



Edwalton Primary School - part of the Flying High Academy Trust

Summer Term 2016—Newsletter Edition 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Enjoy the promised BBQ weekend in prospect. The children overall have been excellent this last couple of weeks and have responded well to everything that has been asked of them both in class or when outside at play or lunchtimes.

The change in weather certainly lifts the mood and all our children love being outdoors whether at play or in “lessons”.

Spare a thought for our Year 6 who next week will be undertaking the brand new much publicised SATs tests. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard and deserve every ounce of luck, (all tests are a bit of a lottery) support and encouragement.

Next week is a very significant week in the life of a school. The tests require **all children to be punctual** as the Year 6 children are closest to the entrances.

All the staff have been briefed as to the timetables, administration and invigilation of the tests. Many thanks must go to the governors or volunteers who are helping us invigilate the tests. It is very much appreciated.

Next Friday sees the end of the formal tests at Key Stage 2 and I know the staff are planning a special day for the children. However, the work continues because the staff still have time to conduct teacher assessments in English, Maths, and Science to counter measure against the formal tests.

The life of the school goes on and the desire to continually improve.

We have lots planned with The Queens Birthday, Sports Days, Transition Mornings, Art Week, Carnival and the Summer Fayre.

We also have visitors from other schools and a 2 day 360 analysis of the school to be undertaken in June. It's a health check if you like, a year ago since the last one. So as always plenty to achieve. If you get a chance please have a look at the school gardens. They look wonderful. Many thanks to George, all the children and families who have worked so hard to create signs and a beautiful plot. They are looking fabulous. There are 6 to 7 spare plots. If your plot has not been refreshed George will be passing it on to others. Get planting!

Jenny Hodgkinson—Promotion to Headship

Congratulations must go to Jenny Hodgkinson for her recent successful appointment to the headship at Lovers Lane Primary, Newark. Jenny has worked very hard whilst at Edwalton towards realising her ambition to gain her own school. I would like to thank her for her unflinching support, hard work and desire to help improve the school.

Jenny will continue in her role as SENCo with Trish Gilbert until the end of term. Part of that role will be to enable a successful transition for the school with new staff and ensure safeguarding arrangements are robust.

Next year we are appointing a non-teaching SENCo shared between ourselves and Greythorn Primary. Trish Gilbert (HTLA) and Liz Godber (HLTA) will be the focal points for our parents. This has been endorsed at Governor level. We have been working together for some time putting a plan in place.

This is in recognition that due to the ever increasing demands of the SENCo role it is no longer compatible with also being a full-time class teacher. The strain is far too much.

I will keep you informed of developments. Annabel Holmes of Greythorn will be our new SENCo. She will be working at our school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with Trish Gilbert, Liz Godber and the School Nurse—Carly Dykes all being released on Fridays for meetings and Parent Drop-Ins.

Star Writers

The next round of Star Writers will be chosen today!

Check your class Do-
Jo to discover which children have been selected

Technology at Edwalton

At Edwalton we pride ourselves on finding different ways to engage your children in their learning. New technology gives us access to some great applications to use in the classroom delivering amazing results. We thought we would share a few of the apps that are being used that you can download and try at home.

[Tellegami](#) - an animated character tells a recorded version of your story in any setting that you choose.

[Quiver](#) - brings your colouring to life. Print some of the free templates from the website, colour them in and then watch as the app brings your picture to life.

[Titans of Space](#) - a virtual reality application that allows you to explore our solar system (you will need a smartphone and some VR glasses - try Google Cardboard for less than ten pounds). Once you have the goggles a world of VR is open to you including using Google Streetview to virtually explore the world.

[Incredibox](#) - a fun way to make music. Download the app, get some ear plugs and watch as your children attempt to become the next Calvin Harris.

School Council—Cake Sale

On behalf on Freedom Dance & Performance we would like to thank everyone at Edwalton for their support in helping us to raise money for the children to represent England in the Dance World Cup.

