



Eyrescroft Primary School



Newsletter February Half Term 2025

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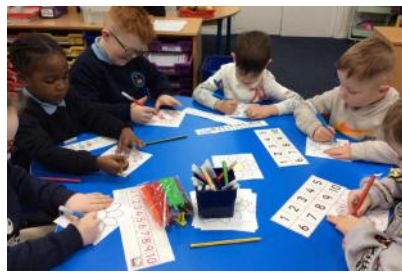
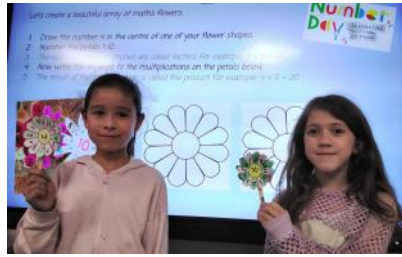
Well what a busy and fun packed half term that has been! It has absolutely flown by!

As you will know, we have a celebration assembly every Friday morning where teachers nominate a child who has really shone during the last week. This is a really lovely celebration of your children and I recently thought how wonderful it would be to share this with parents and carers. After half term, if your child is nominated you will receive an invite to come and join this assembly. We are really looking forward to welcoming you into school to share this really special weekly event.

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

NUMBER DAY

We had great fun during Number Day. This year's theme was 'It's maths, but not as you know it!'. We combined our creativity, logical thinking, problem solving skills and number knowledge to solve mathematical problems 'in disguise' that consisted of questions linked with number bonds, multiplication, division, fractions, measurement, and probability.

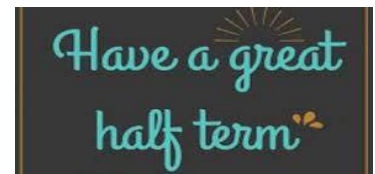


LOOKING AHEAD

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

- 17th - 21st February** - Half Term
- 6th March** - World Book Day
- 21st March** - Red Nose Day
- 17th March** - Parent's Structured Conversations
- 24th March** - Parent's Evening
- 25th March** - Parent's Evening
- 7th April - 21st April** - Easter Holidays - School closed
- 22nd April** - Professional Training Day, school closed
- 23rd April** - School re-opens for pupils
- 6th May** - Yr 5 Sacrewell Farm visit
- 9th May** - Yr 1 and Yr 2 Ferry Meadows visit
- 19th May** - EYFS Wild Science Animal Day



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

We are now celebrating a Weekly Class Attendance Award for KS1 and KS2.

There is also an award for the KS1 and KS2 Class Attendance for each Half Term and Year so far.

The winners for the third half term were

- KS1 - 1CE 95.87%**
- KS2 - 3SCS 96.15%**

The winners for the year so far were

- KS1 - RSD**
- KS2 - 6EP/6TM**



Well Done!



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LEARNING IN EYFS

We have been very busy in EYFS this half term with our new topic 'Not all heroes wear capes'. The children have enjoyed learning all about people who help us and to celebrate we held a 'people who help us/superhero wow day' where the children made masks, shields and took part in a superhero obstacle course. We also 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.



We have also enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. The children made lanterns, tasted some Chinese food and even performed a dragon dance. Happy Year of the snake!



YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 - GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

This half term Year 1 and 2 have been learning about The Great Fire of London. To help support our literacy, we recreated this historical event with our very own Pudding Lane.



YEAR 2 STORY WRITING

Year 2 have been practising their story writing skills and then shared their stories with the children in EYFS.





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YEAR 5 - KATHERINE OF ARAGON AT PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

Year 5 had a fantastic time at the Katharine of Aragon festival. We enjoyed learning about gravediggers in Tudor times, Tudor medicine and met Katharine of Aragon! We also practised our courtly dancing and learnt how to talk to a queen. Finally, we created a range of tudor games and other artefacts through History off the Page. We feel so lucky to have been able to go and all staff are incredibly proud of all the children involved. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were incredibly focused and dedicated all day. Well done Year 5.



YEAR 3 AND 4 CASTLE DESIGN PROJECT

In year 3 & 4 we have truly enjoyed participating in our 'Castle Design' project. First, we investigated how to build the structure of a castle using nets of 3D shapes. Then, we implemented this knowledge to design and construct our own castles.



YEAR 6 - DUXFORD

This term, Year 6 had an amazing time visiting the Imperial War Museum in Duxford. Having first hand experiences of standing in an air raid shelter, seeing planes like the Lancaster and Spitfire and listening to real-life conversations from the Battle of Britain helped to develop our learning around World War II. We also had the opportunity to see some more modern aircraft and all boarded a Concorde (but didn't jet off anywhere so we were back to school by 3!).





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YEAR 5 AND 6 GUINNESS WORLD RECORD



Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a Guinness World Record attempt last term and we have had confirmation that we have been successful in taking part in the world's largest poetry lesson in multiple venues! More than 125,000 children from over 1000 schools took part, but many couldn't be counted due to the VERY strict Guinness World Records requirements. Everyone who took part at Eyrescroft did count and helped to create a poem with Laura Mucha. Well done! The poem is called What Do You Think Counts? You can read or listen to the poem here <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poem/what-counts/>



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.



PARKING

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



SAFETY

When arriving and leaving the school premises please make sure you are using the pathway and not walking through the car park. The car park is in use at all times and can be especially busy at the beginning and end of the school day.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is 96% and currently we have 95%. 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.