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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very busy week here at Edinburgh and it is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of September. It is fantastic to see how well children have settled into their routines and our new reception pupils are also doing really well.

Thank you to all families who have contributed to our harvest collection; it is not too late to bring in a can of food to help others. We will be taking the food to our local food bank at the end of October.

Next week is Black History week and we will be focussing on famous artists. We have lots of great opportunities planned so please do find out more from your child next week!

On Wednesday, children will have their individual photos taken—full uni form please!
On Friday, year six children begin their first round of swimming lessons.

Have a lovely weekend.

Faye Rider

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Headteacher

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Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team (MHST) welcomes the return of all children to a new school year at Edinburgh Primary. We'd like to begin this small bulletin with a friendly reminder that the MHST are based at Edinburgh. As an NHS service we are free to access and can offer support to you and your child through 1-2-1 interventions with you the parent or carer, and to your child through groups and workshops within the school. If ever you need support with your child's worries, anxieties, or challenging behaviour do reach out to a member of staff and they can make a referral to us.

As the new school year begins, stress and worries can be completely normal. For many this will be their first school year and for some this will be their last at a primary school setting. Every stage at these times, and every stage in between, comes with their own stresses and difficulties - presenting in lots of different ways. The important thing is to listen to your child, explore their concerns alongside them, and validate their feelings as important to them and challenging in their own right. Often solutions can be thought of together and with many resources available from your school or online (youngminds.org.uk or [Children's mental health - Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)) this can be a bonding experience between you and your child. However, should you need external and easy to access support, this is also available through us at the Mental Health Support Team. Happy new school year to everyone at Edinburgh Primary!

Best wishes
Your Mental Health Support team

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Ginkgo Class Corner



Since the start of the new academic year, we have been working on narrative writing in our English lessons. We have been retelling stories, particularly focusing on using compound sentences and a range of descriptive vocabulary. We are currently doing lots of work around 'Rapunzel' by Bethan Woollvin. In this version, Rapunzel is a determined, brave girl, who does not need a prince to save her.

In Science we are learning about everyday materials – their properties and uses. We looked at how suitable different materials are at absorbing water, and through our mini investigation, we discovered that fabric absorbs lots of water whereas cling film doesn't absorb any.

We also looked at what materials buildings are made of and what properties they have. We investigated the statement 'Hard materials cannot absorb water'. Our results showed that many hard materials do not absorb water but some types of rocks do. It is important to think about which material to choose when building a house. We presented our results in a letter.



Dear Toby,
I have just investigated that hard materials can absorb water and I tested plastic, glass, wood, metal, rocks and a brick. I poured water on a grey rock and it absorbed the water and the rock was dark and plastic, glass, wood, metal and the brick did not absorb the water so you should make your out a grey rock.

In music, we have been creating 'Call and Response' songs, taking inspiration from jungle animals. The children created different, repeating phrases that joined together to make an amazing song. They used their voices and their bodies to make a song that involved singing, stamping and clapping. They then took it in turns to perform to the class and it was really amazing!



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Attendance and punctuality



Sam, our **S**chool,
attendance **m**ascot



Early Bird
our punctuality mascot

Attendance Awards

Lower floor: Pear

Upper floor: Redwood

Punctuality Awards

Lower floor: Banyan

Upper floor: Pine & Redwood

Whole school: 95%

Our whole school attendance should be 97% or better.

