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Newsletter 6

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Dear Edinburgh Families

Week Six of the half term has been another busy and productive one across school. It was wonderful to have our first guitar and singing lessons take place on Tuesday. Years 4 and 5 are learning to play the guitar. Our new music teacher, Mr Smyth is hoping to showcase their progress in a concert later in the year! Year 6 also enjoyed a singing session. These music lessons will now be a regular feature of our Tuesday afternoons. I am delighted that we have finally been able to offer a musical experience to enhance the curriculum for our children.

Next Friday promises to be great fun as we have our TT Rockstar event with children invited to come to school in non-uniform, dressed as rock stars!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

*Ellie Green*

Miss E Green - Head Teacher

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

- EPS Values Celebration
- Harvest Sharing Celebration
- Reception Open Morning
- EPS Breakfast Lounge
- EPS Star Awards
- EPS Gold Awards
- EPS Healthy Eating Awards
- House Points
- EPS Celebrate Good Attendance
- Class Corner:

## 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:

*Ariana - Kindness*

*Carter - Resilience*

#### Ginkgo:

*Nicole - Positivity*

*Hashir - Kindness*

#### Hornbeam:

*Yuxin - Respect*

#### Pine:

*Zara - Aspiration*

*Azaan - Resilience*

#### Oak:

*Annays - Positivity*

*Madina - Extra Special Achievement*

#### Tamarind:

*Osman - Confidence*

*Smaranda - Extra Special Achievement*

#### Maple:

*Nuh - Confidence*

*Sam - Positivity*

*I am very proud of you all!*

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

## Harvest Sharing Celebration

School Council would like to invite all children to take part in a

**Harvest Celebration on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Non-uniform day:** Please wear warm autumn colours (red, orange, green, brown) and donate tins or packets of food.



The collection of food items will be donated to a local foodbank.



**New Reception Parents Open Morning  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Do you have a child who is due to start school next year? Do you know families with young children who are applying for a school place for September 2026?

Please come along to our **Reception Open Morning on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 @ 9.00am**

Edinburgh children are happy and resilient learners. A curiosity for exploring the world around us is nurtured right from a child's first day in school, and our children leave Reception achieving standards which are well above those achieved nationally and in the Borough of Waltham Forest.

Come along and see how we do things here to ensure each child thrives!

**EPS Breakfast Lounge**



Remember, EPS Breakfast Lounge is open from 08:10 each morning and welcomes all children with a family atmosphere and healthy breakfast, followed by a variety of adult-led calm or energizing activities. If you would like your child to attend, please inform the office team.

EPS Breakfast Lounge is a FREE offer for all our children.

**EPS Star Awards**



**Reading Stars:**

Jannat - Gingko  
Lyz- Oak  
Danyil - Tamarind  
Yasin - Tamarind



**Spelling & Handwriting:**  
Aydin - Tamarind

Talia - Oak  
Nectarie - Gingko  
Azaaan- Hornbeam



**Mathematician of the Week:**

Aaliyah - Hornbeam  
Mohib- Pine  
Adam - Oak  
Kanzeddine - Oak  
Nathan - Maple  
Anaya - Tamarind

**Gold Awards**

Well Done to **Osman** from Tamarind Class  
and **Kanzeddine** from Oak Class

**EPS Healthy Eating Awards**



**Banyan:** Hanna, Rubiyah, Samaah

**Hornbeam:** Dragos, Hasan, Zirwa

**Pine:** Juwairiya **Oak:** Madina **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:

**Sapphire**

The final of the Year 4 House Football Competition took place on Thursday lunchtime. All teams have thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

**Team Emerald were crowned Champions with Annays scoring the winning goal!**

**EPS Celebrate Good Attendance**

Week beginning: 06/10/25

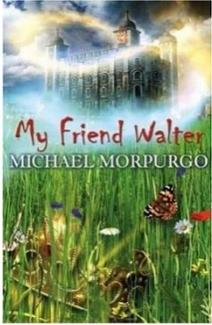
Class:	Team Attendance:	
Banyan	95.4%	
Gingko	98.1%	<b>2nd</b>
Hornbeam	97.5%	
Oak	98.6%	<b>1st</b>
Pine	97.1%	
Tamarind	97.6%	<b>3rd</b>
Maple	96.4%	
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>97.2%</b>	

**Whole school attendance since  
September is 96.78%**

Our attendance is increasing. Well Done Team  
Edinburgh!

# Oak Class Corner

**This term, Year 4/5 have been immersing themselves in the fascinating world of the Tudors.**



In English, we are enjoying the novel *My Friend Walter* by Michael Morpurgo. The story follows Elizabeth, the narrator, who makes the surprising discovery that one of her distant relatives is none other than Sir Walter Raleigh, a figure from the Tudor era. Together, they embark on exciting and often chaotic adventures—though it is usually Walter who finds himself causing the most mischief! Along the way, we have been practising a range of important reading and writing skills, which will soon help us to create our very own historical narratives set in the Tudor period.

In History, we have been piecing together the Tudor timeline, studying significant events and learning about King Henry VIII and his many wives. More recently, we turned our attention to Tudor fashion. We all agreed that while the clothing was certainly impressive and full of grandeur, it must also have been very uncomfortable to wear.

A key part of Tudor life was portraiture, especially for members of the royal family and nobility. Portraits were not just about capturing a likeness—they were a way of showing wealth, power, and even attracting a future husband or wife. We have been studying some of the most famous Tudor portraits and discussing the hidden meanings behind the clothing, objects, and backgrounds included in them. In Art, we are now working towards creating our very own Tudor-inspired portraits. We have been carefully practising how to sketch facial features accurately, and we are thinking about what symbols, accessories, and expressions might help tell a story about the person in the painting. We are very excited to share our finished portraits with you soon.



In Science, we have moved away from the Tudors and have been exploring different materials and their properties. We have investigated how materials can be grouped according to their characteristics, such as whether they are transparent, flexible, strong, or waterproof. We have also been discussing why certain materials are chosen for specific purposes—for example, why windows are made of glass, or why raincoats are made from waterproof fabrics. Through hands-on experiments, we have tested how different materials react under certain conditions, and we are beginning to think like real scientists by asking questions, making predictions, and recording our observations carefully.