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Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal



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!



This week we are so proud to announce that Zain Ali Year 3 Faraday Class has now achieved a 2.5 million word count! Keep going Zain. We also have Dev Mistry who has reached half a million word count. Well done Dev, keep going!

Edison is awarded the IQM's Inclusive School Award



We're thrilled to announce that Edison Primary School has received the prestigious Inclusive School Award from the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) following a comprehensive assessment. This nationally recognised framework celebrates the school's dedication to inclusivity and its ongoing commitment to providing top-notch education for all students. In an inclusive school, every child, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, achievements, or background, is given equal opportunities to thrive.

The IQM Award not only validates our current practices but also provides a detailed report summarising the assessment findings. During a 1-day visit, the assessor engaged with students, parents, trustees, teaching and non-teaching staff, and observed various school activities and lessons.

The report highlights numerous instances of inclusivity at Edison, such as the support provided by the staff members for special educational needs and English as an additional language, the high-quality teaching, the strong student voice, and the genuine enthusiasm for learning among our students. It's heartening to learn of the high regard students and parents hold for our dedicated teachers, who tirelessly deliver engaging lessons and serve as exemplary role models for our youth.



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Attendance Winner

Well done to Reception, Bell Class for being the winners for the highest attendance this week with a percentage of 99.6%.

Registration Form	Attendance 13/05/2024 - 17/05/2024	
YR Bell	99.6%	1st
YR Newton	88.7%	
Y1 Franklin	96.6%	
Y1 Watson	91.4%	
Y2 Fleming	95.5%	
Y2 Pasteur	97.1%	
Y3 Curie	90.0%	
Y3 Faraday	95.2%	
Y4 Carson	97.3%	
Y4 Goodall	98.2%	3rd
Y5 Armstrong	97.6%	
Y5 Jemison	92.0%	
Y6 Einstein	95.2%	
Y6 Hawking	99.3%	2nd



Early Start for Early Birds!

In response to requests from parents, we are pleased to announce that our 'Early Birds' breakfast club will open at **7.45am** from 15 April onwards.

The following charges will apply:

'Early Birds' Breakfast Club - £6 per session (one hour)
 'Night Owls' After School Club - £6 for one hour and £12 for two hours.

Early Birds runs from 7.45am to 8.45am, and Night Owls runs from 3.45am to 5.45am daily. At each of these clubs, children get the opportunity to catch up with their friends, play games and have a healthy snack.

Parents and carers can book their child's sessions on ParentPay 48 hours in advance. However, if you should need to book a slot at short notice, please contact the School Office to check availability.

Over and Above: Focus of the Week

Being Kind

Our dedicated attention this week centered 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" in the newsletter, with the added privilege of enjoying hot chocolate with Mrs. Dokal.

Next week the Focus is 'Using Kagan to Collaborate'.



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Attendance – Late Arrivals

This is a polite reminder that if your child/ren are late in the mornings, please ensure you bring them to the school office as they would need to be signed in by the adult.

We have a new electronic sign in system, the office team will assist you with this.

Please **DO NOT** drop your child/ren at the gate and allow them to come into school on their own.

Early Pick-Up Procedure

If you require to collect your child/ren early for any reason, you would be required to send an email to info@edisonprimary.org with a reason to why you are requesting an early collection, the email will be passed onto Mrs Dokal to authorise.

If collection is for medical appointment, you would need to provide proof of the appointment, and this should be

provided to the office at least 24hours before the appointment.

To help the attendance of the pupils in class and ensuring that they are getting the best out of the education, early collection will not be permitted unless authorisation has been by Mrs Dokal in a reply to your email.

We thank you for your support and understanding.

Car Parking

Please remember that parking on school premises is for **STAFF ONLY**. Please support our school and its safety by parking a short way away and walking with your child. **Please** can we urge you all to continue to support the school and be aware of not blocking local residents' driveways, double parking and bus routes. Also please remember parking on double yellow lines is **NOT** permitted at any time. We would like to say a big thank you to all those parents that have been mindful to the local residents when parking.

Scooters and Bikes

We would like to remind you that if your child rides a scooter or bike to school, you must park it under the bike sheds, near the main school entrance. Wherever possible please keep them locked too. These should only be left here for the duration of the school day. Please **DO NOT** leave anything overnight or over the weekend as this would be left at your own risk. We appreciate your support with this.

