



Hello everyone,

It's been a wonderfully sunny week and I think that has put us all in a good mood! A perfect way to welcome the new term!

It has been lovely to see after-school activities beginning again. We weren't able to do this previously due to Covid restrictions. I am really pleased we have been able to renew our relationship with Dagenham and Redbridge Trust who are providing our multi-skills and football sessions. Also, we will be resuming our swimming provision in Year Three shortly. We are starting to feel a bit more 'normal' now.

Just before Easter and this week we have welcomed several new children and their families to Eastbrook. We are growing rapidly which is something I am extremely proud of. Since I started the school population had grown by over a third and several of our class are full! We still have a few places for next year's Reception Class. So, if you know anyone who is still looking for a place, let them know.

I hope the sun keeps shining and you have a good weekend.

Evan Hollows

Dates for your diary

- 8th March Return to school
- 19th March Comic Relief Day
- 31st March Easter Bonnet/Egg Decoration Day
- 2nd -16th April Easter Holidays
- 19th April First Day of Summer Term
- 6th May Polling Day – School Closed
- 31st May-4th June Summer Half Term
- 21st July Last Day of School. End of Summer Term

HOMEWORK REMINDER

We would like to remind all parents that the pupil's homework that is set weekly is **not optional**. Reading, spelling practice and using TTRockstars and Numbots form part of the curriculum that is set out for your child and reinforces outside of the school setting, what they have learnt during the week.

Pupils' homework is marked and forms part of their progress report throughout the year. Helping your child with their homework also gives you insight into what is being taught at school and gives you a clearer indication of your child's level of learning. If you have any problems with homework, you can always contact your class teacher on Dojo.

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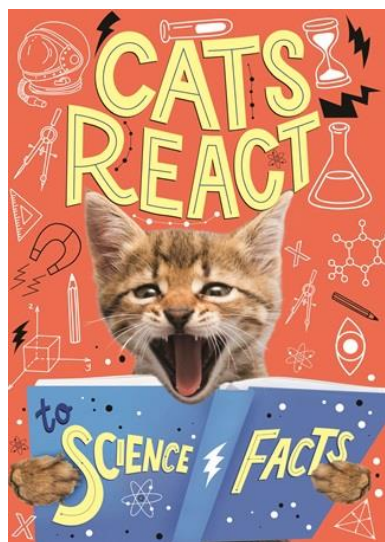
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STEM BOOK OF THE WEEK

Cats React to Science Facts by Izzi Howell is the winner of the 2020 Royal Society Young People's Book Prize.



ISBN: 978-1526310538

Share in the wonderment of science with a crew of crazy cats and measure your amazement, awe, and disgust alongside their furry feline faces!

Like every topic, science becomes more interesting when cats are involved. Cats React to Science Facts is an engaging and fun way to understand the world of science. It's just purrfect! A vast cast of feline friends take us on a tour of the core areas of science from outer space and the human body, to forces and materials.

Bitesize text, fun photos, diagrams, dollops of humour and a react-o-meter all help to make science memorable and fun to learn.

PUPIL LIBRARIANS

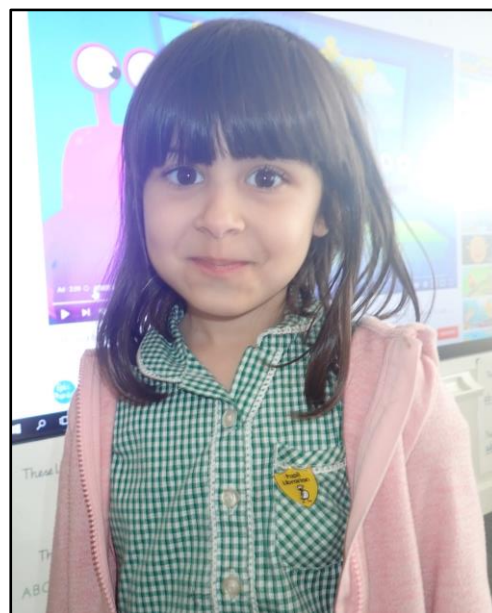
Following on from our last Newsletter we are still looking for some Pupil Librarians to join Mr. Peake's Library Team.

