

Eastern Green Junior School



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RESPECT • READY • SAFE

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by at EGJS, with sporting events galore, from archery to gymnastics, Rugby and cricket - Mrs Pearson -Dodd really does go all out to give our children the most incredible experiences in sport! Year 6 have been busy completing Mock SATS tests. They have done so well, and the team have worked hard to make the experience as stress free as possible. We have seen some amazing progress in Year 6 and are excited to see how they fare in May. It is important to keep in mind however, that SATS are just one part of the pupil experience and while they are pivotal for ensuring each child is as ready as they possibly can be for their next steps in their education, they are not something to lose sleep over. We will continue to support the children to feel as prepared as possible but without causing undue stress or pressure; we will reiterate that it's important to do their very best so that they can leave us with as much knowledge as possible, but they are not the be all and end all and do not measure all of the other amazing unique qualities of each child.

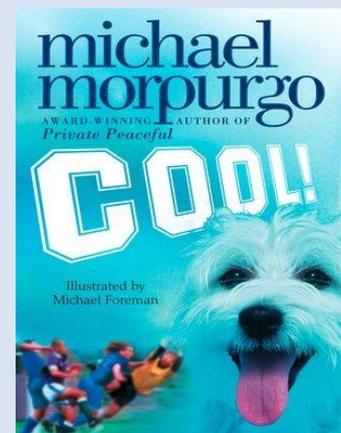
Next week, is World Book Day - do please read the information Miss Colbourne has provided below about what we plan to do to celebrate this event. World book Day is such an important date in the calendar as it allows us to celebrate reading. As I talked about in last week's newsletter, reading is so key to a child's development and ability to learn, so at EGJS we do all we can to raise the profile of reading. In today's technological age, there are so many other instant and exciting distractions for our children that reading is no longer always a pastime of choice for our children, but it remains the single biggest factor in a child's academic prowess. We are so passionate that our children leave our school understanding that reading is not a chore, or something to be endured but can open up a whole new world for children, helping them to develop their vocabulary, extend their knowledge and understanding of the world around them and give them the tools to be able to express themselves in an articulate and eloquent fashion. Do please continue to support your child at home with their daily reading and work with us to instil a love of reading for pleasure where you can. One way we do this at EGJS, is through our reading assemblies, where the children come together to share a story. Our text at the moment is 'Cool' by Michael Morpurgo. Do ask your child about this story! It's a good one!

Have a lovely and restful weekend - fingers crossed that the rain stops!

Kindest regards,
Mrs Nealon - Headteacher

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Spring Two Calendar:



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! Booked Potato, Book Swap and dressing up!

Friday 8th March - International Women's Day

Monday 11th March - Scholastic Book Fair arrives 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** - booking is open for Parents' Evenings on MCAS

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**

☕ Hot Chocolate Friday ☕

At Eastern Green, teachers are always on the lookout for our children who go, 'Above and Beyond' - children who demonstrate at all times, our school values of: **RESPECT • READY • SAFE**

This includes their behaviour, their attitude to learning, their willingness to give their all to life at Eastern Green and their work ethic in the classroom. This week's Hot Chocolate Crew are:

3PS	3PS	4L	4C	5M	6AC	6L
Jacob	Yagavi	Reuben	Grace	Orla	Hugo	Megan

Well done to these wonderful ambassadors for our school - I am sure I will be seeing you all again for Hot Chocolate very soon! 😊

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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:

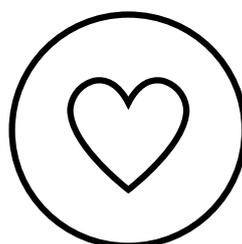
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Year 3	3C		3PS	
	Poppy	Edgar	Ollie	Lily
Year 4	4L		4C	
	Kian	Oscar	Jude	Macy
Year 5	5M		5C	
	Cara	Caitlin	Darcie Gr	Rayn
Year 6	6AC		6L	
	Daniel	Ivy	Oliver	Rowan

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 Bailey in 5C

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. PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING! THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE DONATIONS SO FAR!



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! 😊

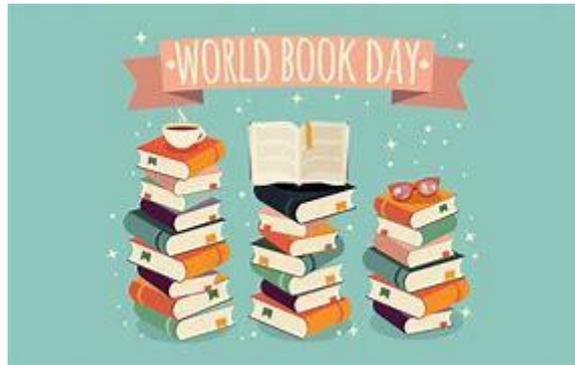


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World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7th March**, and we hope you will join us as we come together to celebrate in school **NEXT WEEK!** 😊

*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 😊

