



# Eyrescroft Primary School



## Newsletter Half Term 3 2024

### HELLO FROM MISS DINES

It has been a very busy first half of the spring term. This newsletter is full of lots of wonderful learning and as always the children have fully immersed themselves in the learning opportunities they've been given.

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent consultations this week and I hope it proved a useful opportunity to catch up with your child's class teacher.

Thank you to those who completed a questionnaire. If you didn't complete one but would like to, these are available from the school office until 1st March which is when they will be reviewed.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all in the sunnier half of the spring term!

### LEARNING IN EYFS CHINESE NEW YEAR



In EYFS this half term we have learnt about the celebrations that take place around Chinese New Year. The children have enjoyed learning all about the history through the story 'The Great Race' and they have also made lanterns, tasted some Chinese food, painted Chinese numerals and performed a dragon dance for their friends.

### POLICE VISIT

As part of our 'Not all heroes wear capes' topic this half term Reception had some very special visitors in school. Two Community support officers came into school to tell us more about what they do in our community and answer questions that we had prepared. We even got to see the police car and listen to the siren! We had such a great time finding out lots of information about the Police.



### WHOLE SCHOOL NUMBER DAY



Eyrescroft celebrated number day on Friday 2nd February. Each class read the book *If*, which scales down huge concepts, such as the size of the planets, into measurements children can understand. Each year group completed their own task related to the book. We had a fantastic lesson and learnt a lot about scaling down.



### YEAR 6 - DUXFORD



Year 6 had a fantastic time at Duxford. We explored the various hangars, looking at aircraft and military memorabilia. In particular our focus was Britain during the Second World War and we investigated replica control rooms, Anderson shelters and heard first hand accounts of events from the volunteers there.

### YEAR 5 - KATHERINE OF ARAGON AT PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL



Year 5 were lucky enough to have been invited to Peterborough Cathedral to take part in the Katherine of Aragon festival. We had a fantastic day where we made a Tudor game, practised our sowing, crushed charcoal to make ink and wrote our names using it with a feather pen! We also met Katherine of Aragon and learnt about her life, practised our Tudor dancing and learnt about Tudor food, weapons and medicine. We had a fantastic day and learnt a lot.



### YEAR 1 AND 2 - WILD SCIENCE

This half term Isabelle from Wild Science came to visit Year 1 and 2. She brought some animals with her to help us learn more about habitats and micro habitats. We met Malcolm the leopard gecko who lives in deserts and is nocturnal. We discovered that he needs somewhere cool to rest in the day and prefers to catch food at night when he is safer from predators. We also discovered that his tiny claws tickle! Gertrude the tree frog was happy to sit in our hands. We learned that she can change colour and loves to live in trees, where she can find pools of water which she soaks up through her skin. We met Marvin the giant land snail and Milo the millepede who both live in a jungle habitat and each have their own way of adapting to their hot humid habitat. It was exciting to meet the animals and we are looking forward to finding out more about animals and their habitats.







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### LOOKING AHEAD

Next half term, we have lots of exciting events planned in school, including World Book Day and Red Nose Day in March. We will be dressing up for Red Nose Day, therefore we will not dress up for World Book Day. We will send out more information about both events after half term.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**19th - 23rd February** - Half Term

**7th March** - World Book Day

**15th March** - Red Nose Day

**29th March - 12th April** - Easter Holidays - School closed

**15th April** - Professional Training Day, school closed

**16th April** - School re-opens



### FOOD PARCELS

As a school we have the facility to provide food parcels to families who feel they could benefit from this. The parcels are available to ALL families every 2 weeks and you do not need to be claiming any benefits to be eligible. If you feel you could benefit from a food parcel please call or pop into the school office.



### MOBILE PHONES

A reminder, if you feel your child needs a phone e.g. they walk to and from school alone, then you must complete a permission form. All phones that come into school must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day. The school accepts no responsibility for them once they are here.



### PARKING

Please can we remind parents / carers to not park in the school carpark. The car park is for staff only.



### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is 96% and currently we have 93%. It is important that children are in school. We often teach in learning journeys with a sequence of sessions that follow one another, so missing days leaves gaps in learning alongside this, school helps to develop social skills and build friendships.

Please only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances (not for holidays) and do so in advance. Please book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

If you are having problems with getting your child into school, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Sibthorpe and we will work to support you.

We know that children get ill and sometimes this means they need to stay at home to get better and rest. If you are unsure whether to keep your child at home if they are feeling poorly, here is a link to current NHS guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

**WE HAVE HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ARRIVING AND BEING COLLECTED LATE.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT CHILDREN ARRIVE ON TIME. REMEMBER THE DOORS TO THE CLASSROOMS OPEN AT 8:40AM. CHILDREN SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 8:50AM.**

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3:15PM. CHILDREN SHOULD BE COLLECTED FROM CLASSROOMS AT 3:15PM.**