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Newsletter 02

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Dear Parents and Carers

Our week has flown by at Edinburgh Primary School!

I have enjoyed visiting English lessons; seeing the skilful and ambitious techniques and language our children are confidently using in their own writing. Neat handwriting from our youngest children in Reception demonstrates their pride in learning. This is a real strength of our school.

Thank you to my wonderful team of teachers and TAs who encourage our children and set high expectations every single day.

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 Football Stars
- EPS Star Awards
- EPS Healthy Eating Awards
- House Points
- Homework Tip
- Wellbeing Bookmarks for sale
- *Best Wishes, Mrs Khanom*
- Feedback Welcome
- Moments Matter – Attendance Counts
- 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:**

*Azaan - Respect*

**Ginkgo:**

*Kanzeddine - Resilience  
Ibrahim - Positivity*

**Hornbeam:**

*Amin - Respect*

**Oak:**

*Milosz - Kindness  
Armani - Resilience*

**Pine:**

*-Alvin - Positivity  
Tom - Kindness*

**Redwood:**

*Khaelene - Kindness  
Lyz - Positivity  
Fatima - Resilience*

**Tamarind:**

*Ali - Respect  
Abdullah - Kindness  
Maaryah - 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 Football Stars



After school yesterday, some of Year 5 and 6 boys played in a football tournament organised by Salaam Peace. Our team faced opposition from two local secondary schools! They tackled this challenge bravely and positively, showing superb Edinburgh spirit, and only narrowly missing out on the final.

Well Done to all of the boys who participated - *I am proud of you all!* A special *Well Done* to **Adam S** who was awarded Team Player of the Tournament for EPS.

Thank you to Salaam Peace for organising this event.

### EPS Star Awards



#### Reading Stars:

*David - Oak  
Faatimah - Tamarind  
Noufel - Pine  
Shalin - Redwood  
Yacine - Banyan  
Daryna - Hornbeam*



#### Spelling & Handwriting:

*Tamera - Oak*

Eliana - Tamarind  
Lawrence - Redwood  
Eimen - Banyan  
Alton - Hornbeam



**Times Tables & Number Rock Stars:**

Alton - Hornbeam  
Nura - Hornbeam  
Nectarie - Hornbeam  
Dasia - Hornbeam  
Hassan - Banyan  
Alaya - Pine  
Yanis - Oak  
Haitham - Oak  
Armandas - Oak  
Alexandru - Oak  
Anaya - Oak  
David - Oak  
Adam D - Tamarind

**Gold Awards were presented to:**  
*Abdullah, Hudhayfa and Adam S - Tamarind*

**EPS Healthy Eating Awards**



**Pear:** Adria & Hussein    **Banyan:** Sabiha & Sofia  
**Hornbeam:** Alton    **Pine:** Alaya  
**Redwood:** Fatima & Lawrence

Please remember we are a healthy school. No crisps, sweets or chocolate bars are allowed.

**House Points**

This week's winning house are: *Ruby*

**Homework Tip**

**Reading:** You can read to your child, have them read out loud to you or take it in turns to read. It is important to hear your child read so you can check they are reading and pronouncing words correctly and reading with fluency. You can also check your child understands what they have just read or listened to by asking them some questions.



**Wellbeing Bookmarks for Sale**

Dorothy and Faatimah have been making wonderful wellbeing bookmarks. These will be sold towards the end of the day from Monday next week. If your child would like to buy one and support this thought-provoking initiative, they will need to bring **50p** into school. *(I have already reserved mine).*



**Best Wishes, Mrs Khanom**

Mrs Khanom, our wonderful TA begins her maternity leave today. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication, and wish her the best of luck and good health as she awaits the birth of her child.

*Mrs Khanom, you have been busy – I hope you manage to have time to relax over the next couple of weeks.*

**Feedback Welcome**



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

**Moments Matter – Attendance Counts  
EPS Celebrate Good Attendance**

Week beginning: 13/01/25

Class:	Team Attendance:	
Pear	95.4%	
Banyan	96.1%	<b>2nd</b>
Gingko	95.2%	
Hornbeam	96.1%	<b>2nd</b>
Oak	93.9%	
Pine	95.4%	
Redwood	93.9%	
Tamarind	96.4%	<b>1st</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.3%</b>	

**Weekly Attendance Awards:**

First place is Tamarind Class – Well Done! Well Done Banyan and Hornbeam in joint second place.

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

**Diary Dates: Spring Term**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - **Safer Internet Day**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – *Last day of the Half Term*

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – *First day of the second Half Term*

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – **World Book Day Celebrations**  
13<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> March - **Book Fair**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - **Parent/Carer Evening**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - **Parent/Carer Evening**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – **Banyan Class trip to the William Morris Centre**

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

**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)**

## Pine Class Corner

This term continues to be full of curiosity and discovery as the children dive deeper into their learning and explore new and exciting topics!

In English, the children have dived into their enchanting story *Song of a Dolphin Boy* by Elizabeth Laird.

This captivating book tells the story of Finn, a boy who discovers an extraordinary connection with dolphins and the sea. Through its themes of friendship, courage, and environmental responsibility, the children are exploring how humans impact the natural world and how even small actions can lead to great change.

Inspired by the book, the children are preparing to write their own fantasy stories, drawing on Laird's magical storytelling techniques and using rich descriptions and imaginative plots to bring their ideas to life!

In Maths, the children are wrapping up their work on fractions, including converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and finding equivalent fractions. They're now moving on to short and long division! To prepare for these upcoming challenges, practising times tables is more important than ever, as these skills will serve as the foundation for confident division work. Did you know? Division has been used for thousands of years—even the ancient Babylonians, around 2000 BCE, used early forms of division in their calculations!

In Science, the children are continuing their exploration of habitats and learning more about how living organisms are grouped and classified. They have been examining the differences between vertebrates (animals with backbones) and invertebrates (those without backbones), and they're using classification keys to identify and organize different species. Did you know? Around 97% of all animal species are invertebrates, including insects, jellyfish, and octopuses! The children are also discovering fascinating details about various habitats and how animals adapt to their environments to survive.