From last week's cake sale we raised £171.40 which is absolutely fantastic! This has helped us towards our target for the cost of travel and accommodation.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Vickers



Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th May—EPSPA Night at the Dogs

Friday 27th May—Inset Day

Thursday 9th June—Whole School Transition Morning

Monday 13th June—Friday 24th June—Art Weeks

Wednesday 15th June—Whole School Transition Morning

Friday 10th June—Queen's 90th Birthday Party on the field for families and the community

Sunday 3rd July—EPSPA Summer Fayre

Tuesday 12th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly/Show @ 6pm

Friday 19th July—Year 6 Leavers Party

Friday 22nd July—last day of term

Monday 25th July—Inset Day



ADVANCE NOTICE

INSET DAYS 2016-17

Monday 5th September 16

Tuesday 6th September 16

Monday 31st October 16

Monday 20th February 17

Friday 26th May 17



First Admissions - September 2016

Please could parents/carers who have been offered a place for their child to start at Edwalton in September 2016 PLEASE confirm with Nottinghamshire

County Council that they wish to accept their place for September 16. There are currently only 8 children who have confirmed their places for September 16.

If you wish to accept the place, please notify Nottinghamshire County Council ASAP, we have children on a waiting list to get into our school!!

We will be holding transition mornings on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 15th June— more information to follow!

Queens 90th Birthday—Picnic on the Field

On **Friday 10th June** the children will be having a picnic lunch on the field. If your child is in KS2 and usually has a school meal on this day a picnic lunch will be ordered for them. If your child **does not** usually have a school dinner on a **Friday** and would like to have the picnic lunch please send £2.25 to the school office in an envelope with your child's name and class marked on it by **Thursday 12th May**.

Unfortunately due to order deadlines no meals can be ordered after 4pm on Thursday 12th May.

If your child is in Foundation or KS1 a picnic lunch will be ordered for them. If your child does not want the school picnic lunch and would like to bring sandwiches from home please let the office know by Thursday 12th May.

You are welcome to attend the picnic lunch with your child as lunchtime will be flexible regarding timings. More information to follow. The only point to consider will be the British weather!



YEAR 5 BOYS' FOOTBALL

The year 5 boys did incredibly well at the Forest finals of Notts. Schools' U10 Tournament, having qualified the week before. They beat Parkdale 2-0 in the first game and followed that up with two draws against St Wilfrid's and Bramcote. A last minute equaliser meant the boys finished second in the group and did not progress to the final.

All of them can take great pride in the fact that the overall winners of the tournament were in fact Parkdale, who we had beaten in the first game. The boys then played a runners up match against Lowdham, which they lost narrowly 1-0.

Well done to all the boys.

YEAR 6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

It was a big weekend for our year 6 girls last week. Last Saturday the girls played in the annual Rushcliffe Tournament held at St. Peter's School. They only lost one game in the group of six teams to Abbey Road, which meant they didn't progress to the semi final stage of the competition.

The girls also played in the Rushcliffe Schools cup semi final last Friday against Carnarvon. They lost 3 v 1 after a thrilling match which could easily have gone either way.

This year we have been blessed with a lot of girls who play outside of school for local teams which has made it our most successful season ever at Edwalton.

Winners of the Rushcliffe Autumn 7 a side competition

Runners up in the County 7 a side finals

Semi Finalists in the Rushcliffe School's cup

Well done to all the girls who have made it such a memorable year.

Ankita, Autumn, Eden, Rosie, Lizzie, Greta, Daisy, Georgia and Georgie

Report by Mr Reed

Well done John for all your efforts with Girls Football over the years. It has been a great year for you all with this wonderful group of girls. They are a dream team.



Football Update

We've had a hectic fortnight on our Year 5/6 football calendar:

St. Peter's Tournament – Saturday 23rd April 2016

On Saturday, Mr. Owen-Jones took a group of year sixes (and Aaron) to Ruddington for the summer term football tournament. The boys, high on confidence after a 10-2 thrashing of Lady Bay, were missing two key players but performed exceptionally well. Out of a possible 15 points up for grabs in the group stages, we won four games to bag a remarkable 12 points. Usually, this would be enough to qualify us as top of our group but Heyman (who we narrowly lost to) won four and drew one of their games. They went through as group victors - to our dismay!

