



Hello everyone,

I hope you have had a good week and an enjoyable half term break.

Most of you by now have visited our new rabbits; Seuss, Poppy and Enid. In keeping with our theme, they are all named after authors.



In my Character Assembly just before half term I spoke about 'creativity'. A lot of children believe that creativity is solely linked to being artistic. However, our pupils have developed an understanding of how being creative can help you in many different ways. Sir Ken Robinson says, "I think of **creativity** as putting your imagination to work." This is because imagination is the ability to bring to mind things that aren't present to your senses.

The results of creative thinking has been noticeably evident throughout school this week. The teachers have been extremely creative in helping to bring learning to life. Children have made pancakes and blueberry muffins linked to their Power of Reading text, Mama Miti. Years two and six have come together to explore light and sound and I have been lucky enough to see the first draft of our 'We Are Writers' book. Without such creative staff the children of Eastbrook would not be getting as much as they do out of Coming to school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Evan Hollows

Dates for your diary

- 2nd March** Dental Outreach – Fluoride Varnish – Recp & Y1
Dagenham Library – Year 1 1pm
Music Showcase – Year 1 & 2 9:00am
- 3rd March** Year 3 & 4 2:20pm
Dagenham Library – Year 2 1pm
- 4th March** Author Visit – Ian MacDonald
- 5th March** WORLD BOOK DAY
- 6th March** Dagenham Library – reception 1pm
- 10th March** Music Showcase – Year 5 & 6 9:00am
- 11th March** Chocolate Museum Trip Year 4 & 5
- 12th -18th March** Scholastic Book Fair

We now have an online calendar that you can subscribe to. Please visit our [website](#) and click the [calendar](#) tab at the top of the page.

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SHROVE TUESDAY – YEARS 4 & 5

Year 4 and 5 made pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. They collected eggs from the chicken coop, accurately measured ingredients and then cooked the pancakes. They selected their own toppings of fruit and sauces. They tasted delicious!



KATHARINE JOHNSON

We were saddened this week to hear of the death of the former NASA scientist and mathematician, Katherine Johnson. As a school we recognise the exceptional work she did while working at NASA and the contribution she made to space exploration and women's rights- this is why we chose to name one of our four houses after her.

WORLD BOOK DAY - 5TH MARCH

This week is World Book Day. Children can come dressed as their favourite story book character on Wednesday 5th March with a copy of their favourite book. This is NOT to include computer game characters. We look forward to seeing all the children dressed up and guessing what character they might be. A prize for best dressed in each year group will be awarded on the day.

MUSIC SHOWCASE FOR YEAR GROUPS 1, 2, 3 & 4 - 3RD MARCH

The children have been working hard on their performances and are looking forward to showing you their performances. The times for each year groups performances can be found on page 1 of the newsletter. Please make sure that you come and support them so their hard work can be appreciated.

PARENTAL CONDUCT

We are very proud of the fact Eastbrook Primary is a friendly and happy school. With this in mind we request that all parents and visitors uphold this. Smoking, spitting, swearing or any other forms of antisocial behaviour will not be tolerated. Thank you for your cooperation.

PEBBLE PETS – YEAR 1

Year 1 made pebble pets this week as part of a link to the Essex Wildlife Trust. All money made from the pebble pets was donated to the Trust. Emma from the Trust also kindly donated a beautiful book called 'The Lost Words' by Robert MacFarlane. It is on display in the classroom if anyone would like to come and look at it.

Here is one of the children with their design and the finished product.



LIBRARY VISIT – RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2: 2ND TO 6TH MARCH

This week children from reception, Year 1 and 2 will be travelling to Dagenham Library to get their library cards. For some children this will be their first time visiting the library and getting their own card, so they are quite excited by it. If there are any other parents that are able to come and help escort the children to the library from either of the year groups, please get in touch with your class teacher.

AUTHOR VISIT – IAN MACDONALD

We are very lucky to be having an author of children's books coming to visit us during book week. Ian will be discussing his books, how he works and answering any questions the children may have on being an author. He will also have some of his books available to be purchased and signed.



Eastbrook Primary School

SCHOOL TIMES

Breakfast Club – **08:00 – 08:35**

Morning gate – **08:35 – 08:50**

Registers taken in class – **08:45 – 08:50**

Afternoon gate – **02:55 – 03:10**

School ends – **15:00**

After school clubs finish – **See table overleaf**

Please make sure that your children are in school before 08:45 every morning.

HOMEWORK

It is so **important** that all our pupils do the homework that is set for them.

We have noticed too many children appear to not be practicing their times tables and spellings. Please ensure you spend some time with your children every day on their homework.

UNIFORM

We have had a number of children lose items of school uniform. It is vital that uniform is labelled clearly. We strongly recommend using name tags rather than writing in pen, as this can wash off over time if not reapplied weekly.

