



# Edison Primary School

## Weekly News

13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Hot Chocolate with Mrs Valentin



### Over and Above: Focus of the Week

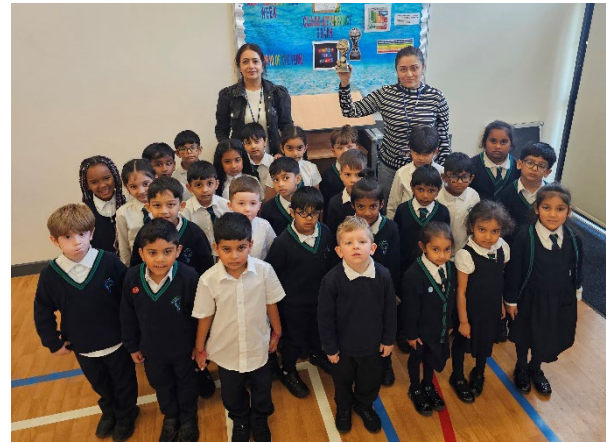
#### Being Ready

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 Valentin.

### Word Count Millionaire

As we start the new year, we look forward to seeing all the children in KS2 become a word count millionaire reader. Watch this space to see who our millionaires are each week.

### Attendance Winners for the week



Well done to Watson Class for being the winners for the highest attendance for the first week of the Autumn Term with a percentage of 98.6%.

Registration Form	Attendance Week 09.09.24 - 13.09.24	
Y1 Franklin	93.7%	
<b>Y1 Watson</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>1st</b>
Y2 Fleming	96.1%	2nd
Y2 Pasteur	94.3%	
Y3 Curie	93.2%	
Y3 Faraday	95.2%	3rd
Y4 Carson	93.2%	
Y4 Goodall	94.5%	
Y5 Armstrong	87.6%	
Y5 Jemison	95.0%	
Y6 Einstein	87.3%	
Y6 Hawking	92.4%	

The class are presented with a trophy which they keep for the week.

### Enrichment Clubs

All enrichment clubs will start week next week from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

There are still spaces in many clubs if you would like your child to join any of the clubs, please log into Parent Pay to book and make payment for the club.

If you would like to pay for the club via childcare vouchers, please release that payment for the club and then email the school office with the following information:



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- 1- Name of club,
- 2- Amount to be allocated
- 3- Full name of child

Should you have any questions please visit the school office.

### School Uniform

As we start a new academic year, we would like to remind you regarding the appropriate school uniform for children. As per the induction meetings please see below the school uniform requirements:



Please kindly ensure that you have labelled all of your child/ren's school uniform items including jackets, bags, shoes/trainers and water bottles.

Children should be wearing **school uniform** on days they do not have P.E and should be wearing **black school shoes**.

Children are **not allowed** to be wearing different coloured shoes or trainers, please ensure that your child/ren are in the correct coloured footwear.

On the days of P.E, children should come into school wearing their P.E kits and black trainers.

Please see below PE Days for your child's year group:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>PE day/s</u>	
	<u>Children come in wearing their PE kit</u>	
<b>Reception</b>	Thursday	Friday (AM)
<b>Year 1</b>	Tuesday	Wednesday(PM)
<b>Year 2</b>	Thursday(AM)	Friday
<b>Year 3</b>	Monday	Tuesday (AM)
<b>Year 4</b>	Tuesday (PM)	Thursday
<b>Year 5</b>	Tuesday	Wednesday(AM)
<b>Year 6</b>	Wednesday	Thursday (PM)



### Disability Living Allowance Workshop

Children's Services team at Ruils is now back after the summer break and we have arranged our first workshop for the autumn, on **Disability Living Allowance**.

This will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at Isleworth Public Hall. Please do share the information below with any Hounslow families who may benefit from attending this session. It is free to attend, but we ask that parents book a space using the link below.

**Disability Living Allowance workshop: in person at Isleworth Public Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 10.30am**

Join us for an informative and interactive workshop on Disability Living Allowance (DLA). This in-person event is designed to help families navigate the DLA application process and understand the benefits available for individuals with disabilities. During the workshop, you will learn about the eligibility criteria, how to complete the application form, and tips for providing supporting evidence. Our experienced speaker Vilma Espinoza will guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have.

