



Edison Primary School

Weekly News

9th July 2024

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal



This week we are so proud to announce that 3 pupils in Year 3 Faraday class Jorsh C with 2.5 million words and Sahib B and Dev M achieved 1-million-words. Well done. Keep it up.

Attendance Winner

Well done to Year 4 Goodall Class for being the winners for the highest attendance this week with a percentage of 97.9%.

Registration Form	Attendance Week 08.07.2024 - 12.07.2024	
YR Bell	95.7%	
YR Newton	83.7%	
Y1 Franklin	94.8%	
Y1 Watson	97.3%	2nd
Y2 Fleming	93.9%	
Y2 Pasteur	94.0%	
Y3 Curie	96.7%	3rd
Y3 Faraday	94.9%	
Y4 Carson	88.8%	
Y4 Goodall	97.9%	1st
Y5 Armstrong	95.2%	
Y5 Jemison	95.0%	
Y6 Einstein	93.4%	
Y6 Hawking	96.0%	

Over and Above: Focus of the Week

Impeccable Behaviour

Our dedicated attention this week centred on adhering to **our four school principles: Ready, Respectful, Safe, and Kind**. The primary objective was to surpass the norm in these aspects, fostering mutual assistance in enhancing our collective commitment. At Edison, continual improvement is paramount, and our weekly focal points contribute significantly to achieving this objective. See the outstanding individuals recognised for going "Over and Above" with the added privilege of enjoying hot chocolate with Mrs. Dokal.

Next week the Focus is "Following our school rules: RRSK".

Word Count Millionaire

We are delighted to announce our current word count millionaire readers in KS2! They are proudly wearing their brand new, golden word millionaire badges so we can all celebrate their achievements!



Edison Friends

Thank you to Edison Friends for all of their incredible work with the Easter Bake Sale and the Summer Fair.

They were all lucky to have Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal today.





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We had 2 more lucky raffle winners from the Summer Fair.



Euro Final England vs Spain

Like the Edison staff, you all maybe looking forward to the England Football match on Sunday. With all the excitement, we understand that you and your family will be watching the match, Mrs Dokal has allowed for children to come in by 10.30am on Monday 15th July 2024. This will not affect your child's attendance.

Good Luck England!!

New Head Teacher

During our Summer Fair, we had a winner for being Head Teacher for the day our lucky student Issaq Abadid in Year 4 Goodall class will be the Head Teacher for the day on Wednesday 17th July 2024. We look forward to working under him on the day.

Dance Performances

Today we had dance performances by our Bollywood club and Street Dance Club. All children performing were outstanding.

We were also lucky to have a surprise performance by Mrs Dokal, Mrs Rupra, Mrs Dev, Mrs Sahans, Miss Rose and Charlene our Street Dance club teacher which was choregraphed by Rakhi Sood our Bollywood club Teacher. They all awed the pupils and teachers with their dance moves.





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Thought of the Week

How inappropriate to call this planet "Earth", when it is clearly "Ocean".

Arthur C. Clarke

Key dates for your diary

Tuesday 16 July	Rec, Yr 1 and 2 Assembly for Mrs Dokal 9 – 11am – parents welcome to attend
Wednesday 17 July	Yr 3 and 4 Assembly for Mrs Dokal 9- 11am – parents welcome to attend
Thursday 18 July	Yr 5 and 6 Assembly for Mrs Dokal 9-11am – parents welcome to attend
Monday 22 July	Last day of term 1:30pm – Mufti Day (Home Clothes)
Wednesday 4th September	Children return to school



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Picture News

IN THE SPOTLIGHT 1 NEWSPAPER 15th - 21st July

Mars Moss

Scientists in China discovered that a type of moss, called *Syntrichia caninervis*, can survive on Mars! This tough moss usually grows in harsh places like Antarctica and the Mojave Desert in America. Now, it's shown it can handle Mars-like conditions, including drought, extreme cold, and high radiation. Scientists tested the moss with an atmosphere of

95% carbon dioxide, temperatures as low as -196°C, high UV radiation, and low pressure. The moss survived and, in fact, quickly recovered! Professor Stuart McDaniel says, 'This is exciting because it shows the moss can survive the tough conditions of life on Mars.' Researchers hope to test this moss on the Moon or Mars soon, offering hope for making parts of Mars liveable for humans one day!