Bringing Children to School

Your child should arrive at school by **8.45am**, the school gate opens from 8.35am so you can drop your child at their year group entrance from this time onwards. Please ensure you support your child by ensuring they arrive on time and ready to learn. Any late arrivals should need to report to the main school office. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please inform the school office by **8.30am** using our automated telephone service and choosing option 1. Lateness, at either end of the school day, is disruptive and can make the children anxious. Please make every effort to arrive at school on time to help your child have the best school experience possible. Persistent latecomers (more than three episodes) will be referred to Mrs Dokal and, if the

lateness is not then resolved, will be passed onto the Education Welfare Officer for further action.

Night Owls Collection

Our school office closes at **4.30pm**. If you are picking up your child from After School Club after this time, please

use the bell at the school office entrance, and Mrs Mahal or Mrs Gill will come to meet you, and fetch your child from the club. If you have rung the bell and there is no answer, please call the school mobile: 07814 021729. This will only be necessary on the occasions that the children are taken outside to play. We appreciate your patience and support with this.



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Key dates for your diary	
Monday 20 May to Thursday 23 May	NO Paid Enrichment Clubs
Monday 20 May to Wednesday 22 May	Year 6 PGL Trip
Friday 24 May	Last day of half term school closes 1.30pm
Tuesday 4 June	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 4 June	Year 1 Trip to Boston Manor Park
Tuesday 4 June	All Paid Enrichment Clubs run as normal
Sports Day Reception	Wednesday 5 June 9.15am to 10.15am
Sports Day Year 3 & 4	Wednesday 5 June 1.45pm to 3.15pm
Sports Day Year 1 & 2	Thursday 6 June 9.15am to 10.45am
Sports Day Year 5 & 6	Thursday 6 June 1.45am to 3.15pm

Thought of the Week

Equipped with his five senses, man explores the universe around him and calls the adventure Science.
Edwin Powell Hubble



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Picture News

IN THE SPOTLIGHT 1 NEWSPAPER 20th - 26th May

Swimming Lessons!

Wildlife photographer, Bertie Gregory, couldn't believe his eyes when he witnessed baby penguins making a giant leap from the top of an ice shelf into the ocean. The photographer expressed concern for the penguins as the jump was an enormous 15m drop, and the icy Antarctic sea below was full of floating chunks of ice. But he says, 'To my amazement, they were not just surviving but popping up and going, 'I can swim!' This is their first swim ever, the first swim of their lives.' Before Gregory captured his incredible images, researchers had been unsure



Picture: Emperor penguin with its chick. **Source:** Canva.

about how the chicks came down such steep slopes. This ritual of the penguin chicks taking their first plunge from the ice is called fledging. Emperor penguins are known to nest on sea ice. However, as ice shelves have become more fragile in the past 20 years, they have been forced to form colonies on the permanent ice shelves, which are much higher.

Hay Fever Returns

Runny nose? Itchy eyes? Can't stop sneezing? You may be struggling with hay fever. Not everyone has hay fever, but it is quite common with around 13 million people in the UK struggling with it. At this time of year, as temperatures rise and trees and flowers begin to bloom, more pollen is in the air. It is this pollen that causes hay fever as some people are allergic to it. There are, in fact, different types of pollen, such as grass pollen, tree pollen and weed pollen. The body works to protect itself by getting rid of pollen and this results in hay

fever symptoms, namely itchy eyes, a runny nose and lots of sneezing! Some ways to help manage these symptoms include wearing sunglasses to limit pollen getting into your eyes, closing windows at night and changing clothes after you have been outside.



Picture: Boy sneezing. **Source:** Canva.

Can the past help us learn about modern life?



I think it just goes to show, we have more similarities than differences.

Eden, 6

Let us know what you think about this week's news



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT 2 NEWSPAPER 20th - 26th May

Street Librarian's Success

Araba Maze is a street librarian and influencer who lives in Baltimore in the U.S. state of Maryland. She is combatting the book desert in her local area by becoming a street librarian and setting up a free book vending machine. A book desert is an area with limited or no access to appropriate books, with no libraries or bookshops in walking distance. Araba set up Storybook Maze after talking with children, who had joined her on her stoop at home to listen to the stories she was reading to her nieces. When she finished the last story, the children didn't want to leave, and this was when she discovered that they had no books at home! Araba then used her experience as a librarian to put together a collection of books to take to the children as a mobile library. She used her social media platforms to



Pictured: Street librarian Araba Maze. **Source:** Storybook Maze Facebook page.

raise money to have a free book vending machine installed as well. Storybook Maze's next aim is to raise enough money to provide a Book Trolley – a colourful train with carriages full of books and places for people to read. 'This book haven on wheels aims to break down barriers and provide access to books that traditional libraries can't reach,' Maze writes about the new project. 'As the wheels of the Book Trolley turn, so do the pages of countless stories waiting to be discovered!'

