

Eastern Green Junior School



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Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy first week back we have had here at EGJS! Year 6 have been having an absolute whale of a (muddy) time at Manor Adventure. Thank you so much to our wonderful staff team, Mrs Albans, Miss Colbourne, Mrs Pearson-Dodd, Miss Clarke, Miss Moore, Mrs Holywell, and Miss Bradbury for giving up their own time (and sleep) to ensure our children get to have such a wonderful residential experience. These events cannot take place without our adults accompanying them; I have promised Year 5 I intend to join them next year! We are so grateful to all our staff for working so hard to pull everything together including Mrs Lawless who was very sad to be missing out, but has worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure everything was in place - bedroom allocations are a fine art to ensure opportunities for sleep are maximised - thank you so much everyone! 😊

Our Reading Corner competition, which we launched in January, to improve our classroom reading corners was a rip - roaring success! Classes worked together to raise money to improve and update the selection of texts on offer in each classroom and create an inviting and engaging area in the classroom dedicated to reading.

At EGJS we are passionate about instilling a love of reading into our children! Studies show that children who read:

- Are more likely to overcome disadvantage caused by inequalities.
- Are more likely to be happier, healthier, and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem.
- Are more likely to do better at school and make more progress across the curriculum as they have better brain development, attentional and cognitive ability.
- Are more likely to develop empathy and creativity. Empathy refers to the ability to value, feel, understand, and respect other people's experiences.

If you are interested in learning more about how important reading is for your child, you can find it here: [The benefits of reading | BookTrust](#)

Well done to all of our children who took part in their class sponsored activity to raise money - we are so impressed with our new and improved class reading areas (see pictures below) and cannot wait to find out who is crowned the 'winner' next week - thank you to our panel of pupil judges for helping us judge our reading corners! **Reading Corner Judges Extraordinaire:**

3PS	3C	4C	4L	5C	5M	6AC	6L
Max C	Logan	Jude M	Arron	Darcie	Cara	Ethan	Sophia

Kindest regards,
Mrs Nealon - Headteacher

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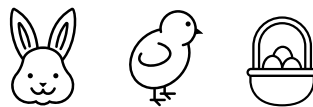


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Spring Two Calendar:



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 - All 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.

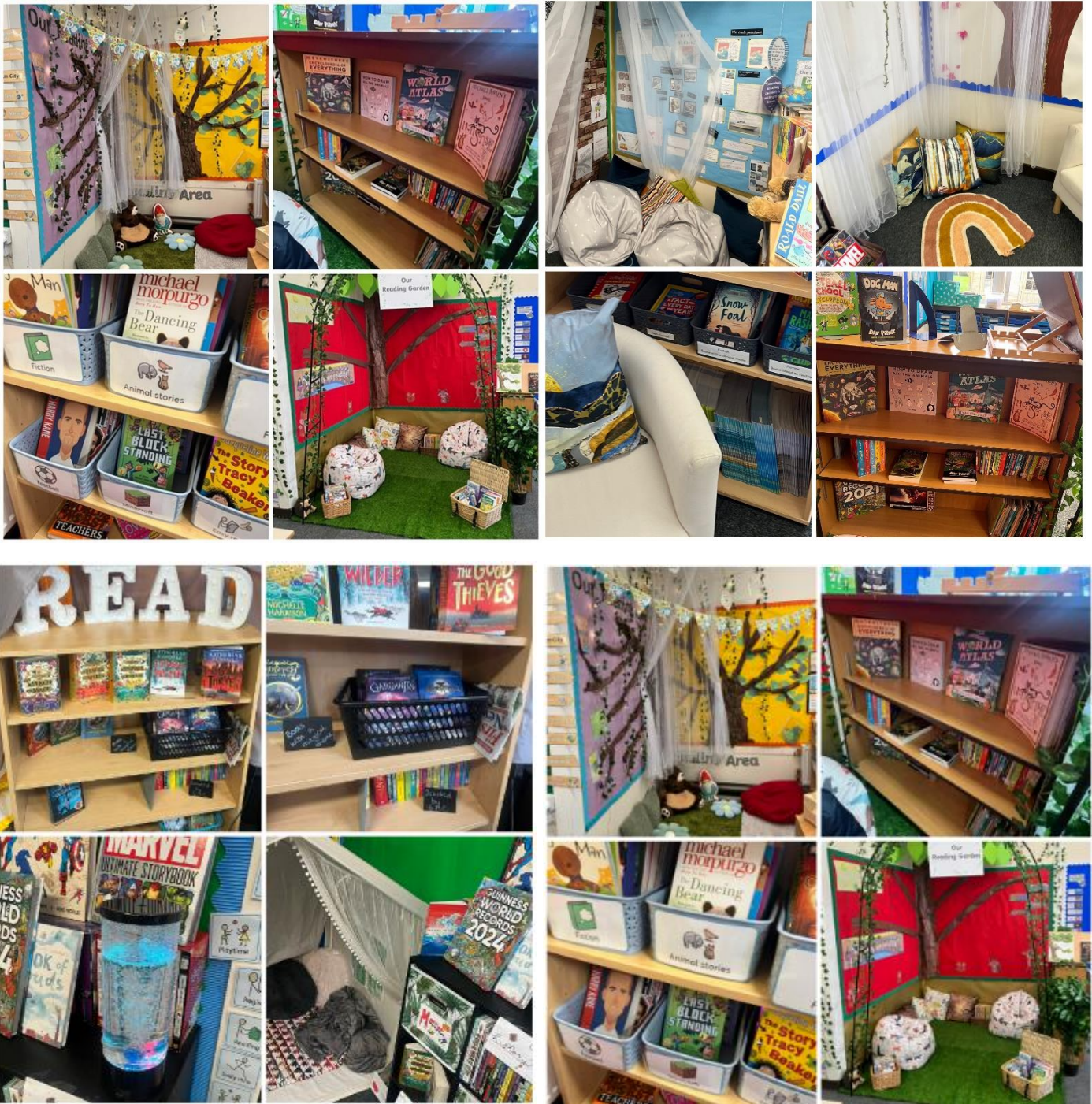
Easter Holiday 25th March - 5th April **First Day back at school - Monday 8th April**

