



Evendons Newsletter

26th May 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope that you enjoy this colourful curriculum news letter. It's so wonderful to see highlights of all the inspiring learning opportunities that have taken place in the last six weeks across the whole school. The children have really enjoyed all the planting and discovering about the insects and wildlife we share the grounds with.

The children in Early Years developed a keen interest in bees this term and so Lucy, our EY lead, made it her business to find a bee keeper to come and talk to the children. A great example of the staff going the extra mile to support the children's curiosity.

I wanted to praise all the children who have been on the residentials this term and shown such courage and resilience. These trips are so valuable and we love seeing the children grow in independence and also shine in different ways. Thank you to all the staff who have supported these trips either by organising, attending or by covering classes and clubs back at school.

We look forward to the year 4 residentials and the year 1 and EY camp which are all planned for next term.

Next term we are excited about the STEM fair on the 22nd June. We are still looking for volunteers to support this ambitious and exciting event. Please see details further on in this newsletter.

Wishing everyone a lovely and hopefully sunny half term, I look forward to seeing everyone on the 5th June.

Best wishes

Stacey

Coronation Picnic

Thank you to everyone who attended the Coronation Picnic and contributed treats and decorations. It was so lovely to start the Bank Holiday celebrations at school and see the children really enjoy being part of the celebrations for such an historic event!



Reception

What a busy and exciting term we have had in Reception. The children have been so engaged in our topic 'New Life' and have enjoyed learning about plants; planting different vegetables and fruits including strawberries, radishes, lettuces and courgettes. We look forward to them being ready soon! The children have also been learning about where our food comes from and had a very exciting trip to Rushall Farm where we saw different farm animals, took part in pond dipping, went on a bumpy trailer ride and learned a lot about the natural world. This term we also had class caterpillars where we observed the lifecycle and the metamorphosis process.



Reception



This term the children had 3 extra physical development sessions with Jake from Just Play Sports. The children thoroughly enjoyed these, playing lots of team games and learning new skills.



Year 1

We have had another very busy half term! Our theme this term has been The Secret Garden, we have learnt lots about the weather and plants, we planted our own flowering plants in our school grounds and we have done some excellent writing inspired by 'Jack and the Beanstalk'!

On Tuesday this week, we had a wonderful DT day where the children designed and made delicious fruit kebabs! Thank you so much parents for the fruit donations.

We also can't forget our memorable school Coronation Day with our very own school King and Queen!



Year 1



Year 2

We've been becoming a lot more knowledgeable about Wokingham this term, and also the growing process of plants. We've also been developing our independence, resilience and team-building skills with a walking trip into town and an overnight stay at Oakwood Centre. Our year 6 reading buddies helped us to use the VR headsets to explore San Francisco.



Year 3

Year 3 have been so busy learning all about Reading, the UK's largest town! We had a wonderful trip to the town, on the train, to do some geography field work and visit the museum and Abbey ruins. The children learnt about the Huntley and Palmers biscuit factory, before designing and baking their own biscuits. They were very impressed by the replica of the Bayeux tapestry (which is actually an embroidery) and have been inspired to create their own embroidery designs.

Everyone enjoyed celebrating the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla. The children wrote some excellent speeches to the people of Reading, as if they were the king, using formal language and a celebratory tone!

This term's science has been all about plants. We have been investigating in more detail what plants need to grow and be healthy, role playing different modes of seed dispersal and the favourite, modelling the pollination using Wotsits! Look out for our peas in the planters.



Year 3



And of course,
congratulations to our
Primary Engineers!



Year 4

This half term, Year 4 has been learning all about the Romans, how they adapted in Britain and why they wanted to invade. We also went to Butser Farm where we learnt about what the Celts thought about the Romans and what the Romans thought of the Celts. Then we did something called testudo which is a tortoise like formation out of Roman shields.

By Maya and Gethin



Year 5

Year 5 have spent the week enjoying the sunshine on their residential at Hooke Court.

Amongst other things, they have explored the Jurassic coast and learnt about fossils, built rafts, explored the rivers and learned to barn dance!

The children have developed their teamwork skills, independence and resilience and will no doubt be excited to tell their families all about their week!



