



Edison Primary School

Weekly News

27th September 2024

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Valentin



Over and Above: Focus of the Week

Being Safe

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

Registration Form	Attendance Week 23.09.24 - 27.09.24	
YR Bell	98.1%	
YR Newton	95.4%	
Y1 Franklin	99.3%	1st
Y1 Watson	95.0%	
Y2 Fleming	98.2%	3rd
Y2 Pasteur	96.5%	
Y3 Curie	98.1%	
Y3 Faraday	94.8%	
Y4 Carson	94.5%	
Y4 Goodall	98.7%	2nd
Y5 Armstrong	90.0%	
Y5 Jemison	96.4%	
Y6 Einstein	88.7%	
Y6 Hawking	89.7%	

Well done to Franklin Class for being the winners for the highest attendance this week of the Autumn Term with a percentage of 99.3%.



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

Parking on Site

Please note that parking on site at the start and end of the day is no permitted. Parking on the side of the building to drop your child/ren to school is not allowed. Access to the side road and parking is for school staff only.



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Census Day Menu – 03/10/24

On Thursday 3rd October, children will be given a special lunch for census day.

The options for lunch on the day will be:

- **Chicken Burgers with Curly Fries**
 - **Veggie Sausages with Curly Fries**
- With Coleslaw and Mini Corn and for Dessert it will be Mini Donuts with Chocolate Sauce.**

This will be live on Parent Pay from Today - Friday 27th September for selection.

End of Day Collection/Pick Up

At the end of the day, we have noticed that siblings that attend high school are collecting pupils, however we would like to remind you that pupils will not be released to siblings who attend high school and are under the age of 16.

A parent must be present and visible to the staff dismissing, in order for the pupil to leave the school grounds.

At Edison we have a safeguarding duty towards all pupils to ensure that they are safe and with their reasonable adult.

Please ensure that at the end of the day a parent or guardian is present to collect your child.

It is important that you inform the school office via email before 3pm if you are unable to collect your child and have arranged for someone else. The school office require the below information to forward to the class teacher and add the person to the pupil Arbor account.

- Name of Person Collecting
- Contact Number of Person Collecting
- Relationship to Pupil

School Uniform

We would like to remind you regarding the appropriate school uniform for children.

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>	
Reception	Thursday	Friday (AM)
Year 1	Tuesday	Wednesday(PM)
Year 2	Thursday(AM)	Friday
Year 3	Monday	Tuesday (AM)
Year 4	Tuesday (PM)	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday(AM)
Year 6	Wednesday	Thursday (PM)

Bus Day

We would like to let you know that we will be holding our next bus day on **Tuesday 15th October 2024**, and I will be grateful if you can share this with your schools.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all of your students but especially any that are independent travellers or those who plan to be in the future. We run our bus days with the Police and TfL mentors, to help promote safe travel across the borough!

Our bus days are FREE and are a great way to show our young people how to stay safe whilst using public transport in a safe but realistic environment.

Click here to book spaces in our **10.30am till 12.00pm slot:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hounslow-bus-day-october-2024-tickets-923892115187>



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Click here to book spaces in our **12.30pm - 14:00pm slot:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hounslow-bus-day-october-2024-tickets-923897210427>

Please Note: The morning session is only available to school/college and the afternoon session is open to everyone.

Please get in touch if you are interested in booking your school's free places, places are limited, and you need to book for each individual - student and staff who want to board the bus. They are now on sale

If you find that the tickets are sold out, please contact either Tony or Pauline as we may have additional spaces.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Tony - 07837 185993 or email

anthony.campbell@ealingmencap.org.uk

Pauline - 07929 050018 or email

pauline.lewis@ealingmencap.org.uk

We will also be running a bus day on Tuesday 18th March 2025 - please get in touch if you are interested in a place

Parent Carers Forum Annual Survey 2024

Hounslow are currently running our Annual Survey to collect feedback from parents and carers about the local services available to their children with SEND. We would be grateful if you could share this survey with all parents of children/young people on the SEN register or with an Education, Health, and Care (EHC) plan at your school.

<https://hounslowpcf.co.uk/annual-survey-2024/>

The Repair Café

The Repair Café is returning on Saturday, 28th September 1-5pm at Heston Community Centre, TW5 0EE.

Bring your broken items and learn how to fix bicycles, scooters, clothes, small electronics, and

more. It's a great way to save money, learn new skills, and reduce waste!

E-Repair Training is also available for electronic items—no experience needed.

Book your spot via Eventbrite [here](#) or call 0777389 8806.

Hounslow Public Realm Design Guidance

We are reaching out to invite you to participate in the Hounslow Public Realm Design Guidance project. As part of this effort, we are conducting an online survey to gather valuable experiences and insights from the community on how to improve public spaces in Hounslow.

To take part, please visit:

<https://talk.hounslow.gov.uk/public-realm-consultation>

In addition to the survey, you can also use the interactive map function to share your thoughts and opinions about specific locations.

