



Eastbrook Primary School



Newsletter Friday 11th February 2022

Hello everyone,

Yet again, the half term has flown by and we have reached the final Friday!

Of course, the biggest news this half term has been the release of our fantastic Ofsted report. This has been met with many messages of congratulations from councillors, the LA's school improvement team, colleagues from other schools, but most importantly from our families. I'd like to thank you for your kind words- the staff and I really do appreciate it.

If the second half of the year goes as quickly as the first, it will be over before we know it! Staff are working extremely hard to ensure that any gaps in knowledge and understanding caused by Covid lock downs, and absences from school, are addressed. I am extremely proud and grateful that staff are giving up their half term to help some Year 2 and 6 pupils be better prepared for their SATS assessments in May. I have also been impressed by the number of family members who have attended face-to-face workshops in school recently. As a school we can only do so much in the time we have with your children which is why it is vital we work in partnership to help improve outcomes for our children.

I wish you all a pleasant half term break.

Evan Hollows

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.

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.eastbrookschool.org/primary/news/>

PE Targets

We are starting 2022 in PE focusing on Targets. Key stage 1 are completing their virtual multi skills competition along with aiming at various targets using many piece of sporting equipment including ten pin bowling! Key stage 2 have started some OAA (outdoor adventurous activities) for their targets by participating in archery. The lesson was focused on accuracy percenatges.



Equality and Excellence Committee

Equality and Excellence Book of the Month is 'Eyes that Kiss in the Corners' by Johanna Ho.



The book is about a young Asian girl who notices that her eyes are different to her peers, her eyes are not as big or round as her friends, however they are inherited from her mother and grandmother, both powerful women. Journey through the beautiful book, in which the main character learns about her strong family ties, acceptance of beauty and empowerment.

Reading in Apollo

Our English topic is Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Come on in and have a look at what we have been exploring and learning.

Apollo 1 have been busy this term. We have been learning to recognise the different characters from the story and some adjectives.

Apollo 2 have been learning to use a range of adjectives and noun phrases to build sentences.



Reminder of primary office emails
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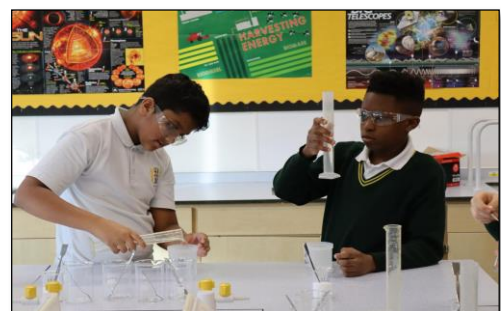
Year 5 Science

Saturated Solutions in Science!

Last week, year 5 had the opportunity to visit the Science department, in the Secondary building, to be able to complete an investigation linked with their Autumn term learning. Year 5 were not only excited for some additional hands on experience, but they also wanted to share and demonstrate their understanding and enthusiasm in this subject with the Secondary teachers. It is safe to say they did!

Pupils used key vocabulary such as, substances, solutions, saturated, particles and much more. They applied the terms within the correct context and were then able to further develop their understanding as they explored density and how this change could be brought about. For this investigation, pupils used salt, water, glass beakers and a stirrer. They used a measuring cylinder to measure 50 ml of water before adding one spoon of salt each time. They were trying to produce a saturated solution. Once they observed the changes, they began the investigation again. This time adding 5 spoons full each time and using warm water. Pupils were asked to observe the differences between each investigation and to describe the scientific process. Their responses were exemplary.

Year 5 displayed excellence in all aspects of their learning. We can't wait for our next visit!



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 11th February 2022.

Year attendance	
YEAR	PERCENTAGE
Reception	93.54%
Year 1	92.48%
Year 2	94.79%
Year 3	96.29%
Year 4	95.95%
Year 5	93.37%
Year 6	92.97%

The national average for attendance is 95.8% for the whole school year. Our current overall percentage is 94.26%

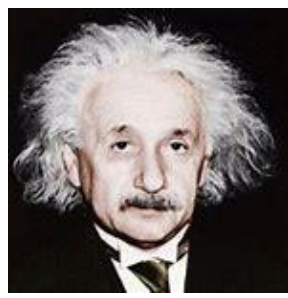
We would like to remind all families that holidays and considerable time spent abroad will result in fines from the Local Authority, unless proof is provided through official documents, of legitimate reasons for absence.

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

6294	7688	7678	8090
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Total House points earned by Year Group this week- Spring 1

	Week 1	Week2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Curie	403	311	254	440	237	263
Einstein	467	368	296	495	278	311
Hawking	506	361	266	467	278	348
Johnson	494	357	248	500	318	355