Year 5



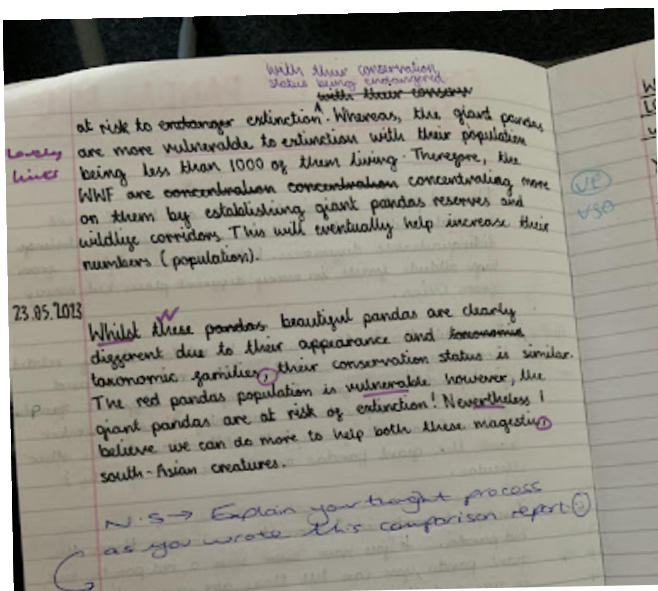
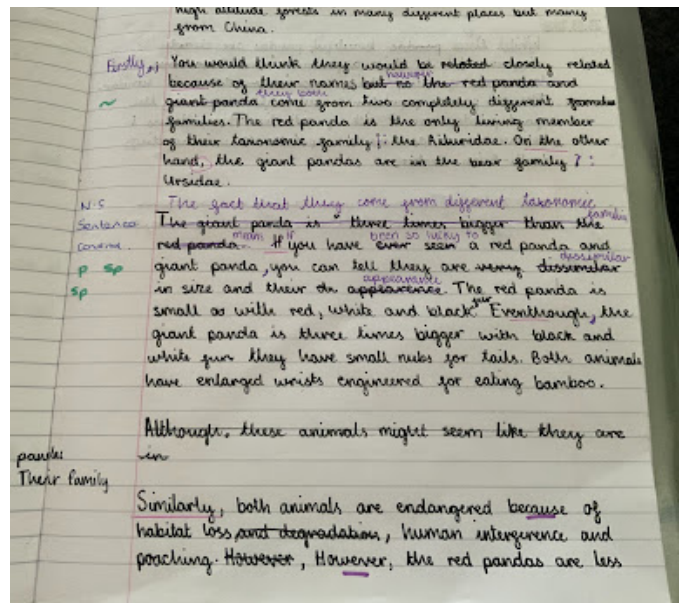
Year 6

This term has been a busy one for Year 6! We enjoyed breakfast (Some yummy toast!!) and games to set us up for SATs, which we took in our stride...

In Art, we have been creating our own cityscapes, using patterns and textures found around school!

In Science, we have been conducting experiments about shadows and testing whether different light sources affect shadows.

What a term! 😊



STEM Fair 22nd June

With just over a month to go, we are recruiting for volunteers for the STEM fair! We need lots of help to make it a huge success. There are various roles available, so please let us know which you are interested in. You can email the office, or the STEM fair email address stemfair@evendons-primary.co.uk, or call the school office to let them know.

We are looking for people to:

- Help at the Work Party on 11th June 11am-1pm to prepare school grounds
- Steward the car park to coordinate visitor parking
- Provide a refreshment stand for our STEM fair exhibitors
- Accompany groups of 6 children as they visit the STEM fair, to support them to engage with the exhibits safely and get the best out of the experience
- Set up classrooms, tables and gazebos the evening before the fair (21st June)
- Take down gazebos and tidy up after the fair (22nd June after school)
- Help with admin on the day by signing exhibitors in and distributing ID badges
- Host our visitors i.e. meet and greet, show exhibitors to their stand, checking they have what they need, answering their questions about facilities etc

This is a big event which you will really enjoy being part of so please have a think about how you can help. We would love to see you there!

