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Dear parents and carers,

The weather really has cooled down so please do remember to send your child to school with a warm coat each day – we always aim for children to play outdoors.

This week, the poppy sales have been fantastic – thank you all for supporting this cause and sending in change for children to buy a poppy, wrist band etc. The sales will continue next week until all the items have been sold.

It has been a great week in the classrooms – with some really fantastic learning experiences happening across the school. Our dedicated team really do deserve a huge thank you for all that they do!

Looking towards next week, I hope children have got their odd socks ready for odd sock day on Tuesday! We look forward to supporting this great event to highlight anti-bullying week. During the week, children will also be reflecting on the importance of kindness, which is our focus value of the week.

Next Friday, please do remember we will be holding our cake/biscuit sale in the playground at home time. Please do bring some change along to support Children in Need. Children can also dress up in yellow/spots. We will have a donation bucket so that if you are able to, you can donate 50p/£1 for the non-uniform day. Thank you.

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On the next page, you will see that the PTA is asking for more volunteers to help run our annual winter fair. Please do come forward – even if this is something you have not done before. If you are not feeling confident, you can be paired up at a stall. Please come along and join in the fun!

Finally, we are quite low on our tea time club and after school club uptake at the moment. If you would like your child to attend tea time club or an after-school club but are worried about the financial commitment, please do talk to Lisa in our front office who will be able to help.

Have a wonderful weekend,

*Faye Rider*

Faye Rider  
Headteacher



*Support our fundraisers next week and please join our PTA!*

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# *PTA Winter Fair*

## *6<sup>th</sup> December 2024*



*The Winter Fair is always a highlight on the PTA calendar, and we would very much like to hold this event after school on **Friday 6th December**. It's a wonderful time for the school community to come together to celebrate the season, to have some fun, and enjoy the stalls, games and activities.*

*However, **we cannot make it happen without wonderful volunteers** to help organise the fair and be there on the day of the event to lend a hand. You don't need to possess any spectacular skills - just being there to run a stall, help set up or pack away is very much appreciated.*

*We will be holding a quick meeting this coming Monday 11th November at 08:45 to welcome any new PTA members, and talk about the upcoming Fair. Please join us if you can.*

*If not, please email [edinburghpta@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghpta@gmail.com) to let us know if you are able to help make this event happen!*

*Thank you,*



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# *Antibullying Week and Children in Need Day*

Next week is a busy one with it being anti-bullying week and then fund raising for Children in Need on Friday.

**On Tuesday** please send your children in wearing 'odd' socks to raise awareness of the differences between us and how to be tolerant and accepting of these.



**On Friday**, it will be a **non-uniform day** and the children are to wear their own clothes that are yellow/spotty to raise money for Children in Need. Please send your donations for this in with your child-50p/£1 would be fantastic. All children will also make and decorate biscuits in school that will be sold from 3:15 by the school council in the playground.



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## *Pear Class Corner*

Our Topic this term is 'Festivals and Celebrations'. We have been learning about festivals and this week we have been learning about Diwali. Diwali is an important festival celebrated by many around the world. It is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs. It is sometimes called the 'festival of lights' in the very old Indian Language, Sanskrit. Diwali (or Deepavali) means 'row of lamps'. People light lamps at Diwali to show that light is more powerful than darkness, and good is a more powerful force. Diwali also celebrates new beginnings. We made divas out of clay. We moulded them and added patterns using the clay knife. We then waited for them to dry and painted them with our own designs.



In Literacy our Book of the week is 'Handa's Surprise.' We have been looking at different fruits from the story such as mango, avocado, pineapple, orange, passion fruit, banana, guava, orange and tangerines. We tasted the different types of fruit then we described how the fruits tasted. Our favourite fruits were oranges, bananas and avocados. We then wrote a description of our favourite fruit.



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In Understanding of the world, we have been looking at autumn, learning that autumn is one of the four seasons and includes September, October and November. Children have been learning that there is less light and that this means some trees find it difficult keep their leaves green during autumn time. The leaves on these trees turn from green to orange, yellow, brown and red. These trees are called **deciduous** trees, which means their leaves change colour and fall off.



This weekend:

Why not go for an autumn walk and collect leaves and twigs.  
Alternatively, can you make an autumn collage?

