

Eastbrook Primary School

Newsletter Friday 14th January 2022

Hello everyone,

I hope you had a good Christmas break and the new year has started well.

I wrote to all families via Class Dojo just before returning to school to warn of possible action we may have to take as we deal with the Omicron variant of Covid-19. To date, we have not had to close any classes which is a huge relief. Hopefully, this remains the case, but it is very difficult to predict.

We have now reissued our loan devices to help with homework and online learning.

Our latest Ofsted report hasn't been published yet. However, in the final week of term the provision for our pupils with Autistic Spectrum Condition in Apollo was monitored by the Local Authority. The report is extremely positive and recognises the high quality of education provided by Ms. Sylvester and her team. The report did note the outdoor provision needs developing and we have a large playground project due to start soon that will benefit both Apollo and mainstream pupils.

This week we welcomed Miss Veneer who has joined us to help provide support Mrs Jassal in the office.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Hollows

Dates for your diary

- 14TH Feb** **Primary- Spring Half Term**
- 14th March** **Eastbrook celebrating World Book Day**
- 14th March** **Parent Consultaion Day**
- 1st April** **Primary- Last day of Spring Term**
- 4th April** **Primary- Easter Holidays**
- 19TH April** **Primary- First day of Summer Term**
- 2nd May** **May Day Bank Holiday**
- 30th May** **Primary- Half Term**

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.

All the news details for the year groups can be found on the News page of the website: <https://www.eastbrookschoool.org/primary/news/>

ONLINE NEWS

To access the school news webpage that is updated regularly with pupils activities, please click here: [NEWS](#)

PE TIMETABLE – Children to wear PE Kit to school

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

Black trainers and shorts/jogging bottoms plus P.E. top.

Year 6 Extra Curricular

We had our first session of a whole half term of Years 5 & 6 working with Jonny Walker of Otherwiseeducation on an exciting project exploring Ancient Greek mythology in the context of the epic poem, The Iliad.

As part of a fun packed and wonderfully informative afternoon, Year 6 explored the Ancient Greek stories surrounding their beliefs about the origins of the world and the gods who created it. Mixed in with some epic roleplay (even Mr Peake had the chance to demonstrate his acting prowess!)





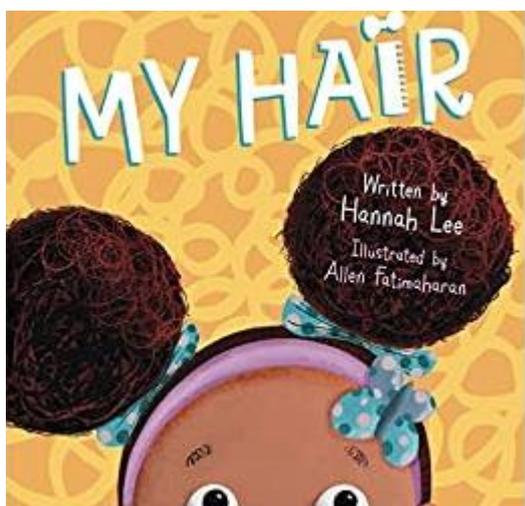
Eastbrook Primary School

Equality and Excellence Committee

Last term pupils had the opportunity to apply to be a member of the Equality and Excellence Committee. Mrs. Fernandes was overwhelmed with the amount of interest to join the committee, she read through the application forms carefully and chose 11 pupils from Key Stage 2 to be our founding members. The committee will meet with Mrs. Fernandes on a regular basis and have already made a great start on some projects! The enthusiasm that the children have shown has been great to witness.

Each month the committee will nominate a person (from history or present day) who has promoted equality, the children will produce a short presentation that they will share with the school during celebration assembly – celebrating their triumphs. Also, the committee has chosen a range of books that they want to read and share with fellow pupils in the school, the texts will have a message of equality and promote self-esteem. The committee will share a different book each month.

Equality and Excellence Book of the Month is 'My Hair' by Hannah Lee



The book is about a young girl who has black afro hair, her birthday is coming up, but she cannot decide how to wear her hair! The book is beautifully illustrated, celebrating the natural beauty and glorious versatility of this type of hair.

Reminder of primary office emails

primaryoffice@eastbrookschoool.org
primaryattendance@eastbrookschoool.org

Year 1 History

A Day In The Life Of.....

Something very mysterious happened in Year 1 this week- the children had miraculously travelled twenty years into the future and were busy going about their everyday lives, working hard at their chosen professions. Amongst them there were doctors, police officers, vets, fashion designers, models, builders, popstars, chefs, teachers and even a goalkeeper.

Actually, this wasn't a mystery at all. The families in Year 1 had worked incredibly hard to prepare costumes together as part of their home learning task for this week. This was to kickstart our 'A day in the life of' history topic, where the children will enjoy studying the lives of significant historical individuals, including Florence Nightingale, Neil Armstrong and Henry Ford.

Year 1 just cannot wait to get going with this inspiring topic and store all of that very important historical information in their very mature brains.

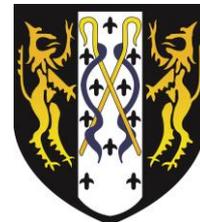


Reception Computing

The children in Reception were so excited to see iPads this week. The children were shown the iPad activity during whole class carpet time and then were able to access the games independently during free flow

With the focus of matching numerals to the correct amount the children were off playing the lady bird game, some children even moved on to ordering their numbers from one to ten. With this being the first time the iPads were in provision it was wonderful to see such such confidence when using the devices and controlled use of their fine motoring skills.





ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

The attendance last year was a huge achievement and we are aiming to make this year even better. The start of this year has been a little shaky, which is to be expected given all the changes in Covid restrictions. Data below shows from beginning of term until Friday 14TH January 2022.

Year attendance	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	93.45%
Year 1	93.04%
Year 2	94.72%
Year 3	97.02%
Year 4	95.48%
Year 5	93.82%
Year 6	93.15%

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Our current overall percentage is 94.14%

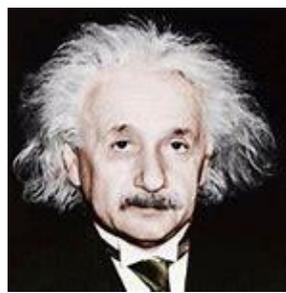
We would like to remind all families that holidays and considerable time spent abroad will result in fines from the Local Authority, unless proof is provided through official documents, of legitimate reasons for absence.

Parents have a legal obligation to ensure that their children are in school and on time every day.

HOUSE POINTS – TOTAL YEAR POINTS



Curie



Einstein



Hawking



Johnson

5663	6308	6703	6707
------	------	------	------

Total House points earned by Year Group this week- Spring 1

	Week 1	Week2
Curie	403	311
Einstein	467	368
Hawking	506	361
Johnson	494	357