Book a free place here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-matters-workshop-disability-living-allowance-tickets-940248056247>

### Thought of the Week

Miracles are not contrary to nature but only contrary to what we know about nature.  
**Augustine**

### Key dates for your diary

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	All Enrichment clubs start Reception children are in 8.45am to 1.15pm
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Jemison Class start swimming – need to be in school by 8.30am every Tuesday
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Carson Class start swimming – need to be in school by 8.30am every Thursday Reception start school full time
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Open Morning for Prospective Reception 2025 Parents
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Whole School Individual and Sibling Photos – children need to be dressed in full school uniform



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT 1 NEWSPAPER 16th - 22nd September

### A Platform Palaver!

Every year on September 1st, Harry Potter fans gather at King's Cross Station in London to hear a special announcement about the Hogwarts Express. At 11.00 a.m., there's usually a fun message that makes everyone feel like they're on Platform 9¾, just like in the world of Harry Potter! But this year, the magical Hogwarts Express announcement was cancelled. The station explained that it has been stopped due to safety concerns, as the station can get very crowded with fans. Harry Potter fan, Emily, who has visited the event before, said, 'I'm really sad that the announcement isn't happening this year. It's such a magical moment for fans. But I



Pictured: Platform 9¾ at King's Cross Station, London. Source: Canva.

understand that they want to keep everyone safe.' Visitors can still go to King's Cross to see the famous Platform 9¾ sign. While it's disappointing the tradition didn't happen this time, many fans are hopeful it will return next year, bringing the magic back to King's Cross!

### Plastic Pollution

A new study has found that Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, Nestlé, and Danone are the biggest sources of plastic pollution in the world. The study was done by a group called Break Free From Plastic. They looked at plastic waste in 84 countries between 2018 and 2022. Over 100,000 volunteers collected 1.8 million pieces of plastic from beaches, rivers, and parks. Many of these were single-use containers. Plastic pollution is dangerous for wildlife and adds to global warming. Companies like Coca-Cola and PepsiCo are

trying to improve recycling, but only 9% of plastic is recycled. Experts say reducing plastic use is the best idea. Researcher, Natalie, remains hopeful, saying plastic pollution 'is a challenge we can solve'. World leaders will meet in November to discuss ways to reduce plastic waste.



Pictured: Plastic waste. Source: Canva.

#### How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?



*We can help our teachers at school by listening and trying our best.*

**Freddie**

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

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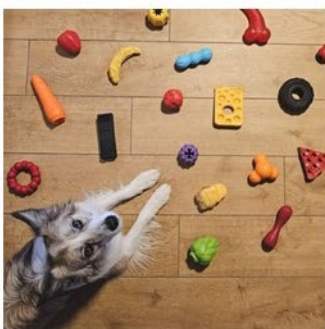
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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT 2 NEWSPAPER 16th - 22nd September

### Clever Canines!

Researchers, at the Eotvos Lorand University in Hungary, have discovered that talented dogs can remember the names of toys for at least two years! Five special border collies: Gaia, Max, Whiskey, Squall and Rico learned the names of multiple toys and were tested to see how many they remembered two years later. The study is part of the Genius Dog Challenge (GDC) and the dogs involved did really well. The results showed that four of the five dogs remembered the names of 60-75% of the toys. GDC is encouraging owners to contact the website if their dogs can identify toys by name.



Two of the dogs are pictured.

Dr Claudia Fugazza, from Eotvos Lorand University in Hungary, commented on the study, saying, 'We know that dogs can remember events for at least 24 hours and odours for up to one year, but this is the first study showing that some talented dogs can remember words for at least two years.' She also explained that the dogs participating in the study had been identified as having a talent for learning words previously, saying, 'The findings of our current study cannot be generalised to other dogs because we only tested GWL (gifted word learner) dogs, individuals that show a special talent for acquiring object words.'

**Do you know any clever canines? What would you like to teach a pet to do?**



Pictured right: Coraline with some of her toys. Pictured above: Jesse and his 130 toys. Source: Genius Dog Challenge on Facebook.

### LEGO Replay!

LEGO have announced that they will be making their bricks from 50% recycled plastic by 2026! They also said that this move is going to cost them more money because the renewable resin that they will use is 70% more expensive. LEGO don't want to pass the increase in price on to their customers. 'The costs of these materials will not be passed on to the consumers, it will be absorbed by the LEGO Group on our bottom line,' the company said. LEGO has set the target date of 2032 to reach a goal of using entirely renewable and recycled materials.