Pictured: Imagined image of the surface of Mars. Source: Canva.

Olympic Coin

The Royal Mint has made a special 50p coin to celebrate the Paris Olympics and Paralympics. This shiny collectible coin has a special design unique to the 2024 Games. One side shows an Olympic and a Paralympic athlete standing next to each other with the Union Flag in the background. At the bottom of the coin, there is a silhouette of the Eiffel Tower, alluding to the location of the Games this year. 'Team GB and ParalympicsGB athletes will each receive their own personal coin in their kit bags', said the Royal Mint.



Pictured: British Paralympic table tennis star, Will Bayley. Source: @ParalympicsGB on X.

August and September will see athletes, from all over the world, gather in Paris to compete at the highest possible level in exciting sports like running, swimming, and cycling. Look out for this special 50p coin – maybe you'll find one in your pocket money soon!

What does it take to be an Olympian or Paralympian?



You have to believe in yourself, and also spend a lot of time practising. I think you can do anything if you believe in yourself. Trevor

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT 2 NEWSPAPER 15th - 21st July

Mount Everest Drone Delivery

The world's first drone delivery on Mount Everest has been reported as a success. Last month, a DJI FlyCart 30 drone carried three oxygen bottles to climbers on Mount Everest, in Nepal. The drone set off from Base Camp (at an altitude of 5,300 metres) and carried the oxygen bottles and other supplies to Camp 1 (at an altitude of 6,000 metres). The drone was then used to bring 15kg of rubbish back down to base camp. Using drones to transport essential supplies to climbers, and remove waste from the camp, will



Pictured: DJI FlyCart 30 (above left) and the drone delivering oxygen canisters on Mount Everest (above right). Source: DJI Delivery on X.

mean that the dangerous 6–8-hour trek could be replaced with a 10-minute drone delivery. Christina Zhang, from DJI said, 'The ability to safely transport equipment, supplies, and waste by drone has the potential to revolutionize Everest mountaineering logistics, facilitate trash cleanup efforts, and improve safety for all involved.'

Have you ever climbed a mountain?

Would you like to?

Can you think of any other ways drones could be used to help people?

Chess Champion

A nine-year-old chess player is going to become the youngest person ever to represent England in any international sport! Bodhana Sivanandan, from Harrow, in northwest London, has been selected to be in the England team, as they compete at the Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary, in September. Bodhana holds the title of Woman FIDE Master and is one of five players for England's women's team. Chess Olympiad is being held for the 45th time this year. She started playing during the COVID lockdown, aged five, after finding a chess set packed away in a box of toys. Bodhana is aiming high; she stated that she would like to be world champion chess player by the time she is a teenager! Lawrence Trent, chess commentator and international master posted, 'Bodhana Sivanandan is one of the greatest talents I've witnessed in recent memory. The maturity of her play, her sublime touch, it's truly breathtaking. I have no doubt she will be England's greatest player



Pictured: Bodhana Sivanandan playing chess. Source: Women's Chess Coverage on X.

and most likely one of the greatest the game has ever seen.' When Bodhana was told she had been picked for the team she said, 'I'm so pleased to be picked for England. It's a great honour and I'm looking forward to being part of a team.'

Do you enjoy playing chess or would you like to learn?

How do you think it would feel to be selected to represent your country?

What does it take to be an Olympian or Paralympian?