Do you think this is a good way to make sure that everyone can access books? What else do you think could be done?

Blue Whale Comeback

For the first time in decades, many blue whales have been seen near Seychelles! Seychelles is an African country: a nation of 115 islands scattered across more than a million square kilometres of the Indian Ocean. Scientists from Florida International University (FIU) and University of Seychelles conducted two expeditions covering about 5,500km across the northern Seychelles. They reported a total five sightings, including groups of up to ten blue whales. Marine biologists say that the return of blue whales in eastern Africa, following intense whaling, offers hope of their number increasing. Jeremy Kiszka from FIU, who worked on the project, said, 'When blue whales were sighted, we approached them slowly to obtain details of their group size and behaviour. Photographs of both left and right sides of the dorsal region were taken to identify them. Because

colouration patterns are unique to each animal, we knew that at least five individuals were identified during this expedition. After sharing our pictures with other research groups working on blue whales in the Indian Ocean, no "match" was found. This means the whales we identified in Seychelles might have been photographed for the first time ever!

Did you know that blue whales are the largest creatures on Earth? They can grow up to 30 metres in length! Do you know any facts about blue whales?



Pictured: Blue Whale. **Source:** Florida International University @FIU X page.

Can the past help us learn about modern life?



I think we should use what we have learnt about people in the past to improve our lives now. We should look at things that they did right and do them that way again but not copy things that didn't work out so well. Trudie

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TAKEHOME

20th - 26th May



In the news this week

An all-girls football team has won a league dominated by boys' teams, after going unbeaten for an entire season. The Queens Park Ladies U12s finished top of their table with eighteen wins in the group of eleven boys' teams. They were the only girls' team in the Bournemouth Youth Football League, playing in its third division for under-12s. The players, who train twice a week, have now proved themselves against the other teams.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on why you think some other teams pre-judged the Queens Park Ladies U12s.
- > Have you ever experienced a time when someone has made an assumption about you that has been wrong or unfair?



Is it fair to judge others based on first impressions?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Eco Refill Shop Reopening



Wednesday 22nd May
Playground 3:30-4pm



**We now sell
delicious
fruit snacks!**



Yum!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has genuine friends who they play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with others safely in the digital world.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



#WakeUpWednesday

Sources: <https://www.thewarrior.com/2020/7/21/2133343/roblox-over-half-of-us-kids-playing-virtual-parades-for-tutu>
<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

FREE FAMILY LEARNING WORKSHOPS

MAY HALF TERM

Storytelling with Songs and Puppets (age 3 - 5)

Free Workshop

Tuesday 28th May 10.00 - 11.30am
Meadowbank in Cranford, (TW5 9QX)

About the course

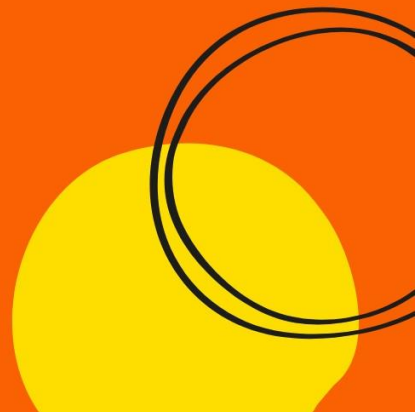
Make finger puppets with your child and use them to act out well-known stories and songs. You can take your puppets home.

Family learning programmes aim to give parents / carers and their children the opportunity to explore learning together in a fun way.

What is required to join the session?

- These sessions are for adults and children to work together - parents will need to supervise their children at all times.
- Children must be between age 3 -5 to attend this session.
- Please note we can only accommodate 1 adult to 2 children per family.
- If you or your child need any extra assistance within the class, please be sure to let our staff know when enrolling

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Clay Day

Free Workshop

Wednesday 29th May 10.00am - 12.00pm
Meadowbank in Cranford (TW5 9QX)

About the course

Clay Days are all about getting stuck in and making something with your hands. Be guided to make different clay items, from pinch pots to ornaments. You will get to take your creation away with you as well!