LAST CALL: If you are thinking of running a stand but have not yet got in contact with Catherine, please do so as soon as you can. We need to know how many stands, so we can start to plan the layout of the fair very soon.

Fun Run - 8th July

Awstin, Thomas, Kuba and Sam from Zantow class led an amazing assembly this morning about Bite Back - a shark and marine conservation charity.

The children have arranged a sponsored run to raise money for the charity. The run will start at Awstin's house on Luckley Road and takes place on Saturday the 8th July at 9am. Awstin has told the school that his mum will even be wearing a shark costume!

If you are interested in supporting this event, please speak to Awstin in Zantow class or his parents.

We are really proud of the children for following their passions and thinking of different ways to support causes close to their hearts.

8th July - 9.30 am

Meeting Point: 35 Luckley Road



Join us for a 2km or 5km FUN RUN to raise money for Bite-Back Shark and Marine Conservation

After the run please join us at 35 Luckley Road for a bacon or sausage sandwich (vegetarian options will be available) and some light refreshments

Bacon/Sausage sandwich - £1.50

Cakes - £1 per cake (donations of cake would be very welcome!)

Please rsvp to Hayley @ 07956 422173 by 1st July

SEN Coffee Mornings

All families are welcome to discuss any issues relating to Special Educational Needs



8.30 - 9.30am

Friday 9th June
Monday 19th June
Tuesday 4th July
Friday 14th July

Car Park and Parking

Unfortunately we have had yet more complaints about parking from our neighbours who are experiencing difficult situations with Evendons parents parking inconsiderately.

Wokingham Borough Council is sending traffic enforcement officers to help with this situation.

Our relationship with the community is important to us and we request that parents walk, cycle or scoot where possible and avoid blocking driveways or parking on corners.

As a reminder - the car park is for STAFF USE ONLY AT ALL TIMES. We do not have the resources to patrol the car park during After School Club pick up or Breakfast Club drop off times and we rely upon our parent community to adhere to this request.

School Drop Off

We encourage all children to go in to their classrooms independently. Therefore, parents should drop off their children at the designated exterior doors for their classes. **Please do not attempt to drop off or collect from the internal classroom doors.**

Please refrain from taking your child in to their classrooms as this is disruptive to the morning activities that teachers have prepared for the day and is also **contrary to the school's safeguarding and security procedures.**

If you are dropping your child to school outside of normal times - returning from an appointment or late after the gate closes - it is extremely important that you bring your child to the office so that they can be signed in.

If you do not do this, we will not have a record that your child is on the premises.

Thank you for your understanding.

Nut Policy

We have noticed an increase in the number of food items being brought in which contain nuts.

Please remember we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL and ensure that all items being sent in lunch boxes do not contain nuts.



Curriculum Celebrations

In the Summer term we would like to invite the parents into the classroom for two curriculum events. Firstly in the early Summer term, Year Groups will hold termly curriculum overview meetings. Secondly, we would like the children to show their parents all their amazing work in curriculum celebration events 3.30-4.00pm.

- **Reception:** Stay and Play 12/07/2023 (2 -3.15pm)
- **Curriculum Celebration**
 - Year 1: 14/07/23
 - Year 2: 06/07/23
 - Year 3: 13/07/23
 - Year 4: 10/07/23
 - Year 5: 18/07/23
 - Year 6: 19/07/23



School Fund Donations

At Evendons we deliver high quality education and pride ourselves to offer a rich and wide-ranging programme of extra-curricular activities to all children, even those who may otherwise not be able to have this opportunity outside the school environment.

Our school budget is rigorously managed by Bellevue Place Educational Trust, which carefully administers expenditure and helps us to find the most cost effective suppliers. However, as a result of increasing costs and reduced funding for all schools, it is becoming increasingly difficult to finance the items we wish to provide the school in order to enrich our children's learning environment. Such items are outdoor play apparatus, IT equipment, funds for school-held events, displays and play resources.

We have set up a School Fund via Scopay in order to offer a way to parents who wish to offer a donation. Contributions would finance the provision of additional resources and equipment which may not be available through our usual government funding.

