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Newsletter 11

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe that next week will be the last day of the Spring Term – March has flown by. Next Friday will be a special non-uniform day and charity fundraiser. We will also end the school day slightly earlier as this is a tradition. **School will close for the Easter break at 14:00 next Friday.**

It was great to see almost every parent/carer attending meetings with class teachers this week, to discuss their child's achievements and progress. If you did not manage to attend please speak with your child's teacher and they will happily rearrange a meeting with you.

Wishing a peaceful and joyful occasion to our families and colleagues celebrating Eid on Sunday or Monday. *Eid Mubarak!*



Best wishes

*Ellie Green*

Miss E Green - Head Teacher

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

- EPS Values Celebration
- Teatime Club Cancellation
- Eid Authorized Absence

- Year 6 Science Workshop
- Year 2/3 visit to the Natural History Museum
- Staff News
- EPS Star Awards
- EPS Healthy Eating Awards
- House Points
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- Class Corner: Pine

### EPS Values Celebration

**Respect – Resilience - Kindness -  
Positivity – Honesty**

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:**

*Sabiha - Kindness*

**Ginkgo:**

*Taliyah - Kindness  
Kanzaddine - Positivity*

**Hornbeam:**

*Dasia - Respect*

**Oak:**

*Azaria - Kindness  
Troy - Resilience*

**Redwood:**

*Ruby - Resilience  
Nusaybah - Respect*

**Pine:**

*Hawa - Kindness  
Osman - Extra Special Achievement*

**Tamarind:**

*Dorothy - Extra Special Achievement -  
Adam S - Respect*

***I am very proud of you all!***

Thank you to all of the grownups and little ones who came along to support today. It means a lot to us all.

### Teatime Club Cancellation

Many staff and families are likely to be celebrating Eid on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**. After School Club/Teatime Club is cancelled due potential to staffing shortages on that day.

## Eid Authorized Absence

Eid ul-Fitr is expected to take place on Sunday 30th March 2025 or Monday 31st March 2025, depending on the sighting of the moon.

If Eid falls on Monday, absence will be classed as authorised for a religious observation. If Eid falls on Sunday, absence on Monday will be unauthorized. This is inline with instruction from the Local Authority and will be the case at other local schools.

*At the moment, most sources I have read or people I have spoken to, think Eid will be on Monday. We hope you have a wonderful time celebrating.*

## Y6 Science Workshop

A huge thank you to Mr Portman for coming in on Tuesday and delivering an interactive science workshop with our Year 6 children. The focus of the session was understanding how light travels. Using a range of practical equipment including lasers, mirrors and targets, the children were set the challenge of directing the laser onto the target from different points on their board using the equipment. This developed the children's understanding of how light travels, how it reflects and refracts off different objects to reach our eyes.

Mr Portman also explained some of the different career paths that children can aspire too within the field of science.



## Y2/3 visit to the Natural History Museum

I had a wonderful day at the Natural History Museum on Monday with Hornbeam and Gingko classes. We had an action-packed day of outdoor and indoor learning. Our children were a joy to be with and a credit to our school. It is not often that headteachers get chance to do the fun things, and I loved learning alongside the children.

*A HUGE thank you to all parents who came along. Without your support, trips simply could not take place. Thank you also to Miss Bay for organising the visit.*

## Staffing News

It was lovely to welcome Mrs Joseph (AHT) back to school today.

Sadly, Ms Sweet will be leaving us at the end of the Spring Term. She is a wonderful teacher and will be greatly missed. However, we wish her all the best as she takes on a new teaching role much closer to home, which will enable her to spend more time with her young son. *Thank you for all of your hard work and care for our children, Ms Sweet. We hope you keep in touch.*

Welcome to Mr Meehan who joined us a couple of weeks ago as a TA working with Redwood and Gingko class.

## EPS Star Awards



### Reading Stars:

*Dragos - Banyan  
Amin - Hornbeam  
Marcel - Oak  
Armariah - Tamarind*



### Spelling & Handwriting:

*Rayyan - Oak  
Oleksandr - Banyan  
Smaranda - Redwood  
Lawrence - Redwood  
Cosmo - Tamarind*



### Times Tables & Number Rock Stars:

*Emilia - Banyan  
Mustafa - Redwood  
Khadijha - Pine  
Evelyn - Pine  
Matthew - Hornbeam*

**Gold Awards** were presented to:

*Linaz - Hornbeam*

## EPS Healthy Eating Awards



**Pear:** Amaris & Leo **Banyan:** Hasan  
**Gingko:** Ibrahim & Adam **Pine:** Alaya & Hawa  
**Tamarind:** Matei

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

## House Points

Our winning house this week is:

**Sapphire**



## Moments Matter – Attendance Counts EPS Celebrate Good Attendance

Week beginning: 24/03/25

| Class:       | Team Attendance: |            |
|--------------|------------------|------------|
| Pear         | 92.2%            |            |
| Banyan       | 98.7%            | <b>1st</b> |
| Gingko       | 92.7%            |            |
| Hornbeam     | 95.7%            |            |
| Oak          | 97.3%            | <b>3rd</b> |
| Pine         | 94.8%            |            |
| Redwood      | 97.2%            |            |
| Tamarind     | 97.5%            | <b>2nd</b> |
| Whole School | 95.9%            |            |

## Weekly Attendance Awards:

Well Done to this week's attendance champions:

**Banyan Class.**

**Whole school attendance since September is 95.5%**

**Diary Dates: Spring Term**



*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of the Spring Term*

*Non-uniform Day and Easter Egg raffle for charity  
School finishes at 14:00*

**Diary Dates: Summer Term**



*Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - First day of the Summer Term*  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – **KS2 SAT Week (Year 6)**

**Watch this space for news of exciting events taking place over the Summer Term**

## Pine Class Corner

This term is brimming with excitement as the children continue to expand their knowledge and immerse themselves in new and engaging topics!

In English, the children are busy writing their own newspaper reports based on *Demon Dentist* by David Walliams. Their articles describe a mysterious dentist in Walthamstow, who—according to local reports—leaves terrifying surprises under children's pillows instead of the usual coins! Using their journalist skills, the children are including eye-catching headlines, dramatic eyewitness accounts (some more reliable than others!), and gripping descriptions to bring their reports to life. They are also focusing on formal language, reported speech, and the key features of a newspaper article—just like real reporters!

In Maths, the children are deepening their understanding of the vital connections between fractions, decimals, and percentages; they are learning how to convert between them and apply these skills to real-world problems. Did you know? The ancient Egyptians used early forms of fractions in their number system, but they didn't have a symbol for zero! Another fascinating fact: a percentage is just a fraction out of 100—so when we say "50%," we're really just saying "50 out of 100". These skills are essential in everyday life, from working out discounts in shops to interpreting data in charts and graphs!

In Science, the children are learning all about teeth and the circulatory system. They have been investigating the different types of teeth—incisors, canines, premolars, and molars—and their functions. Did you know that humans develop two sets of teeth in their lifetime, but some animals, like sharks, constantly grow new ones! In addition, the children are exploring the functions of the blood, discovering how red blood cells carry oxygen, white blood cells fight infections, and platelets help wounds heal. Fun fact: if you laid out all the blood vessels in the human body end to end, they would stretch around the Earth's equator nearly two and a half times!