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Look at our amazing Reading Corners!

We invested in lots of modern, popular authors, a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to appeal to everyone's different tastes and interests and the children were pivotal in designing the look and feel of each corner! Next week, the winners will be announced! 😊 Well done everyone!

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In Celebration Assembly each week, two pupils from each class are chosen to receive a Headteacher's Award and a Values Award. These awards are for pupils who consistently demonstrate our school values, or demonstrate to the teacher something exceptional that week that deserves recognition.

This week's Headteacher Award and Values Award

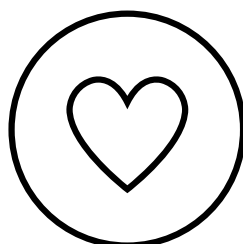
Winners are:

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Year 3	3C		3PS	
	Taite	Alahna	Yagavi	Cameron
Year 4	4L		4C	
	Alex	Oliver	Millie	James
Year 5	5M		5C	
	Orla	Finley	Danny	Bailey
Year 6	6AC		6L	
	All at Manor Adventure! 😊			

Each week the children and staff are invited to nominate a 'Kind Hearts' winner - these are children who consistently show our school values and whose actions are infused with kindness, empathy and love in all of their interactions - there is a nomination folder where our school community are encouraged to recommend someone who has been kind in some way to their friends and school family.

Our Kind Hearts award winner this week is Abigail in 3C. We are so proud of you!



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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! 😊

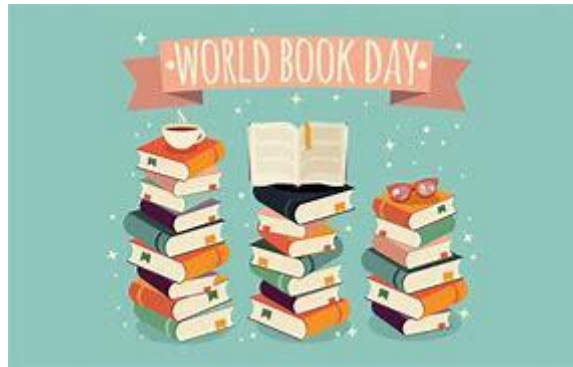


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World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7th March**, and we hope you will join us as we come together to celebrate in school.

*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...).

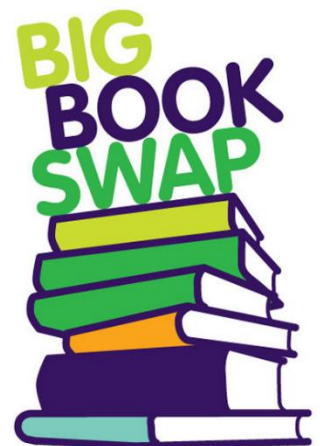
These should be brought into school by **Thursday 7th March**. On this day all books from each year group will be set out for children who have taken part to select a new book.

We will also be running our '**Booked Potato**' competition again this year. Over recent years this has proven to 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 😊



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Bag2School collection



We have arranged for Bags2school to come to Eastern Green Junior School on Tuesday 5th March.

This is a great opportunity to have a sort out at home of things you no longer want and raise money for our school! All donations are reused to benefit people who rely on “pre-loved” items. And, for every kilo collected, we receive 40p – that’s £400 per tonne – for the school.

So, have a look for any good quality clothes, shoes, bags, towels, bedding and curtains you have at home, and put them in the bag attached, or any sturdy bag if you have extra items. (Please check on Bag2school.com/what-we-collect for a full list of what they can and can’t accept.)

Bring your filled bag/s to school and leave them outside by reception by 9am on Tuesday 5th March.

Please don’t bring your bags to school before this date as we do not have space to store them.

Thank you!

EGJS PTA