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Newsletter 07

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a lovely half term break. The term ahead is action-packed; World Book Day celebrations, trips and Parent/Carer Evenings are just a few of the special events we have planned.

Our School Improvement Partner, Paul Murphy, visited us for the first time yesterday and had a great morning seeing learning in action, speaking to children and staff. He was very positive about all he saw and heard.

Parent & Carer Survey:

I am keen to capture the views of parents and carers. **Please complete the survey sent out yesterday as soon as possible.** It should only take a few minutes however, it will provide invaluable insight and information. So far, there have been 25 responses. Could we reach 100 by Monday?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TB58LBQ>

Best wishes

Ellie Green

Miss E Green - Head Teacher

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

- EPS Values Celebration
- World Book Day 2025
- Ramadan
- Staff News
- EPS Star Awards
- EPS Healthy Eating Awards
- House Points
- Moments Matter – Attendance Counts
- Class Corner: Banyan

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:

Yuxin - Respect

Ginkgo:

Seema - Resilience

Elise - Respect

Hornbeam:

Ameen - Respect

Oak:

Dominic - Resilience

Anaya - Kindness

Pine:

Muhammad - Kindness

Khadijah C - Positivity

Redwood:

Humaira - Positivity

Eesa - Honesty

Tamarind:

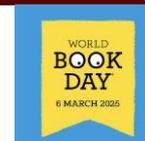
Safa - Resilience

Hesper - Positivity

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.

World Book Day 2025



World Book Day 2025 is on **Thursday 6th March**. Please come to school dressed as a book character and bring along a good book. Throughout the day, we will be listening for the bell to **Drop Everything And Read** and a range of fun, creative, reading-themed learning activities are planned.

Ramadan

The holy month of Ramadan commences this weekend. Many children are keen to follow the same routines as the grown-ups in their household, and some very young children have asked if they are allowed to fast during the school day. Please talk to your child about the implications of this and perhaps encourage them to

join in fasting over the weekend or at times when energy levels are easier to manage.

With parental permission, Year 5 and 6 children may fast during the school day. Please ensure the permission slip sent out earlier this week is returned to the school office on Monday.

We do not encourage any child to fast whilst on a school trip as there are no facilities to separate groups during lunchtime. Also, travelling and being in an unfamiliar environment is particularly tiring for children.

A calm reflection room will be allocated during lunchtime, for older children who have permission to fast, and those wishing to pray.

We have a special visitor from the local mosque joining us in assembly on Monday. They will explain why this time is important for the Muslim community.

Staff News

I am delighted to share that Ms Khanom gave birth to a healthy baby girl on the 14th February 2025. *Congratulations and very best wishes as you embark on this exciting chapter as a family of four.*

EPS Star Awards



Reading Stars:

*Kawthar - Tamarind
Helen - Pine
Linaz - Hornbeam
Alexandru - Oak
Annays - Gingko*



Spelling & Handwriting:

*Loris - Redwood
Stefan - Tamarind
Dasia - Hornbeam*



Times Tables & Number Rock Stars:

*Humaira - Redwood
Ali - Tamarind
Pavlo - Pine
Muhammad - Hornbeam
Taliyah - Gingko
Anaya - Oak*

EPS Healthy Eating Awards



Pear: Tuba, Azlan **Banyan:** Yuxin
Hornbeam: Nura, Star **Oak:** Zoeya **Pine:** Harry
Tamarind: Cosmo

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

House Points

Our winning house this week is:

Emerald



Moments Matter – Attendance Counts

EPS Celebrate Good Attendance

Week beginning: 24/02/25

Class:	Team Attendance:	
Pear	96.7%	3rd
Banyan	99.4%	2nd
Gingko	96.4%	
Hornbeam	100%	1st
Oak	92.4%	
Pine	95.8%	
Redwood	91.2%	
Tamarind	93.3%	
Whole School	95.4%	

Weekly Attendance Awards:

Well Done to this week's attendance champions – **Hornbeam Class**, with a spectacular 100%!

Whole school attendance since September is 95.5%

Diary Dates: Spring Term

Thursday 6th March – **World Book Day**
Friday 7th March - Y4 & 5, Science Museum
13th March - 19th March - **Book Fair**
Wednesday 19th March - Y6, Imperial War Museum
Monday 24th March Y2 & 3, Natural History Museum
Tuesday 25th March - **Parent/Carer Evening**
Wednesday 26th March - **Parent/Carer Evening**
Wednesday 26th March – Y1, William Morris Centre
Friday 4th April - Last day of the Spring Term

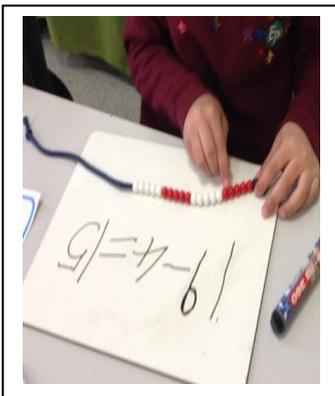
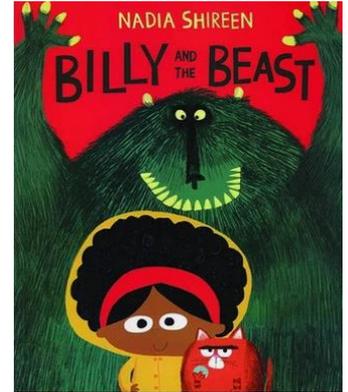
Diary Dates: Summer Term

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

Class Corner – Banyan Class

English – Billy and the Beast

The core text that we will be reading this half term in English is 'Billy and the Beast' by Nadia Shireen. During term, children will continue to work on sentence structure; using capital letters and finger spaces. The story follows the adventures of Billy and her trusted sidekick Fat Cat. Billy is a brilliant role model who always meets and overcomes various challenges she (encounters with beasts, dragons and pirates) through her problem solving and quick thinking. During the lessons, children made a character description and then had a chance to sequence the events in order with their talk partner.