How the funds will be spent will be a shared decision between the Headteacher in collaboration with our pupils and the LAB. **Donations will not be used to fund staffing or any resources that should normally be funded via the school budget.**

This is entirely voluntary, of course. We know that many families are experiencing the devastating impact of the rising cost of living and rocketing fuel bills. However, if you are in a position to make a donation, please log into Scopay (link - www.scopay.com/login) and select the "School Fund Donation" option. You may choose to issue a one-off payment or make any number of donations at any time.

Please be advised there is no pressure on parents to contribute, and regardless of whether you are in a position to donate to the fund or not, we remain ever grateful for your support.

Thank you.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We want to ensure we are providing your child with the best education and support possible. Healthy school food has obvious benefits, can help pupils establish healthy habits for life and also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.



Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for Free School Meals. Registering for free meals could also raise extra funds through Pupil Premium. This currently equates to:

- £1,455 for your child's primary school;
 - £1035 for your child's secondary school;
- to fund valuable support such as trips, additional support or other school activities.

We encourage families who are in receipt of benefits **across all year groups** to apply for benefits-related Free School Meals. Note: this is separate to *Universal Infant Free School Meals*, which is the provision of free lunches for all children in Reception to Year 2. Your child may qualify for free meals for the duration of their Primary years. **It takes less than two minutes to apply!**

Click [Free School Meals Application](#)

Recruitment

*All appointments are subject to a satisfactory Enhanced DBS check. Evendons Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We reserve the right to close applications at any point before the published closing date should a suitable candidate be identified. **Full details and our privacy notice are available on our website.***

Please contact schandler@evendons-primary.co.uk for an application pack.

Class Teachers – Key Stage 1 and 2

Evendons Class Teacher Job Description

We are now recruiting for Class Teachers to join our enthusiastic, professional and friendly team from 1st September 2023 on a fixed term basis until August 2024 with potential to become permanent.

We are Wokingham's first STEM primary school. The thematic curriculum at Evendons is inspiring for staff and children. Music and outdoor learning is a key part of the ethos as well as the school's motto of Kindness Matters

With an exciting outdoor area, the latest technology in the classrooms and a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths our aim is to create a nurturing environment which will inspire the children to flourish in their learning and development.

We are keen to promote your continuing professional development and are looking for talented people to join our team who:

- are passionate about supporting the teaching and learning of young people.
- have the desire to ensure that all children secure the highest possible levels of progress and attainment.
- have the ability to work creatively and sensitively with children
- are able to relate well to and communicate well with children and adults.

Hours: KS1 (year 1) – Wednesday afternoons, plus full days Thursday & Friday

Hours: KS2 – Full time

Salary: Main Pay Scale

Closing Date: 5th June 2023

Interview Date: 8th June 2023

Recruitment

Learning Support Assistants

We are recruiting Learning Support Assistants to work with our professional, enthusiastic and friendly SEN team.

Candidates should ideally have experience with SEN children and/or children with medical needs. We are keen to promote your continuing professional development and are looking for talented people to join our team who:

- have prior experience of working with children as a teaching assistant / learning support assistant or an interest in starting a career in education;
- have experience working with SEN children;
- have the desire to ensure that all children secure the highest possible levels of progress and attainment;
- have the ability to work creatively and sensitively with children;
- are able to relate well to and communicate well with children and adults.

Hours: Monday to Friday afternoons or full time (term time only).

Salary: £19,454 to £22,793 FTE (actual dependent on hours)

Start Date: ASAP

Recruitment

After School Club Assistant

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic, motivated and committed individual to join our out of hours care for children aged 4 -11 years. This is a permanent role. Potential candidates should:

- Have a positive approach to organising fun and interesting activities with the children;
- Have the ability to work creatively and sensitively with children;
- Encourage independence and self esteem;
- Promote caring and kind behaviour among the children;
- Have a good standard of general education e.g. GSCE English, Maths and Science;
- Be able to relate well to and communicate well with children and adults;

Hours: 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday term time only

Salary: Actual salary £6,867 based on support scale S3 (FTE £19,454)

Start Date: ASAP

Lunchtime Assistant

We are also looking to recruit a Lunchtime Assistant to join our friendly team, details below. This is a permanent position.