# *Attendance and punctuality*



Sam, our **S**chool,  
**a**ttendance **m**ascot



Early Bird  
our punctuality mascot

## *Attendance Awards*

Lower floor: Pear & Banyan  
Upper floor: Tamarind

## *Punctuality Awards*

Lower floor: Banyan & Hornbeam  
Upper floor: Pine

Whole school: 95%

Our whole school attendance should be 97% or better.

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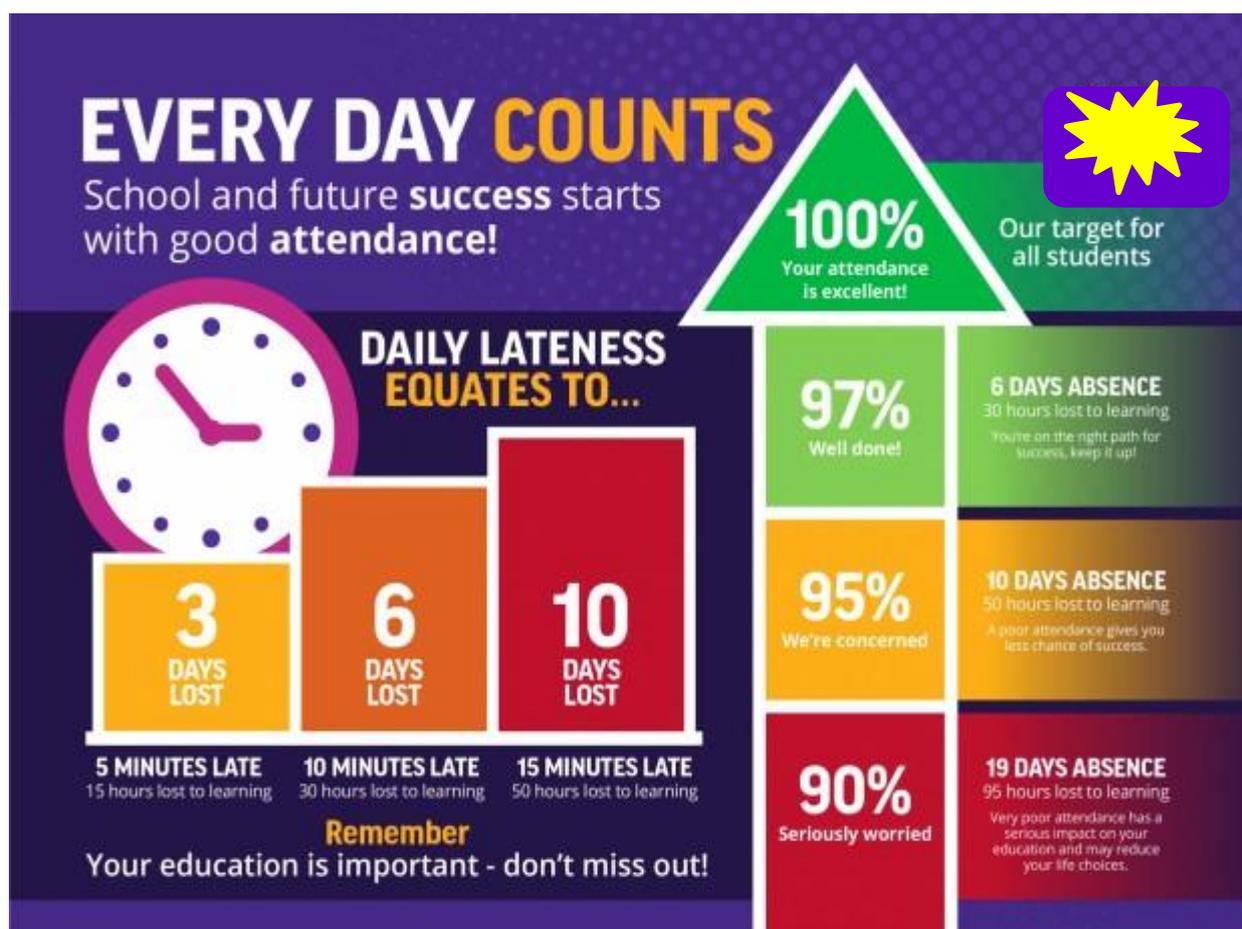
Please ensure your child is in school and do not plan any routine appointments (including medical) during school hours or visits abroad during term time

Did you know being 15 minutes late to school each day equates to 10 days of lost learning time over the school year.