Maths - Subtraction

We have been continuing to work on numbers to 20 by building numbers using dienes. We used dienes to build number sentences involving addition and subtraction within 20. In subtraction, children began subtracting within 20. Earlier in the year, children subtracted within 10 by counting back and using number lines. They now subtract within 20 using their knowledge of number bonds. For subtraction, we have used a 'taking away/taking apart' action, with the words "In a subtraction number sentence, the whole sits before the minus sign".

Design and Technology

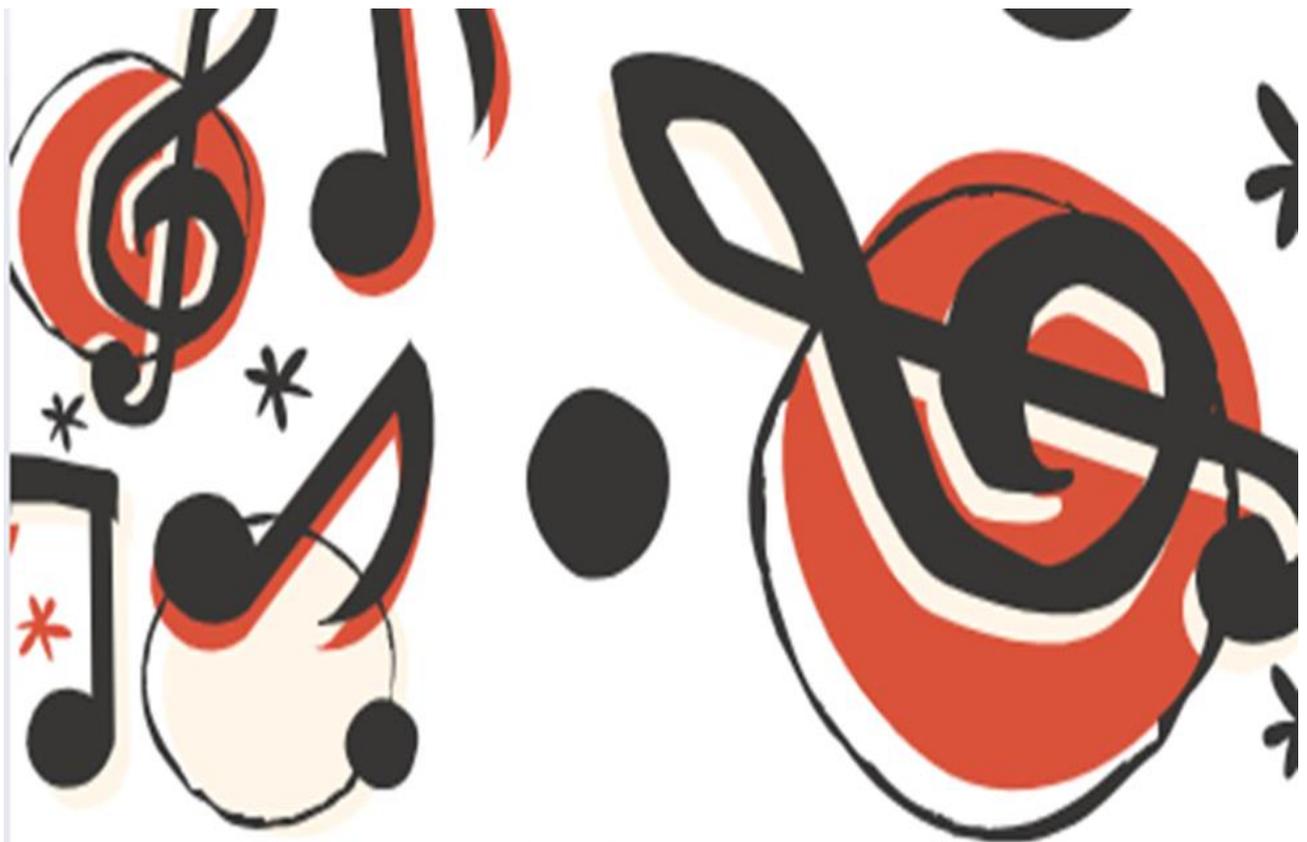
Children selected from and used a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks. Using table knife children safely chopped fruit and vegetables into equal pieces and using a fork to secure foods when cutting; extracting juice from a fruit with a manual juicer; they managed to identifying equipment used for each type of skill.



Science – Paws, Claws and Whiskers.

In Science we identified and named a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They have also been able to describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals. During our science lesson, we also loved learning about what animals eat and identifying which animals are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores using actions.





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Calling out to all parents and pupils!
Does your child want to play an
instrument?

If yes, we want to hear from you.

Contact:

Ms Corekci /

School office to register your interest.



The KS1 winner is...

Taliyah
Gingko class

The KS2 Winner is...

Summayyah
Redwood class



Thank you to everyone who entered the Art SMART challenge this half term. I can't wait to see all of your colourful entries for the next challenge!