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Newsletter 03

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Dear Parents and Carers

This has been another positive, busy week at Edinburgh Primary School. During our assembly at the start of the week we talked about the value of kindness and its meaning: *helping others and empathising with those facing challenges*. I have seen so many acts of kindness this week and enjoyed presenting several certificates for this important value today.

Since joining Edinburgh Primary School as Headteacher, I have been so grateful for the kindness shown towards me by staff, children and parents. It truly is a value which makes everyone feel part of a team. Ask your child to show you the BSL (British Sign Language) action for **kindness**. They will tell you what makes it special.

Best wishes

Ellie Green

Miss E Green - Head Teacher

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

- EPS Values Celebration
- EPS Star Awards
- EPS Healthy Eating Awards
- House Points
- Homework Tip
- Feedback Welcome
- Moments Matter – Attendance Counts
- Class Corner: Hornbeam Class

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:

Sofia - Kindness

Ginkgo:

*Azaan - Respect-
Uejsa - Positivity*

Hornbeam:

Alayna - Kindness

Oak:

*Marcel - Kindness
Zoeya - Respect*

Pine:

*Alaya - Positivity
Helen - Resilience
Mohib - Respect*

Redwood:

*Smaranda - Respect
Eduard - Kindness*

Tamarind:

*Rayyan - Resilience
Mohamed - Positivity*

I am very proud of you all!

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

EPS Star Awards



Reading Stars:

Adam S - Tamarind

Aaliyah - Banyan

Raima - Redwood

Nansi - Pine

Danyil - Oak

Alekc - Hornbeam



Spelling & Handwriting:

Safwaan B - Tamarind

Ella-May - Redwood

Avantika - Banyan

Rayyan - Oak

Matthew - Hornbeam



Times Tables & Number Rock Stars:

Yuxin - Banyan

Summayah - Redwood

Helen - Pine

Khizer - Tamarind

Nectarie - Hornbeam

Malakai - Oak

Gold Awards were presented to:

*Fatima, Saaliha, Smaranda, Amelia,
Anaya & Yanis*

EPS Healthy Eating Awards



Pear: Retal & Nasar **Banyan:** Hasan
Gingko: Darlina **Hornbeam:** Nura **Oak:** Alexandru
Pine: Helen **Tamarind:** Rayyan

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

House Points

We have joint House winners this week:
Well Done, Ruby and Emerald



Homework Tip

Help Manage Time: Establish a set time for doing homework each evening where possible. Don't wait until just before bedtime to do homework when your child maybe tired or easily distracted. Also, include short brain breaks between tasks if your child becomes fidgety.



Feedback Welcome



Your voice matters to me. If you have any feedback or ideas about how we can work together to enable our children to thrive at Edinburgh Primary School, please get in touch.

Moments Matter – Attendance Counts

EPS Celebrate Good Attendance

Week beginning: 20/01/25

Class:	Team Attendance:	
Pear	93.3%	
Banyan	98.0%	2nd
Gingko	97.4%	3rd
Hornbeam	93.8%	
Oak	89.8%	
Pine	100%	1st
Redwood	96.8%	
Tamarind	94.4%	
Whole School	95.5%	

Weekly Attendance Awards:

First place is Pine Class with an amazing 100% – Well Done! Well Done Banyan and Gingko in second and third places respectively.

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

Diary Dates

Diary Dates: Spring Term

Tuesday 11th February - **Safer Internet Day**
Friday 14th February – Last day of the Half Term
Monday 24th February – First day of the second Half Term
Thursday 6th March – **World Book Day Celebrations**
Wednesday 12th March – **Class Photos**
Thursday 13th March to 19th March - **Book Fair**
Wednesday 19th March - **Year 6 Imperial War Memorial Visit**
Tuesday 25th March - **Parent/Carer Evening**
Wednesday 26th March - **Parent/Carer Evening**
Wednesday 26th March – **Banyan Class trip to the William Morris Centre**

Friday 4th April - Last day of the Spring Term

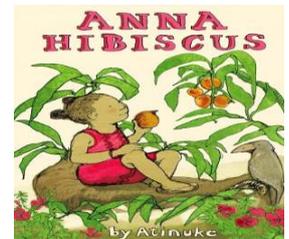
Diary Dates: Summer Term

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

Class Corner: Hornbeam

In Geography, we have been learning how to use maps and compasses to better understand the world around us. By practicing directions like north, south, east, and west, we have built confidence in navigating routes. We have also explored world maps, identifying countries, continents, and oceans, and considering how they connect to where we live. As part of our learning, we have named and located the seas surrounding the UK, including the North Sea, the English Channel, and the Irish Sea. We have also practiced drawing and reading a variety of simple maps, using keys and symbols to represent features. By applying simple compass directions, we have been able to describe routes and locations effectively.

In English, we are reading the book *Anna Hibiscus*, which tells the story of a young girl who lives in a bustling city in Africa with her large and loving family. Through the pages of the book, we have been transported to Anna's world, filled with rich traditions, joyful celebrations, and the warmth of her close-knit community. Her adventures give us a glimpse into life in Africa, from playing with her cousins under the sun to experiencing the simple joys of her everyday life. This week we wrote our own stories inspired by the book, changing the characters while using descriptive language to create engaging and imaginative narratives.



In Science, we have been learning about plants and how they grow. Our focus has been on the role of different plant parts: roots, stems, leaves, and flowers, and how these contribute to a plant's survival. We planted beans in clear cups with damp tissue and water, allowing us to observe their growth process. Each day, we monitor changes and record our observations in our bean diary. This experiment is helping us understand the conditions plants need to grow, such as water, light, and the right temperature. It has been interesting to witness the beans begin to sprout and grow. We also learned how seeds travel. This includes methods like being carried by the wind, sticking to animals, floating on water, or being eaten and dispersed by animals. These strategies help plants spread to new locations and ensure their survival.