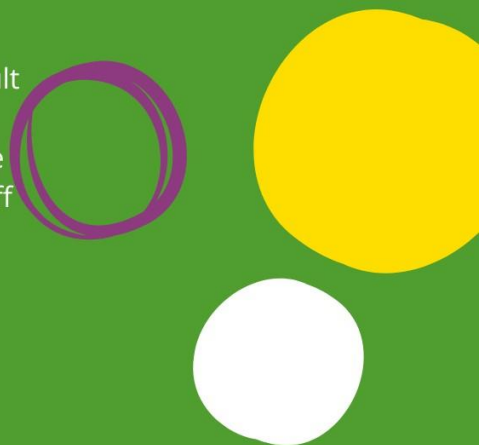
This is a great workshop to support motor skills and creativity.

On this course you and your children will learn some basic clay modelling techniques to create a piece of decorative airdried clay which you can take home.

What is required to join the session?

- These sessions are for adults and children to work together - parents will need to supervise their children at all times.
- For health and safety reasons, children must be over the age of 5 (up to age 13) to attend this session.
- Please note we can only accommodate 1 adult to 2 children per family.
- If you or your child need any extra assistance within the class, please be sure to let our staff know when enrolling.
- **We recommend you wear old clothes.**
- No babies please.

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Family Pottery (11+)

Free Workshop

Thursday 30th May 10.00am - 12.30pm
Meadowbank in Cranford (TW5 9QX)

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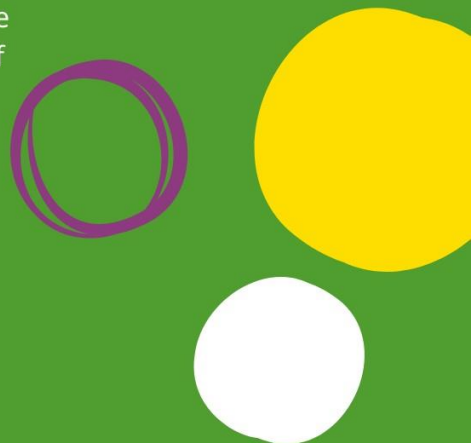
On this course you and your children will learn some basic clay modelling techniques and grow your skills. This is the perfect course for anyone with older children interested in practical and creative experiences.

During this course parents and children work together, and adults are shown ways to support their children outside of the classroom.

What is required to join the session?

- These sessions are for adults and children to work together - parents will need to supervise their children at all times.
- For health and safety reasons, children must be over the age of 11 to attend these sessions.
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Free Volcanoes Workshop

Thursday 30th May 10.00am - 12.00pm
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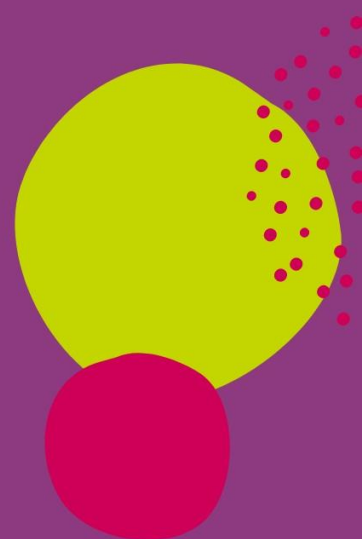
Join us to learn about volcanoes - how are they made? What happens when they erupt? You will have the chance to make your own mini volcano!

This session is for adults and children to learn about the science and the geography behind volcanoes. You will also have fun trying to recreate a mini eruption.

What is required to join the session?

- These sessions are for adults and children to work together - parents will need to supervise their children at all times.
- For health and safety reasons, children must be over the age of 5 to attend this session.
- Please note we can only accommodate 1 adult to 2 children per family.
- **Please bring along some small, clean, empty drinks bottles and a cardboard box.**
- If you or your child need any extra assistance within the class, please be sure to let our staff know when enrolling.
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Free Art Workshop

Paper Mosaics

Thursday 30th February 1.30 - 3.30pm
Meadowbank in Cranford (TW5 9QX)

About the course

In this workshop you will create a beautiful mosaic picture, using various types of paper, that you can take home.

