



The EPI Centre of Learning

Welcome back to the summer term and I hope you are drying out! It is hard to believe we are in the summer term given the current weather conditions we are experiencing – surely it can only get better!

Parent Governor Election: reminder – the deadline for putting in your nominations to be a parent-governor is 12 noon this Friday, 19 April 2024. If you would like further information following on from the last newsletter, please do get in touch or if you need a paper copy of the form contact the school office.

Year 1 Art gallery: I was invited into the Y1 art gallery in the last week of term. They were sculpting trees out of clay. There was great excitement with the change around of the room to make it into an art studio and they had great fun and learnt new skills whilst sculpting with clay. They were all very proud of their final outcomes.

Year 4 dance finals: I was also invited to watch the Y4 dances at the end of last term. The children had been working hard with Mr Pinnick to create their own class dance. The moves, transitions and rhythm was great and could give the Strictly dancers a pointer or two! Of course, as a judge, both Year 4 classes were awarded with a full 10 marks!

Sunflower seeds: the Eco team will be selling sunflower seeds at the end of school on Friday 19 April, outside the front steps entrance (near the school office). We are inviting children and families to grow their sunflowers at home and send in their photos of them at particular points throughout the growing season. Please bring in an upcycled item that will work as the starter pot for your seed - the bottom of a milk bottle works well for this with holes pierced in it for drainage. You can get some soil and the seed for 50p and start growing. You can bring cash on the day or pay via School Gateway on the Sunflower payment item. If you have any spare pots at home that you could donate, please send them into the school office.

Sharing Assemblies: Years 3 and 4 are each holding a sharing assembly next month. We would like to invite parents in to school to share in their learning;

Year 4 -9am Thursday 2 May

Year 3 -9am Friday 3 May

Multi-Purpose Consent Form: We have revised our Multi-Purpose Consent Form for parental/carer permissions. To ensure that all of our records are up to date could you please click on the following link and fill out for each child within the school that you have parental responsibility for. We are doing this for reception up to year 5. Year 6 has been recently updated for residential purposes. <https://forms.gle/HrbKtFbSG7eW3T8HA>. We would like to get these updated as soon as possible so your support in this matter would be appreciated. The deadline for completion is Wednesday 1 May.

Tuesday 16 April 2024

Dates for the future:

Mon 29 April – Epic club bookings go live

Mon 29 April – Fri 3 May – Big Spring Clean evenings 4.30-6.30pm

Wed 1 May – deadline to complete the multipurpose consent form

Thurs 2 May –Yr4 assembly 9am

Fri 3 May –Yr3 assembly 9am

Mon 6 May - Bank Holiday-school closed

Fri 17 May – DISCO!

Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley

Year 5 Climate Club Assembly: Killian, Poppy, Iris, Jasmine, Katya, Orla, Indie, Talia, Florence, Henry J and Henry H have all been part of Climate Club for the last term, led by Dr Chris Jones, Climate Researcher from the Met Office. They have been learning about the climate with Chris' expertise and knowledge. They presented an assembly for all of Year 5 focusing on: Why is the climate changing? Why is this bad? The impact of this, what we can do about it, understanding transport impact and the impact of different foods (which ones produce more greenhouse gases in their production). We are very thankful to Dr Jones for giving up his time to support developing our knowledge and understanding on this important issue.



The Big Spring Clean! - Come and join Mr Broom (our fabulous site manager) any evening during the week of the 29th April—3rd May between 4:30pm and 6:30pm. Whether you can make part of one of the evenings or more than one evening your help will go a long way to giving our site a grand spruce up! Just bring along any basic gardening equipment you have and join the fun. Exciting opportunities include: • Sweeping throughout the site. • Weeding and planting • Pruning • Power Washing • Painting. Sign up here <https://forms.gle/ypcAseP9GnbxPAq16>

Let's talk: The Let's Talk Team are currently working to develop some sessions for parents and carers of SEND/Neurodivergent young people and we would be grateful if parents/carers could give them your advice and guidance. They are working with agencies who specialise in this area but they really want to hear from parents and carers about how to make it accessible for you. If you care for or support a young person with special educational needs or you think may be neurodivergent or has a diagnosis they would be very grateful if you could give us just 3 minutes of your time and follow the link to the attached survey and complete it for them. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6Q69CR2> They are committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will only use and store your personal data in line with data protection laws. They collect and use your personal data in order to provide services you have requested from them.

DISCO! Friday 17 May: Further details to follow. There is a payment item on School Gateway to buy tickets for £3 per child which will include unlimited squash/water and a bag of sweets. PLEASE NOTE The payment item for ticket sales will close on Wednesday 15 May.

Epic Clubs: Bookings for the second half of the Summer Term (June-July) will go live on School Gateway at 3pm on Monday 29 April.