Did you know 97% attendance still equates to 6 days absence from school which is 30 hours of teaching time.

### Tip

Lay out clothes, school bags and lunchboxes in the evening ready for the next morning.



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## Weekly House Points Winner!



**Team Ruby!**

## Values certificates for showing the Edinburgh values...

**KINDNESS**

**HONESTY**

**RESILIENCE**

**RESPECT**

**POSITIVITY**

	KINDNESS	HONESTY	RESILIENCE	RESPECT	POSITIVITY
Banyan			Azaan		
Gingko	Annays				
Hornbeam			Zainab		
Oak					
Pine					Alvin
Redwood					Adam B
Tamarind			Mariyah		



### Shining stars

Linaz – Hornbeam  
 Sabiha – Banyan  
 Nusaybah – Gingko  
 Maaryah – Tamarind  
 Mohib – Pine  
 Khaelene – Redwood

### Gold Awards

Danna – Hornbeam  
 Dasia – Hornbeam  
 Amin – Hornbeam  
 Alayna – Hornbeam  
 Edward – Redwood  
 Ruby – Redwood  
 Amelia – Redwood  
 Summayah – Redwood

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# Homework stars!

## Reading Stars



Nectarie – Hornbeam

Hasan – Banyan

Zoya – Gingko

Safwaan B – Tamarind

Helen – Pine

Edward Redwood

Shalin – Redwood

## Spelling and Handwriting Stars



Alekc – Hornbeam

Hasan – Banyan

Aad – Gingko

Aisha – Tamarind

## Times Table and Numbers Rock Stars



Dasia – Hornbeam

Malaika – Banyan

Faatimah – Tamarind

Tobi – Pine

Fatima – Redwood

# Healthy eating awards!

Christiana - Pear  
Leo - Pear

Sofia - Banyan  
Alekc - Hornbeam  
Mahia - Hornbeam

Fatima - Redwood  
Yahya - Redwood  
Adam B -Redwood

Please remember only healthy foods are permitted at break time. At this time of the day, we encourage children to enjoy a piece of fruit. **No crisps, sweets or chocolate bars are allowed.**

For children on the upper floor, due to a later lunchtime, you may like to prepare a small sandwich for your child to enjoy at break time (lunch is at 12.45pm).





*We value your feedback – if you have any positive feedback about your child's experience at school, please do write a note and hand this to the school office and we will pass this on to the relevant member of staff.*

*Equally, if you have any concerns, please do meet your child's class teacher or arrange an appointment to see me so that matters can be resolved quickly.*

*Thank you*

## Dates for the diary

Autumn 2 Key Dates	
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Value of the Week: Kindness
	Anti-bullying Week
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Sock Day (moved from Monday)
	Parent Workshop on Phonics with Ms Sheikh at 2.45pm
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Ragged Schools Museum Trip
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Pump House Trip
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in need dress up day/fun afternoon of biscuit decorating/biscuit and cake sale in the playground 3.15-3.45pm
	Family Friday - Reception
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Value of the Week: Resilience
	Parent Workshop Maths Y1-3 with Ms Joseph at 2.45pm
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 3.30-5.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 3.30-7.00pm
	Governor day
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Redwood Parent Evening 3.30pm-5pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Family Friday - Reception
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Value of the Week: Honesty
	Year 4/5 National History Museum Trip
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Class Assembly at 2.45pm
	Parent Workshop on Phonics with Ms Sheikh at 2.45pm
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Open Day (9am-11am)
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Jack and the Beanstalk Production visiting Edinburgh
	Family Friday - Reception

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2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Value of the Week: Respect
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Last Parent Workshop on Phonics with Ms Sheikh at 2.45pm
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Open Day (9am-11am)
	Parent Workshop Maths Y4-6 with Mr Cherry at 2.45pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2/3 Science Museum Trip
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Family Friday
	PTA Christmas Fair at 3.15pm
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Value of the Week: Resilience
11 <sup>th</sup> December	YR/YI Nativity to Parents at 2.30pm
	Christmas Lunch
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Value of the Week: British Values
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Activity Day (Craft)
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term – Fabulous Finish Day- snack boxes – dress up (class theme) OR non-uniform. School closes at 2.15pm
20 <sup>th</sup> December – 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School Holiday
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Inset Day
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to School

If you would like to see the Headteacher, Ms Rider, please call the school office to make an appointment.