The survey will remain open until 30 September 2024, and your input will directly contribute to shaping the Hounslow Public Realm Design Guidance, which is currently being developed.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could not only participate but also share this information with your networks. For those who prefer paper copies of the survey, please contact us at consult@hounslow.gov.uk or call 020 8583 2000.

Thought of the Week



When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it is tied to everything else in the universe. **John Muir**



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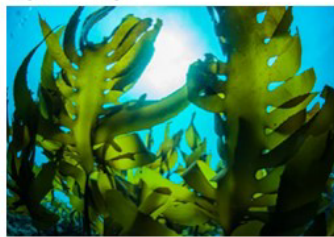
Key dates for your diary

Friday 4 th October	Open Morning for Prospective Reception 2025 Parents
Tuesday 8 th October	Year 6 Height & Weight
Wednesday 9 th October	Whole School Individual and Sibling Photos – children need to be dressed in full school uniform
Wednesday 16 th October	Year 2 Hounslow Urban Farm
Friday 18 th October	Year 1 Sublime Science Workshop
Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October	No Enrichment Clubs this week
Monday 21 st October	Flu Vaccination for Whole School
Friday 25 th October	School Closes at 1.30pm

IN THE SPOTLIGHT 1 NEWSPAPER 30th September – 6th October

Plant Packaging

Companies around the world are working hard to find new ways to reduce plastic waste, and one exciting solution is eco-friendly packaging made from plants! This special packaging can be made from materials like seaweed, cornstarch, or even mushrooms, and it helps keep the planet clean by breaking down quickly in nature. One company, Notpla (short for 'not plastic'), has developed packaging from seaweed that could replace the plastic we use for wrapping food. This eco-friendly packaging is not only biodegradable, but it's also safe to eat! Dr Mark Miodownik, a scientist at University College



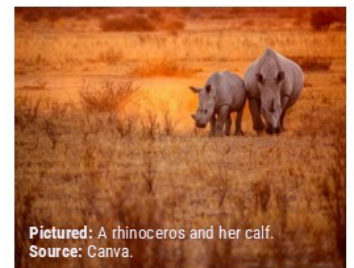
Pictured: Seaweed growing underwater.
Source: Canva.

London, says, 'These innovations give us hope for a more sustainable future.' By using these smart alternatives, we can help protect animals, oceans, and our planet from plastic pollution. Experts believe that more and more businesses will start using eco-friendly packaging in the future, which is a big step towards a cleaner, healthier world!

Robo-Scientist!

Exciting news from Africa – scientists are using a robot to help protect endangered animals! This special robot can move around safely without disturbing wildlife, allowing scientists to study animals up close. The robot has cameras and sensors that help it watch over animals like rhinos and elephants, which are often targeted by poachers. Poachers are people who hunt endangered animals illegally, and scientists hope this robot will help stop them. One of the scientists working on the project said, 'The robot is like

an extra pair of eyes that can keep track of animals and send us important information about where they are and what they need.' This smart robot is already helping conservationists learn more about how to protect endangered animals and keep them safe in the wild.



Pictured: A rhinoceros and her calf.
Source: Canva.

How can photos shape the world?



Photos can show us the inner beauty of the world that the human eye alone may never see.

Chloe S, 10

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



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Crazy Cars!

A very special car museum in Hyderabad, India, has been awarded the world record for the largest collection of wacky vehicles in a museum! Car designer, Sudhakar Kanyaboyina, is fulfilling his childhood dream of hand making fully-working custom cars, designed to look like everyday objects. The museum houses 57 individual vehicles, including a vintage computer, shoe, camera, stiletto, hamburger, handbag, chessboard, wedding dress, sofa, snooker table, cricket bat, many sports balls, and even a toilet! As you might expect, Sudhakar's desk at the museum is also a car!



Pictured: Several of the custom cars at Sudha Cars Museum.
Source: Guinness World Records on YouTube.

He is working towards having 100 cars for people to go and see. 'What I love most about my work is the attention to detail on each car. I find immense joy in meticulously crafting and perfecting every aspect of my designs, ensuring each vehicle is unique and according to the object we are trying to replicate,' explained Sudhakar. 'I still feel as excited as a young child when I'm working on a new car. That same enthusiasm still drives me!'

If you were to create a custom car, what object would you choose to base it on?



Pictured: The shuttlecock car.
Source: Guinness World Records, on YouTube.

Community Conservation

Community members in New Orleans have turned a vacant, rubbish-filled 40-acre area into a thriving wetland and haven for people and birds. Local residents are working together with the Sankofa Community Development Corporation (SCDC), which was set up by Rashida Ferdinand, to restore the wildlands she grew up exploring and playing in. The area that had suffered, due to decades of damage and neglect, has been restored to its previous natural glory and is now officially known as the Sankofa Wetland Park and Nature Trail. Wildlife has returned to the site, with the SCDC reporting that there are now over 100 species of songbirds, ducks, near-shore waders, egrets, herons, otters, beavers, and a variety of amphibians and reptiles. It is hoped that restoring the wetlands will also help to protect the residents and



Pictured: A Painted Bunting bird can be seen at Sankofa Wetland Park and Nature Trail.
Source: Canva.

their properties, as they are known for their ability to absorb stormwater. Rashida said, 'Seeing butterflies, birds, and other pollinators in the park is a sign of a healthy ecosystem. All we had to do was create the right conditions.'
Do you enjoy bird watching?
Are there any community areas close to you?

