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Dear Edinburgh Families

Although we have seen a chilly drop in the temperature this week, it has been a warm hive of activity across school with all children immersed in learning. Year 2/3 have been exploring the Stone Age, capturing the brutal reality of life when you have to hunt for every meal. In contrast, Year 5 and 6 have been tackling the National Primary Maths Challenge; the challenge is designed to encourage students to think critically and creatively about maths, moving beyond standard curriculum tests to boost confidence and enthusiasm for the subject.

Thank you to my teaching team for providing our children with diverse and deep learning experiences.

I hope you all enjoy a restful weekend.

Best wishes

Ellie Green

Miss E Green - Head Teacher

PS: We would like to make our school a magical space for the festive season. If you have Christmas decorations you no longer use, please share them with us. You can drop them off at the main reception. If anyone has an old tree they no longer need, that would be fantastic.

In this week's newsletter you will find information about the following:

- EPS Values Celebration

- The Mayor's Christmas Card Competition
- EPS Star Awards
- EPS Gold Awards
- EPS Healthy Eating Awards
- EPS Celebrate Good Attendance
- Class Corner: Hornbeam
- Diary Dates

EPS Values Celebration

**Respect - Resilience - Kindness -
Positivity - Confidence - Aspiration**

Congratulations to EPS Values Award winners. It is my favourite moment of the week to hear the teachers talk so enthusiastically about the amazing achievements and values of our children.

Banyan:

Aairah - Respect

Ginkgo:

Fabiha - Resilience

Keyaan - Confidence

Hornbeam:

Dragos - Resilience

Pine:

Mohib - Confidence

Ruby - Resilience

Oak:

Helen - Resilience

Zoya - Confidence

Tamarind:

Yahya - Confidence

Tamera - Kindness

Maple:

Ariana - Aspiration

I am very proud of you all!

Thank you to everyone who came along to support today. It means a lot to us all. It is my favourite time of the week and I was sad to miss this today. Thank you to Mrs Joseph for leading the assembly.

The Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

On behalf of the Mayor of Waltham Forest 2025-2026, Cllr Tony Bell, I'm delighted to share an invitation for our school to participate in the Mayor's School Christmas Card Competition 2025!

This annual initiative encourages Early Years and Primary School pupils across the borough to engage in a festive and creative activity, designing Christmas cards that reflect the spirit of the season and the values of our community.

The deadline for submissions is Friday 28th November 2025.

Please hand your entry to the school office, or to me. Entries will be scanned and sent to the Mayor. We look forward to seeing your amazing Christmas card designs!

EPS Star Awards



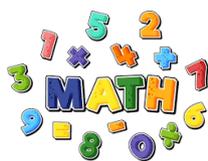
Reading Stars:

Nasar - Banyan
 Dragos- Hornbeam
 Linaz - Oak
 Nabiha - Maple
 Azaan - Pine
 Taliyah - Oak
 Yasin - Tamarind



Spelling & Handwriting:

Serena - Banyan
 Mohammad - Tamarind
 Leila - Hornbeam
 Tom - Maple



Mathematician of the Week:

Cenk- Banyan
 Elisa - Pine
 Troy - Tamarind
 Sam - Maple

EPS Healthy Eating Awards



Banyan: Amaris, Yunus
Gingko: Kaysha, Seema, Eimen
Oak: Annays, Thanasis

Please remember we are a healthy school. Crisps, sweets or chocolate bars are **not** allowed.

EPS Celebrate Good Attendance

Week beginning: 17/11/25

Class:	Team Attendance:	
Banyan	95.8%	3rd
Gingko	90.4%	
Hornbeam	94.7%	
Oak	93.9%	
Pine	98%	1st
Tamarind	94.6%	
Maple	96.4%	2nd
Whole School	94.9%	

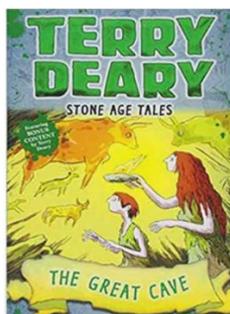
Whole school attendance since September is 95.90%

I am worried about this week's attendance again as only two classes have reached the expectation of 96% or above. If your child is feeling a little under the weather let us know and we will keep a close eye on them throughout the day. They will be able to stay in the warm at break and lunchtimes.

Let's aim for GREEN attendance across the board next week. When children miss school, they miss out on learning and the opportunity to forge strong friendships.



Hornbeam Class



This term in English, Hornbeam Class explored the Stone Age through Terry Deary's - The Great Cave. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading about Willow and Finn, two brave young characters who face challenges, make discoveries, and show courage as they explore a world very different from our own. Through the story, the children have learned about Stone Age life — from hunting and gathering to living in caves and working together as a tribe. Inspired by Willow and Finn's journey, they've written their own Stone Age stories, using complex sentences and descriptive language to bring their settings and characters to life. It's been fantastic to see their creativity and imagination as young writers shine!

Meanwhile, in Design & Technology, Hornbeam Class have been investigating how linkage systems work. The children cut card strips, made holes, and used paper fasteners as pivots to connect the strips. Through this process, they discovered how different sizes, shapes, and pivot points can create movement, giving them a hands-on understanding of how linkages work in machines and toys. It's been exciting to see their creativity and problem-solving skills in action as they prepare to bring their monsters to life!



Science Spotlight: This term, Hornbeam Class have been busy exploring forces—the pushes and pulls that make objects move—and discovering the surprising power of magnets. In class, pupils have investigated how different surfaces affect movement by racing toy cars and rolling balls on ramps. They found that rough surfaces create more friction, slowing things down, while smooth surfaces help objects travel further.

In French, the children immersed themselves in the French language with great enthusiasm. They have been learning greetings, numbers, and everyday classroom vocabulary through fun and interactive activities such as songs and role-play. They are beginning to use short phrases with excitement, developing both their language skills and a love of learning a new language.



Diary Dates

NOVEMBER 2025	
Friday 28 th November	Whole School Pantomime – Aladdin
DECEMBER 2025	
Monday 1 st – Friday 12 th December	Year 6 Swimming
Wednesday 3 rd December	Reception 2026 Open Morning @ 9:00am Year 2/3 Hindu Temple Trip
Thursday 4 th December	Winter Fair @ 15:15pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception & Year 1 Nativity @ 9:30am
Thursday 11 th December	Reception & Year 1 Fluoride Varnish Programme Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December	Y4/5 Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge Trip
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18 th December	Year 6 Ragged School Museum Trip School Nurse Drop-in @ 10:00am
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term early finish 13:45pm
January 2026	
Monday 5 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 6 th January	Children back to school