Hours: 11.30 to 13.30 Monday to Friday

Salary: Actual salary £4,477 based scale S3 (FTE £19,454)

Start Date: ASAP

Recruitment

Teaching Assistant

We are recruiting a Teaching Assistant to work alongside our teaching and SEN team. This is a part time / fixed term position to August 2024 with potential to extend.

We are looking for talented staff who:

- have prior experience of working with children as a teaching assistant / learning support assistant or an interest in starting a career in education;
- can facilitate learning by supporting the needs of individual pupils and small groups of pupils in accordance with school policy and government initiatives in the pursuit of high standards of pupils achievement;
- can aid the teacher in classroom management reinforcing the teacher's standards of behaviour and tidiness within the classroom;
- can work with the SEN/Subject co-ordinator and help deliver the specific programmes to small groups
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Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am-1.15pm Monday to Friday

Salary: FTE £18,333 – £22,793 (actual £10,246 – £12,739).

Start Date: September 2023

Performance Timetable 2022/23

Summer 1

- Year 6 Goodall - Keyboard assembly - Thursday 8th June - 9.10am
- Year 6 Peake - Keyboard assembly - Friday 9th June - 9.10am
- EYFS perform assembly 1 Orion - 15th June - 9.10am
- EYFS perform assembly 2 Draco - 16th June - 9.10am



Summer 2

- Year 2 Jackson - Recorder assembly - Friday 7th July - 9.10am
- Year 1 Franklin - Ukulele assembly - Thursday 29th June - 9.10am
- Year 1 Hadid - Ukulele assembly - Friday 30th June - 9.10am
- Year 3 Jemison - Guitar assembly - Friday 23rd June - 9.10am
- Year 4 Attenborough - Glockenspiel assembly - Wednesday 5th July - 9.10am
- Year 6 Play - 12th and 13th July - 6pm - Ticket request forms will come out nearer the time.
- Year 4 Zantow - Glockenspiel assembly - Wednesday 19th July - 9.10am

If you have any questions about the above please email

lucindag@evendons-primary.co.uk

Can you play an instrument or know anyone that can? The children would love to hear you. Please contact Lucinda

Adult choir is every Friday after drop off 8.30- 8.45. New members are always welcome!



Key Dates 2022/23

2022-23

- Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half term
- Monday 5th June - Term starts
- June 6th-9th - Sustainability Centre Y4 Residential (1)
- June 22nd - STEM Fair
- June 27th-30th - Sustainability Centre Y4 Residential (2)
- Wednesday 28th June - Gilbert White Centre Y5
- Thursday 6th July - Sports Day
- Sunday 9th July - Goodwood Gathering of Goblins - Y6
- Friday 21st July 2023 - Summer term finishes 1.30pm (*no After School Club*)



Key Dates 2023/24

2023-24

- Friday 1st September 2023 - Inset Day 1
- Monday 4th September - Inset Day 2
- Tuesday 5th September - Autumn Term 1 starts
- Friday 20th October - Half term finishes 3.30pm
- Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October - Half term
- Monday 30th October - Inset Day 3 - TBC
- Tuesday 31st October - Autumn Term 2 starts
- Friday 15th December - Autumn Term finishes 1.30pm (*no After School Club*)
- Monday 18th December - Monday 1st January - Christmas holidays
- Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - Inset Day 4
- Wednesday 3rd January 2024 - Spring Term 1 starts
- Friday 9th February 2024 - Half term finishes 3.30pm
- Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024 - Half term
- Monday 19th February 2024 - Spring Term 2 starts
- Thursday 28th March 2024 - Spring Term finishes 1.30pm (*no After School Club*)
- Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024 - Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April 2024 - Summer Term 1 starts
- Friday 24th May 2024 - Half term finishes 3.30pm
- Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024 - Half term
- Monday 3rd June 2024 - Summer Term 2 starts
- Friday 5th July 2024 - Inset Day 5
- Tuesday 23rd July 2024 2024 - Summer Term finishes 1.30pm (*no After School Club*)