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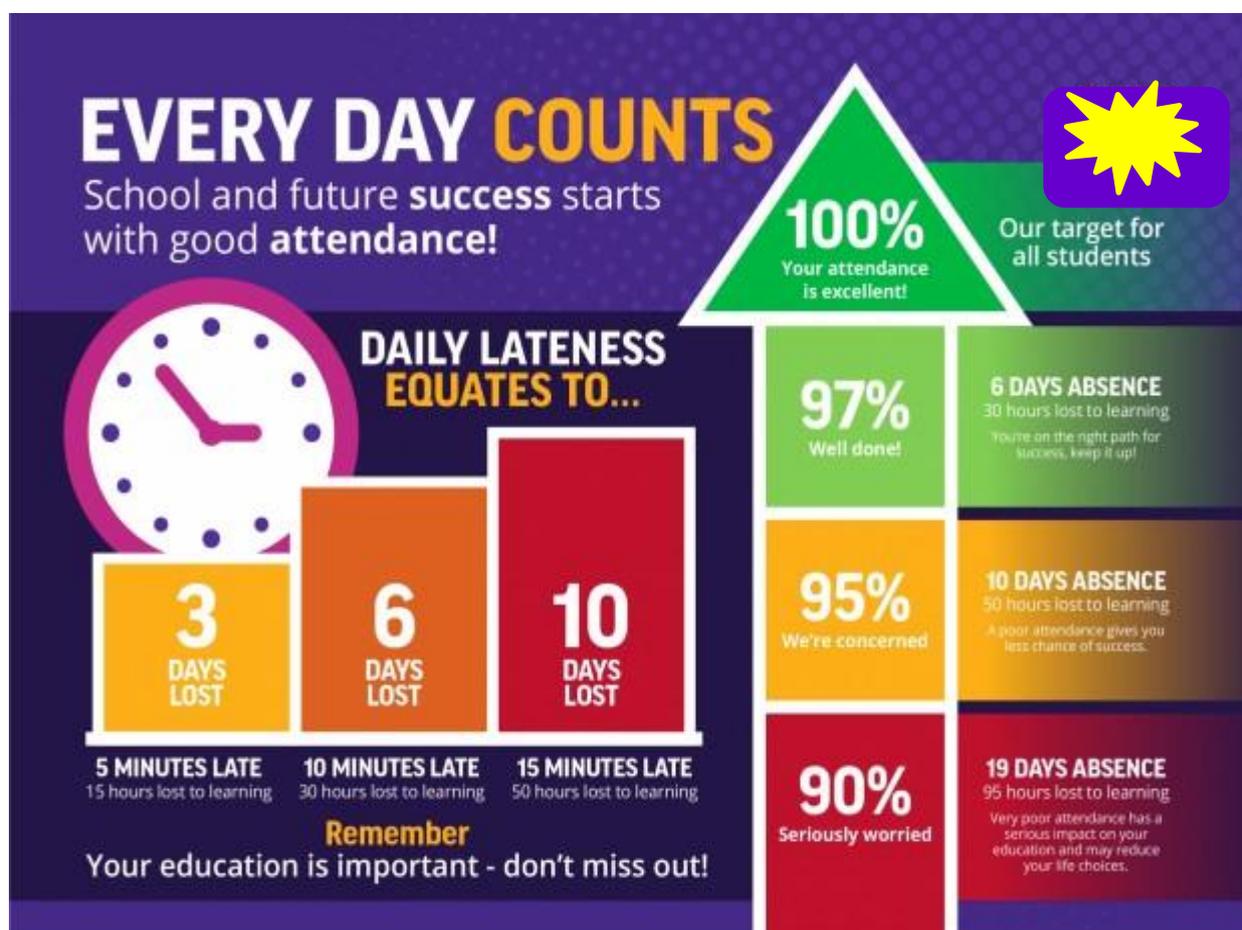
Please ensure your child is in school and do not plan any routine appointments (including medical) during school hours or visits abroad during term time

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 95% attendance is a cause for concern as it equates to 10 days absence from school and 50 hours of teaching time.

Tip

Only let your child stay home if he/she is truly sick. Sometimes complaints of a headache or stomach ache might be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. If your child may be anxious, please let us know.



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Values certificates for showing the Edinburgh values...

KINDNESS

HONESTY

RESILIENCE

RESPECT

POSITIVITY

KINDNESS

Yanis – Oak

Nabiha – Oak

HONESTY

Stefan I -Tamarind

RESILIENCE

Eimen - Banyan

RESPECT

Erin - Ginkgo

POSITIVITY

Shalin – Redwood

Zayyan - Pine

*Weekly House Points
Winner!*



Team Sapphire



Shining stars

Ibrahim – Gingko
Ameen – Hornbeam
Dragos – Banyan
Alvin – Pine
Smaranda – Redwood
Adam – Redwood
Mashi – Tamarind
Troy – Oak

Gold Awards

Khadijah – Pine
Humaira – Redwood
Ruby – Redwood

Homework stars!

