hall **by Thursday 7th March**.

Each child will also receive a £1 book token. This can be taken to your nearest bookseller where you can swap it for a World Book Day story or get £1 off any book or audiobook costing more than £2.99. Each voucher can be used between 15th February and 31st March.

We hope your child will enjoy participating in our World Book Day celebrations in school.

Miss Colbourne 😊