To take advantage of this golden opportunity all you need to do is write a letter to Mr Peake explaining why you deserve to be an Eastbrook Pupil Librarian.

You will be given a Pupil Librarian Badge as below.



Here is one of our newest recruits proudly displaying her badge.



RECEPTION PLACES SEPTEMBER 2021 – IMPORTANT UPDATE

Parents should have all received email confirmations from the Local Authority regarding places for reception children starting in September. If you have not had an email, please contact them urgently on 020 8255 5555 or email admissions@lbbd.gov.uk.

You must confirm your place by the **30th APRIL** or your child's space will be removed and you will not be given a place at Eastbrook. You will then be allocated your second preference. If you have any issues, please contact the office.

BAKER OF THE WEEK

This week saw the return of Baking Club, run by Ms Smith, Mrs Dorrington and Ms Noel. This week they were all busy making yummy pizzas. Every week they will award a certificate to the Baker of the Week for that session. This week the award goes to Godwin Koloto. Well done, Godwin.



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LATE ARRIVALS

During this past week we have noticed an increase in pupils who are arriving late to school. It can sometimes be tricky after having some time off to be able to get back into the rhythm of things, however, it is vital that children arrive to school on time every day.

This week has seen an increase in traffic in the surrounding areas as more shops open and we being to resume a little more normality, however we need to make sure that families take the extra travel time into consideration and leave earlier in order to ensure that their children are on time to school. Frequent late arrivals can result in the Local Authority being notified and a fine being issued.

SCHOOL TIMES

Breakfast Club	08:00 – 08:30
Morning Gate - EY & KS1	08:40
KS2	08:50
Registers in Class	08:45-09:00
Afternoon Gate	14:40 – 15:00
School Ends – EY & KS1	14:50
KS2	15:00

Please make sure that your children are in school before the gates closes every morning.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Thank you to all families that have agreed to go on the swimming course. It appears that many of you are keen to take on this free course. Due to the numbers travelling to the centre, the children will now be taking a coach there and back, rather than public transport.

If you have any questions, please email the office.

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

These are the percentages for the week beginning 29th March 2021

Weekly attendance –29 th March to 1 st April	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	88.99
Year 1	98.84
Year 2	94.96
Year 3	97.08
Year 4	96.76
Year 5	89.06
Year 6	95.69

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Our current overall percentage since returning in March is at **96.09%**.

Due to the Lockdown the reporting of our annual attendance has become a little more complex and some pupils attendance may have been unfairly and negatively impacted. Therefore, whilst we work out these issues and how to best present the annual figure, we will only be showing the weekly attendance for the time being.

Please bear in mind that attendance isn't the only part of good percentages. Arriving on time at school is just as important and can also affect a child's education.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs have all started this week and all the spaces have been taken. If your child was not able to take part in this terms' clubs, they will more than likely be attending next term. If your child hasn't applied to a club but would like to attend one next term, please contact the office for a form and they will let you know the availability.

PE TIMETABLE – Children to wear PE Kit to school

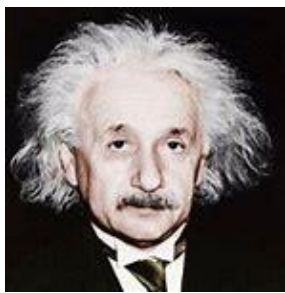
CLASS	DAY
1, 2 and Reception	Tuesday
3, 4, 5 and 6	Thursday



HOUSE POINTS



Curie



Einstein



Hawking



Johnson

10319

10346

10048

9631

Total House points earned by Year Group this week

R	62	51	57	74
1	95	122	72	74
2	29	15	26	41
3	175	139	153	148
4	191	164	175	166
5	0	0	0	0
6	24	72	34	41
T	576	563	517	544

PARENTS, HELP KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN

Do not send your child to school if:

- ✗ they are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- ✗ someone in their household is showing symptoms
- ✗ they should be self-isolating, because they have recently travelled to a country on the quarantine list

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