Reading Stars



Seema – Ginkgo
Avantika – Banyan
Isra – Redwood
Amelia – Redwood
Aisha – Tamarind
Armani – Oak

Spelling and Handwriting Stars



Neli – Ginkgo
Layyana – Hornbeam
Leila – Banyan
Amya – Tamarind

Times Table and Numbers Rock Stars



Hoorain – Banyan
Kaya – Pine
Loris – Redwood
Yahya – Redwood
Mohammed – Tamarind
Ariana – Oak

Healthy eating awards!

Retal - Pear

Serena - Pear

Yuxin - Banyan

Kanzeddine - Gingko

Ibrahim - Gingko

Loris - Redwood

Aisha - Tamarind

Cosmo -Tamarind

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 1 Key Dates	
30 th September	Value of the week: Resilience
	Black History Week
1 st October	Parent Workshop on Phonics with Ms Sheikh at 2.45pm
2 nd October	Individual photo day
	Parent Workshop on supporting your child at home Y4-6 Parents with Mr Cherry at 2.45pm
4 th October	Y6 Swimming
	Family Friday - Reception
7 th October	Value of the Week: Honesty
8 th October	Reception Open Day (9am-11am)
	Y6 Swimming
	Parent Workshop on Phonics with Ms Sheikh at 2.45pm
9 th October	Y6 Swimming
10 th October	Y6 Swimming
11 th October	Y6 Swimming
	PTA - Costume and Cake Sale at 3.00pm
	Family Friday - Reception
14 th October	Value of the Week: Respect
	Y6 Swimming
15 th October	Y6 Swimming
16 th October	Y6 Swimming
	YR - Y6 Flu Vaccinations
17 th October	Y6 Swimming
18 th October	Last Day - Finish at 3.15pm
	Family Friday - Reception
21 th - 25 th October	Half-Term
Autumn 2 Key Dates	

28 th October	Inset Day
29 th October	Children back
	Value of the Week: Positivity
	Y6 Boosters start
4 th November	Value of the Week: Respect
5 th November	Parent Workshop on Phonics with Ms Sheikh at 2.45pm
	Flu Vaccination – Mop Up
7 th November	Parent Workshop on Supporting your child's Mental Health with Mr Cherry at 2.45pm
8 th November	Family Friday - Reception
11 th November	Value of the Week: Kindness
	Anti-bullying Week
	Odd Sock Day
12 th November	Parent Workshop on Phonics with Ms Sheikh at 2.45pm
15 th November	Children in need dress up day and fundraiser
	Family Friday - Reception
18 th November	Value of the Week: Resilience
	Parent Workshop Maths Y1-3 with Ms Joseph at 2.45pm
19 th November	Parents Evening 3.30-5.00pm
20 th November	Parents Evening 3.30-7.00pm
22 nd November	Family Friday - Reception
25 th November	Value of the Week: Honesty
26 th November	Y6 Class Assembly at 2.45pm
	Parent Workshop on Phonics with Ms Sheikh at 2.45pm
28 th November	Reception Open Day (9am-11am)
29 th November	Jack and the Beanstalk Production visiting Edinburgh
	Family Friday - Reception
2 nd December	Value of the Week: Respect

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3 rd December	Last Parent Workshop on Phonics with Ms Sheikh at 2.45pm
4 th December	Reception Open Day (9am-11am)
	Parent Workshop Maths Y4-6 with Mr Cherry at 2.45pm
6 th December	Last Family Friday
9 th December	Value of the Week: Resilience
11 th December	YR/Y1 Nativity to Parents at 2.30pm
	Christmas Lunch
12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
16 th December	Value of the Week: British Values
18 th December	Christmas Activity Day (Craft)
19 th December	Last Day of Term – Fabulous Finish Day- snack boxes – dress up (class theme) OR non-uniform. School closes at 2.15pm
20 th December – 5 th January	School Holiday
6 th January 2025	Inset Day
7 th January	Children return to School

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