You need to be very determined and focused on what you want to become the best at. You also need to be talented and spend a lot of time practicing. Freya

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TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Research company, YouGov, surveyed young people aged between 6 and 17 about which jobs they'd like to have in the future. The survey, conducted alongside Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), found that the role of prime minister came in as the bottom choice in the survey, the least popular career option. Almost a fifth (17%) of those asked in the poll picked footballer as their preferred job, with the same amount picking gamer or YouTuber. Gaming is a popular industry, as these choices were closely followed by video game developer at 16%.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever thought about what job you might like to do when you are older? Ask someone older at home what they wanted to do when they were younger. Are the responses similar?
- > Why do you think jobs in gaming and sports are such popular choices for young people?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Celebrating Community Spirit: The Edison Friends Efforts

Bake Sale and Summer fairs are a quintessential part of community and school life, offering a blend of entertainment, food, and a chance for neighbours to come together. Behind the scenes of these vibrant events are dedicated Edison Friends organizers whose efforts ensure the events success. This year's summer fair and bake sale was no exception, with Edison Friends going above and beyond to create an unforgettable experience.

****Planning and Coordination****

Months before the first booth is set up, the Edison Friends committee begins meticulous planning. This year's team, led by Sharad Mistry started their preparations as early as January. They held bi-weekly meetings to discuss logistics, vendor coordination, and event programming. Their goal was to address every detail, from securing permits to arranging entertainment, ensuring a seamless experience for attendees.

****Diverse Attractions****

The fair boasted a wide range of attractions, thanks to Preeti Gambhir, Shazia Panjari, Sangeetha R, Mrs Daya Bimrah (Newton class teacher), Rakhi Depala and Sharad Mistry diligent work in securing diverse vendors. The event featured face paint, ice-cream trucks, delicious cuisines, live music, and interactive activities for children. There was something for everyone, making the fair a true reflection of the community's diversity.

****Decoration & Diligent Effort Team****

Edison Friends creativity, dedication, and hard work transformed the school into a vibrant, welcoming, and magical space that delighted all who attended. Thanks to Rakhi Depala your leadership and eye for detail set the tone for a beautiful Hawaiian event. Shazia Panjari, Sangeetha R, Preeti Gambhir, Protysa Dutta, Prasanna Padavala and Sharad Mistry your imaginative contributions brought colour and life to every corner of the fair. Miss R Neo (Year 1 Class teacher) and Miss K Kochhar (Year 3 class teacher) you're stunning artform were a highlight and provided a lush, natural backdrop for our themed fair. Thanks to Darshan Depala for the wonderful music arrangement. Special thanks to Millie Ellison for all the shopping and running around you did to gather materials for our summer fair, also thank you Azka no matter how big or small, you played a significant part in the success of the fair, your encouragement truly made a difference.

****Volunteer Coordination****

A successful fair requires a robust team of volunteers, and this year's organizers excelled in mobilizing community support. Many parents have assisted with everything from setting up booths to decorations and cleaning up. Their efforts ensured that the event ran smoothly and efficiently, with volunteers playing a crucial role in its execution.

****Safety and Sustainability****

Edison Friends organizing committee placed a strong emphasis on safety and sustainability. They worked closely with school management, ensuring that all attendees could enjoy the fair safely.

****Challenges and Triumphs****

Despite facing numerous challenges, including unpredictable weather and logistical hurdles, the organizers remained resilient. Their problem-solving skills were put to the test, but their ability to adapt and find solutions ensured that the fair went off without a hitch. Their triumphs were evident in the smiles of attendees and the positive feedback received post-event.

We are thrilled to announce that this year's summer fair has been an unprecedented success, raising an impressive total of **£5898.84**. The summer fair's and bake success is a testament to the hard work

and dedication of Edison Friends. Their efforts in planning, community engagement, volunteer coordination, and emphasis on safety and sustainability created a memorable event that brought the school and community together. As the fair concluded, it was clear that Edison Friends passion and commitment had paid off, leaving a lasting impact on everyone who attended. Their work not only made the event possible but also strengthened the community spirit, reminding everyone of the power of collective effort and collaboration.