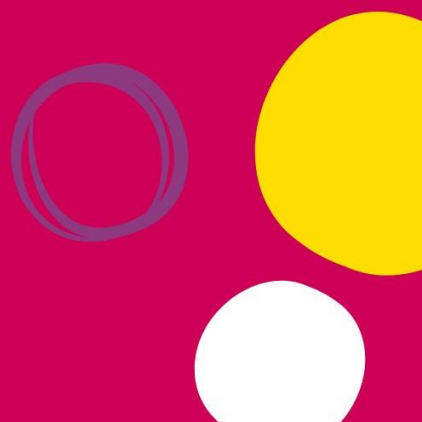
This is a great workshop for creativity, motor skills and just for fun!

This session is for adults and children to create together in a fun and inspiring environment.

What is required to join the session?

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- For health and safety reasons, children must be over the age of 5 to attend this session.
- Please note we can only accommodate 1 adult to 2 children per family.
- If your child needs any extra assistance within the class, please be sure to let our staff know when enrolling
- **We will be creating mosaics so if you have any small bits and bobs that you would like to use, feel free to bring them.**
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The Power Of Engineering: Balloon Powered Car

Free Workshop

Friday 31st May 10.00am - 12.00pm
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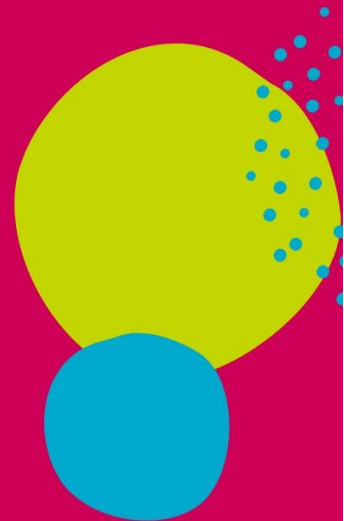
Design and make your own car then use a balloon to make it go! Are you ready for the challenge?

This session is for adults and children to learn together how engineering impacts our world. You and your children will be given an opportunity to work on a mini engineering project.

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- Please bring along some bottle tops and some clean recycling (especially cardboard boxes) from home that you might like to include.
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Free Workshop

Recycled Crafts: Skittles

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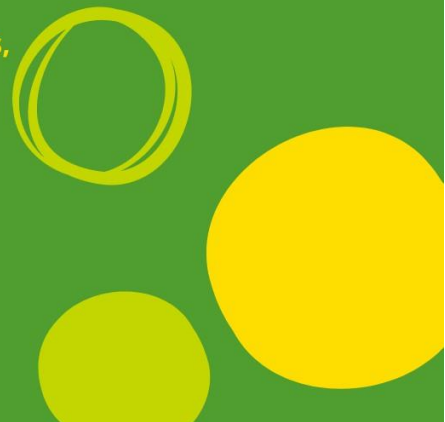
We throw away a lot of rubbish, but what could be done if we looked at it in a different way? On this workshop you will be taking things that would usually go into our bins and use them to create a game which you can take home and play!

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Scavenger Hunt Free Workshop

Friday 31st May 1.00 - 3.00pm
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About the course

Come and learn as a family how you can use maths in everyday life with this fun scavenger hunt.

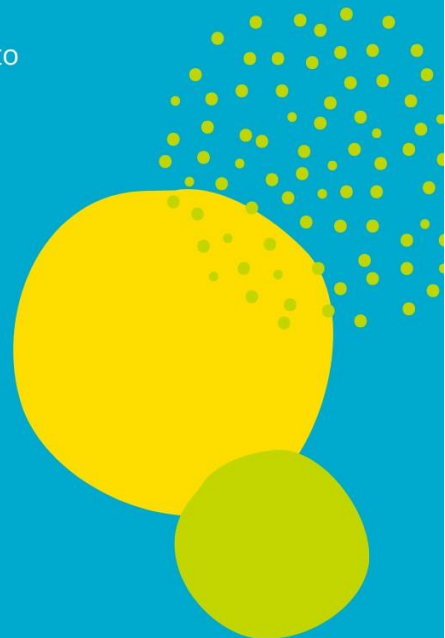
Our workshops are practical and bring the fun to Maths.

This session is for adults and children to learn together. You and your children will be given an opportunity to use what you find on your hunt in the kitchen.

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