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Newsletter 18

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Dear Edinburgh Families

Another action-packed week has flown by here at Edinburgh Primary School.

Next week, we will be launching the *Big Schools Bird Watch*. Bird feeders have been replenished and we hope to have some new feathered visitors joining us.

We are also launching a variety of activities to celebrate and get involved in the Year of Reading. I will be meeting with School Council to bring some ideas together.

Best wishes

Ellie Green

Miss E Green - Head Teacher

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

- EPS Values Celebration
- Smart EPS Uniform
- EPS Star Awards
- EPS Healthy Eating Awards
- House Points
- Understanding Autism: MHST Coffee Morning
- EPS Celebrate Good Attendance
- Class Corner
- 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:

Zarak - Confidence

Ginkgo:

Kaysha - Confidence

Hornbeam:

Aaliyah - Resilience

Pine:

Uejsa - Aspiration

Azaria - Positivity

Oak:

Zoya - Confidence

Raima - Kindness

Tamarind:

Aydin - Positivity

Maple:

Zoeya - Resilience

Darius - Kindness

I am very proud of you! all

Thank you to everyone who came along to support today. It means a lot to us all.

EPS Smart School Uniform

Our EPS uniform is important; it identifies us as a team with shared values and high expectations. Thank you to everyone who wears full school uniform every day. This has the added bonus of making non-school uniform days extra-special.

Unfortunately, a few children have begun to wear fancy trainers and sports hoodies to school instead of their uniform. This is not acceptable and reflects a concerning mindset. **Please make sure your child wears full school uniform, including footwear, every single day.**

If you need help, please let us know. Let's work together to keep our wonderful EPS team looking smart!



EPS Star Awards



Reading Stars:

Serena - Banyan
 Isra - Oak
 Layyana - Pine
 Nathan - Tamarind
 Aaliyah - Gingko



Spelling & Handwriting:

Carter - Rose - Banyan
 Isra - Pine
 Saaliha - Oak



Mathematician of the Week:

Malaika - Hornbeam
 Cenk - Banyan
 Nabiha - Tamarind
 Danaisha - Oak
 Azaan - Pine
 Kanzeddine - Oak
 Khaelene - Maple

EPS Healthy Eating Awards



Banyan: Ailin, Hanna, Leo
Hornbeam: Starr
Gingko: Emilia, Nusaybah
Pine: Juwairiya
Tamarind: Alvin

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

House Points

Our winning house this week is:

Diamond



There will be a reward for the winning House at the end of this half term.

Parent Coffee Morning: Understanding Autism



The MHS Team will be hosting a FREE coffee morning on **Monday 2nd February @ 09:00 in the ELSA room.**



The theme is "Understanding Autism". Perhaps your child has a diagnosis or is part way through this lengthy process; maybe you recognise some traits of autism in your child. Everyone is welcome! This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents facing similar challenges.

EPS Celebrate Good Attendance

Week beginning: 19/01/2026

Class:	Team Attendance:	
Banyan	92.9%	
Gingko	95.4%	3rd
Hornbeam	96%	2nd
Oak	95.4%	3rd
Pine	96.2%	1st
Tamarind	94.7%	
Maple	95.2%	
Whole School	95.1%	

Whole school attendance since September is 95.06 %

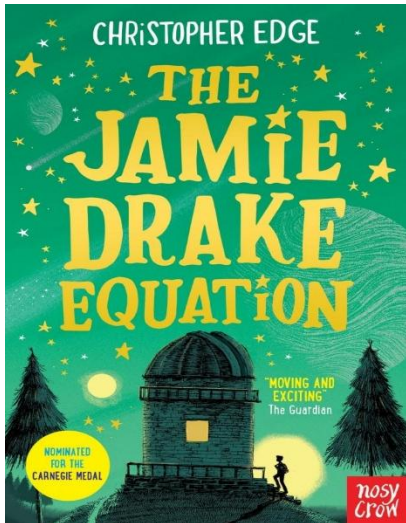
Please see the attendance ladder below. Where does your child stand on this ladder?

Attendance Ladder



Pine Class Corner

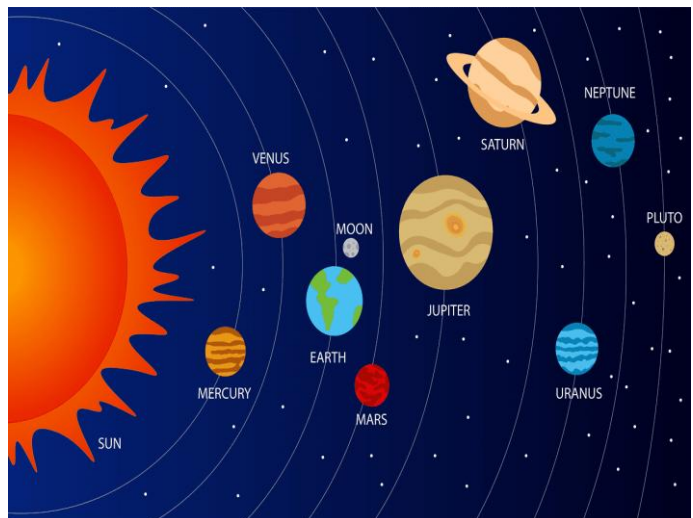
This term has been packed with excitement as Pine Class continue to show great enthusiasm and curiosity across the curriculum.



In **English**, the children have been captivated by *The Jamie Drake Equation* by Christopher Edge. The story follows Jamie, a boy whose astronaut father is lost in space, and explores themes of friendship, loss, hope, and the mysteries of the universe. Blending science with emotion, the book has inspired deep discussions and thoughtful reading. Recently, the children completed their own **fiction stories based on the novel**, using suspense, descriptive language, and imaginative ideas linked to space. Alongside this, they have been learning fascinating facts about space, such as how sound cannot travel in space because there is no air, and that a day on Venus is longer than a year on Venus!

In **Maths**, the children have been developing their skills in **short and long division**, as well as **long multiplication**. A strong knowledge of times tables has been essential, and it has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and accuracy when solving more complex problems. They have been learning how to choose efficient methods, check their answers, and explain their mathematical thinking using key vocabulary.

In **Science**, Pine Class have been exploring the exciting topic of **Earth and Space**. They have been learning about the properties of planets and stars, including how stars produce their own light and heat, while planets reflect light from the Sun. The children discovered that our Sun is actually a star and that some stars we see in the night sky are millions of years old. They have also explored why planets orbit the Sun and how gravity keeps everything in place. Through discussions and investigations, the children have continued to build their scientific knowledge and curiosity about the universe.



Diary Dates

February	
Wednesday 4 th February	Year 2/3 Natural History Museum Trip
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Half Term Holiday
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to school
March	
Wednesday 4 th March	Class Photographs
Monday 16 th March	Rec & Year 1 Fluoride Varnish Programme
Friday 20 th March	Year 4/5 Pedestrian Training
Tuesday 24 th March	Science Dome Years 2/3 and 4/5
Monday 30 th – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holiday
April	
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school