Skill



Planning



Artwork



The team



Shopping



Ornamentation

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

W APP

AGE RESTRICTION

12+

on the App Store; Everyone on Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Developed in Germany, this social networking app is called 'W App' in the Apple Store and Google Play but is also branded as 'Slay' in some territories. Aimed primarily at teens and marketed as a 'zero-negativity' zone, it asks users to connect with others from their school. They are then asked a positive question (such as "Who is the nicest person?") and shown four people from their school to choose from. All users from a school can appear in the poll: not just those a child is friends with. The app is mainly anonymous – but does offer clues to reveal who selected you for each question.

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FAKE ACCOUNTS

There is no verification when signing up to W App. Once someone joins, they can see all users at their school and add them if they wish. Users provide their name, gender, school and grade – but are also able to change these (aside from their name) as often as they like. This concerned our expert: predators could potentially keep attempting to build connections with children at different schools.

PROFILE OVERSHARING

Young people tend to have multiple social media accounts, so it's vital their identity is protected online. By default, W App shares someone's school and grade, while users choose whether to share their full name, photo and other social accounts. Most people appear to select this – making it easier for someone to build up a picture of who they are, what they enjoy and where they go to school.

SPAMMING CONTACTS

The app's activity feed notifies a user when they have been put forward for a poll. They're then given the option to reveal the initial of the person who nominated them, by inviting a friend to join the app. The friend doesn't have to sign up, but they will receive a 'get the app now' text, followed by a link. This process could result in texts being continually sent to a child's contacts.

CATFISHING RISKS

As well as invented fake accounts, users could also sign up and pretend to be someone else from their school. By joining under another person's name (possibly with their photo), they can take part in polls while masquerading as that other person. Some polls hint at an attraction or crush, which – if deliberately misused by imposters – could result in misunderstandings and embarrassment for teens.

SUBSCRIPTION COSTS

W App is free to download and use, but there is also a gold membership package (costing £4.99 per week) available. Subscribing allows users to reveal the names of people who selected them in polls (slightly defeating the point of it being an anonymous app), gives unlimited hints and offers exclusive play modes – all of which may tempt a curious young user into spending their money.

REPEATED USE

Like most other social media platforms, W App wants users to log in regularly. Every time someone completes a set of 12 polls, they earn virtual coins. These can be cashed in for perks such as being included in random polls (so that more users will see them) or adding their name to their crush's poll. This may not seem much of an incentive currently, but that may alter as the app evolves.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS FRIEND REQUESTS

Talk to your child about the risk of sharing their other social accounts, especially on anonymous platforms where there is no verification – so a user could be anyone. If someone they don't normally talk to at school approaches your child via W App and suggests connecting on TikTok, Snapchat or Instagram, emphasise that it's safest to confirm it with that person face to face before accepting or replying.

BE MINDFUL OF REJECTION

The polls in W App are designed to be complimentary rather than negative. However, never being nominated or picked by their peers could leave a child – especially a status-conscious teen – feeling ignored and isolated. If you think that W App is having this effect on your child, it might be time for a supportive reminder that social media doesn't reflect someone's true worth or popularity.

PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

It's crucial that trusted adults regularly remind children about the importance of not sharing too much of their personal information online (and demonstrate it on their own social accounts, where possible). W App automatically displays the user's school on their profile – but if your child does want to use the app, you can advise them to only enter their first name and not to upload an image of their face.

DO SOME 'APP ADMIN'

Before letting your child download W App, you may want to (via their device's settings) disable the option to make in-app purchases: £4.99 per week for the subscription can soon mount up. Likewise, if a friend's use of W App is causing your child to be inundated with texts inviting them to sign up too, you could suggest asking that friend to stop selecting your child's name from their contacts list.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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