Pictured: A Lego scene of Notre Dame. Source: Lego on Facebook.

LEGO's Replay program has also extended. Replay allows people to send the LEGO bricks that they no longer require to be reused or recycled by the company. LEGO even pay for the postage! The bricks are washed, sorted into new sets and donated to be

played with again. Over 400,000 sets of repurposed bricks have been given away so far. When LEGO Replay was launched in the UK, Tim Brooks from LEGO said, 'We want to rehome, repurpose or recycle every LEGO brick to keep them in play for longer. We hope LEGO Replay will help even more people donate their LEGO bricks with ease and feel proud they are supporting playful learning for children across the country.'

**Can you think of other ways to recycle toys?**

#### How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?



*My granny always says to treat others how we would like to be treated, and I think that is great advice.*

**Ed**

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## TAKEHOME

16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> September



How can photos shape the world?

## In the news this week

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year shortlist has recently been announced, with just 100 photos left in the competition, following a record-breaking 59,228 entries! The winners will be revealed on 8<sup>th</sup> October and displayed in the Natural History Museum in London. To celebrate its Diamond Jubilee (60 years) this year, the competition has also introduced a new Impact Award to recognise conservation successes and stories of hope.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you think of any wider benefits of people learning about the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition?
- > Do you enjoy photography? Do you prefer looking at or taking photos?
- > Do you have a favourite photo? What is it of, and who took it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# RUMBLE



on the App Store;  
"Teen" on Google Play

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

### PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

### INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

### CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

### SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

### CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

### RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

### DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared from some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



Source: <https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/2022/10/06/prominent-accounts-on-alternative-social-media-sites-mostly-are-individuals-not-organizations/>



**Youth Mental Health Day**

**#ControlYourScroll**

**September 19th**

Youth Mental Health Day seeks to start a conversation among young people about ways to improve mental health. It seeks to dispel the stigma associated with mental health and to offer hope and positivity.

#ControlYourScroll is the theme for Youth Mental Health Day 2024, which aims to provide young people with simple digital skills and mental health strategies for a positive and safe online experience.

There are many benefits that the online world offers including the ability to express creativity, maintain constant connections with peers, and quickly access entertainment and information.

In a survey of 1,025 youth, 93% stated to have experienced anxiety due to online content. Concerns around misinformation, fake news and disinformation rated highest 59%, followed by online fraud and scams 58%, cyberbullying 52% and sharing of sexual images 39%. (Stem4 Survey)

The online world has a lot of hidden risks that young people were not exposed to a decade ago.

[www.hycscounselling.co.uk/self-help-hub/](http://www.hycscounselling.co.uk/self-help-hub/)  
[www.stem4.org.uk/youthmentalhealthday/](http://www.stem4.org.uk/youthmentalhealthday/)  
[www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/](http://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/)



Young people in Hounslow can text a school nurse for confidential advice and support:

**07507 333176**

Learn more at: [bit.ly/ChatHealthPrivacy](https://bit.ly/ChatHealthPrivacy)

# Good asthma control means having no symptoms

Children and young people with asthma can live their best lives by following these 4 steps:

1. Get an asthma action plan in place
2. Understand how to use inhalers correctly
3. Schedule an asthma review – every year and after every attack
4. Ask about the impact of outdoor and indoor air pollution



**Save the date: #AskAboutAsthma returns 9 – 15 September 2024 to raise awareness about childhood asthma.**

Scan this QR code or find more information at:  
[www.transformationpartnersinhealthandcare.nhs.uk/ask-about-asthma](http://www.transformationpartnersinhealthandcare.nhs.uk/ask-about-asthma)







**Registration  
session:**

**Wednesday  
18/9/23  
10-11.30am**

# Free English Lessons

**WHERE:** **Heston Royal British Legion,  
79 New Heston Road, TW5 0LG**

**WHEN:** **Wednesdays 10.15-11.45am (Term-time)**  
(First class: Wednesday 25th September 2024)

- **Improve your English**
- **Friendly class for adults**
- **Free crèche (booking required)**

**For more information**

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- **Call: 020 8142 5829**