How can photos shape the world?



I think pictures help to raise awareness, not just what's in the picture, but the story behind the picture.

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TAKEHOME

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Penguin Random House UK, Colin Wright

How important is it to know about the author behind the book?



Penguin Random House UK, Colin Wright

In the news this week

Book publishing company, Penguin Random House UK, has revealed a new book vending machine at Linlithgow Academy, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The machine gives the pupils access to more than seventy different books from Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' reading lists. The reading lists, set up around four years ago, are updated each year and aim to make works by writers of colour more visible and accessible in schools.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Would you like to see a book vending machine in school? Do you think it would be popular?
- > What types of books do you like to read, and who are some of your favourite authors? Ask others at home about their reading preferences.
- > Do you feel it's important to know about the author of a book you read? Is it important to you to read books by authors from different backgrounds and with different experiences? What do others at home think?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMINO



Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof'; it was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate a shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregate, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals – but even that can create plenty of hazards.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MODERATION GAPS

Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place – increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of even younger children finding their way onto the platform.

UNSAFE CONTENT

The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, then make and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (someone's true identity can be completely obscured behind their username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or outright predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES

Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being seen by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a bevy of customisation options such as stickers, 'moods' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubble or profile frames. If your child has payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

REPEATED USAGE

As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks', as users are awarded 'reputation points' for logging in regularly. This type of mechanism, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT IT

If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics – such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online. It might also be a good idea to go into the app's settings and disable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

STAY UPDATED

Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well moderated and full of innocent conversation about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful places.

MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION

If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in depth. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become inflamed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

MONITOR SCREEN TIME

If you haven't already, you might want to consider setting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having – and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

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.



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SPECIAL DAY

3rd
October
2024

Chicken Burger
or
Veggie Sausages

Curly Fries
Coleslaw - Mini Corn

Mini Donuts
with Chocolate Sauce



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World Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October 2024

World Mental Health Day was established on October 10, 1992 by the World Federation for Mental Health.

World Mental Health day, held on the 10th of October; is a day that aims to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and globally advocating for mental health. This day helps to:

- Reduce stigma around mental health illnesses.
- Promote support and resources for those dealing with mental health challenges.
- Give an opportunity for conversations around mental health.
- Give an opportunity for individuals and organisations to take part in various initiatives and activities aimed to improve mental well-being.

The theme this year is: *"It is time to prioritize mental health in the workplace"*

www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/ -How to access NHS Mental Health services

www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day – Further information from Mental Health Foundation

www.youngminds.org.uk – help and advice for young people and teenagers to manage their mental well-being. Young minds also offer a parent's helpline.

<https://www.kooth.com> - An online counselling and well-being service which is a free, anonymous, self-referral support service.

<https://hycscounselling.co.uk> -HYCS offer a free, 1-2-1 confidential counselling service for anyone aged 11-25 who lives, works or studies in the Borough of Hounslow, through self-referral.



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

07507 333176

Learn more at: bit.ly/ChatHealthPrivacy



Anaphylaxis Awareness Week

1 – 7 October 2024

This year is extra special as we recognise our 30th anniversary!

An annual campaign to increase awareness of anaphylaxis, a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction, is Anaphylaxis Awareness Week.

The goal of the campaign is to educate everyone about the symptoms of anaphylaxis, its triggers and what to do in the event of an allergic reaction.

The theme for Anaphylaxis Awareness Week 2024 is *The Hidden Battle with Allergies: A focus on the Emotional Impact of Allergies*.

Fear, Uncertainty, Worry, Confusion and Isolation are words often heard on calls to the anaphylaxis helpline.

Support aims to tackle the emotional impact that having allergies have on a person, in addition to educating others about the physical symptoms of allergies.

Living with or providing care for someone who has severe allergies can cause worry that may never completely go away. Having the right support and resources available, however, may ease the emotional impact of living with allergies.

www.anaphylaxis.org.uk

www.allergyuk.org



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The annual **Stoptober** programme encourages thousands of smokers to quit the habit **every October**.



Smoking remains the single biggest cause of preventable illness and death in England.

People are **5 times** more likely to quit for good if they can make it to at **least 28 days** smoke free

Smokers in England are being urged to stub out the habit as part of the annual **Stoptober** public health campaign launching next month, as latest statistics show smoking costs the NHS £2.4 billion a year while causing at least 15 types of **cancers**, including **lung cancer** and **acute myeloid leukaemia**.

Second-hand smoke is dangerous, especially for children. The best way to protect loved ones is to quit smoking.

Those who breathe in second hand smoke regularly are more likely to get the same diseases as smokers, including **lung cancer** and **heart disease**.

Children who live in a smoky house are at a higher risk of breathing problems including **asthma** and **allergies**.

Have a read and see the available resources.

[Stoptober launches to give smokers the confidence to quit - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[Passive smoking - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Quit smoking - Better Health - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