PE – We have had a number of children forget their PE kit recently. It is important that PE Kits are brought to school on Tuesdays and Thursday. If your child attends an after school club in which they require the use of their P.E kit may we suggest that a separate kit is bought in for those days.

PE TIMETABLE

CLASS	DAY
1, 2 and 3	Tuesday
4, 5 and 6	Thursday

ATTENDANCE

It is extremely important every child attends school in time, every day. We will be sending out letters soon to tell you what your son or daughter's overall attendance is this year. In the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham fines are issued to pupils whose attendance is below 90%.

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

These are the percentages for the week beginning 10th February.

Weekly attendance – 10 th to 14 th February	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	85.6%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 2	94.2%
Year 3	93.9%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	99%

Figures below 93% are unacceptable and greatly affect the overall percentage for the entire school.

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Below are our current yearly attendance figures:

September 2019 to 14 th February 2020	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	93.8%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	91.6%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	93.5%

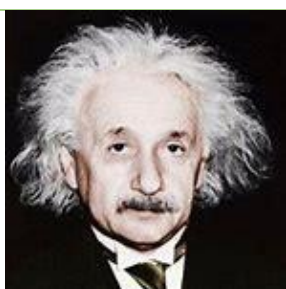
It is important that parents are aware that failure to bring your child to school and falling below the national average could result in fines or court orders being issued by the local authority.



CLUBS

DAY	CLUB	START DATE	END DATE	TIME	YEARS
Mon-Fri	Breakfast	24.02.20	03.04.2020	8:00 - 8:35	All - £2
Monday	Football	02.03.2020	30.03.2020	3:15 - 4:15	2-6
Tuesday	SAT's Tuition	14.01.2020	06.05.2020	3:15 - 4:15	6
Wednesday	Multisport	04.03.2020	01.04.2020	3:15 - 4:15	Year 1 only
Wednesday	SAT's Tuition	15.01.2020	06.05.2020	3:15 - 4:00	6
Wednesday	STEM	15.01.2020	20.05.2020	3:15 - 4:00	3, 4 & 5
Thursday	Choir	7.11.2019	July 2020	3:15 - 4:15	1, 2 & 3
Friday	Karate	10.01.2020	03.04.2020	3:15 - 4:15	2 - 6

HOUSE POINTS



Einstein

4198



Hawking

3838



Curie

4961



Johnson

4139

Total House points earned by Year Group this week

1	31	52	31	33
2	5	14	17	14
3	125	173	145	98
4	241	152	196	201
5	56	46	24	10
6	39	-	52	39
	497	437	465	395



Times Tables Rock Stars

Times tables are an important part of the curriculum and children are required to learn them. TT Rockstars is a fun online game which will help your child learn their times tables and also allow them to challenge their colleagues.

What Times Tables should my child know:

Year 1	2,5,10
Year 2	2,3,4,5,10
Year 3	2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11
Year 4 - 6	2-12

To log in please click [here](#)

Can you make the leader board next week? We have 3 types of leader board: Most coins over a 7-day period, Speed Master and Rockstar of the Week

Year Group	Rock Stars of the Week
Year 1	JESSICA
Year 2	DANNY
Year 3	SIMRAN
Year 4	TEODOR
Year 5	JEOHOVA
Year 6	DAVID

Year Group	Speed Master
Year 1	JESSICA
Year 2	DALE
Year 3	MARIAMA
Year 4	JO-LAWRENCE
Year 5	JACK
Year 6	OTHNIEL

MOST COINS OVER LAST 7 DAYS

Year Group	Position	Name	Coins	Year Group	Position	Name	Coins
6	1 ST	IRFAN	78,856	3	1 ST	MARIAMA	5,398
6	2 ND	SULAIMAN	77,495	3	2 ND	SIMRAN	232
6	3 RD	OTHNIEL	57,846	3	3 RD	-	-
5	1 ST	JEOHOVA	67,669	2	1 ST	LAUREL	480
5	2 ND	JACK	12,620	2	2 ND	ADAM	180
5	3 RD	MAXWELL	9,550	2	3 RD	CHLOE	160
4	1 ST	TEODOR	65,517	1	1 ST	ISHMAEL	13,646
4	2 ND	JO-LAWRENCE	20,195	1	2 ND	ARJENTO	780
4	3 RD	AYAAN	4,451	1	3 RD	KIRA	599

BATTLE OF THE BANDS – HALF TERM CHALLENGE

HOME	SCORE	AWAY	SCORE	WINNER
KEY STAGE 1	13,234	LOWER KS2	18,557	LOWER KS2
KEY STAGE 1	13,234	UPPER KS2	80,337	UPPER KS2
LOWER KS2	18,557	UPPER KS2	80,337	UPPER KS2