As ever, the attitude and behaviour of the children was exceptional and it's been a real pleasure attending these tournaments with them this year. We are looking forward to the last few friendlies before the end of the footballing season.

Team – Aaron, Eddie, James, Thomas, Neo, Cameron, Tyler, Angus

Carnarvon Friendly – Friday 29th April 2016

The boys played a friendly against Carnarvon, current Rushcliffe six-a-side champions, last Friday after-school. As expected, the standard of the opposition was high but the boys performed excellently. Edwalton dominated the match for long periods of time with their fast counter attacks but the goal, due to an outstanding performance from the Carnarvon keeper, never came. The match ended up 0-0, with Eddie and Elliot performing especially well in defence to ensure that we maintained a clean sheet.

The friendly further served as proof that we are among the best teams in the borough and have been unfortunate not to bring in any more silverware this season! Well done boys and a super effort.

Team – Harry, Elliot, Max, Eddie, Peter, Matthew, Neo, Tyler, Cameron

Nottingham Forest u10s Football Tournament – Weds the 27th April and the 4th May 2016

The Year 5 boys were invited to play in a six-a-side tournament at the Nottingham Forest Academy on Wilford Lane. The tournament consisted of one preliminary 'qualification' and a subsequent 'finals' tournament.

During the preliminary tournament the boys won three, drew two and lost one of their six matches leaving them with 11 points and qualifying second in their group. The sole loss was almost avenged in the final match but the team, Lowdham, scored a last-minute goal from a corner. The second-place finish ensured that we qualified for the finals tournament the following week.

In the finals tournament, the boys performed exceptionally well, dominating possession and dictating the tempo in all of the group matches. The boys were on-track for two wins and a draw, sending them through to the final, but they conceded yet another last-minute goal. Coming second in the group meant that we played one final third-place play-off match but the boys lost a narrow game to old foes Lowdham. The boys' performance was exceptional but unfortunately the nature of tournament football means that luck plays a huge factor – we actually beat the eventual champions 2-0 in the group stage!

We are looking forward to playing more matches with this group next year when they make the step-up to Year 6. Terrific effort boys.

Team – Aaron, Adam, Jamie, Ollie, Ruben, Hugh, Rio, Alex

Coming up...

Friendly vs Crossdale – Friday 6th of May 2016

More friendlies TBC!

Mr. Knight





This year, having listened to excellent feedback from both staff and parents, we have decided to hold our sports day across 2 separate days. **The KS2 event will take place on the afternoon of Friday 24th June (coinciding with National School Sports Week), running from 12.30-3.30pm.**

The KS1 event will take place on 28th June, the following Tuesday morning from 9.30am-12.30pm.

We welcome parents, family, friends to come along and support their children and see the progress they have been making in their athletic events.

Key Stage 2 Event—24th June 12:30pm—3:30pm

KS2 children will be competing across a range of athletic disciplines including the following:

200m Run 60m Sprint Cross Country Run Speed Bounce Vortex Howler throw Discus
Overhead Heave Shot Putt Standing Long Jump S Standing Triple Jump

Each child will take part in 3 events from at least 2 track and field categories (Run/Jump/Throw).

A schedule will be available closer to the event so that you are able to see your child compete at a specified time if you are unable to attend the whole event. Hopefully this will make spectating more accessible for many parents.

As always we are grateful for your feedback and support and would welcome any suggestions as to how we can ensure the smooth running of our sports day.

If you feel you would like to be involved in helping to run an event/activity then please let Mrs Kang know.

We will have the support of Rushcliffe School who will be providing some sports leaders to help officiate and manage the events during the afternoon and we are very grateful to them for their offer of help. It will also be great for our children to see these role models supporting them in their activities.

Medals will be presented after the finals of each event and photographs will be taken throughout the event. If you do not wish your child to be photographed on sports day then please can you inform your child's class teacher and Katie Yapp in the office prior to sports day.

Key Stage 1 Event—28th June 9:30am—12:30pm

There will be a greater emphasis this year on teamwork and the children will be competing across athletic activities with the inclusion of traditional events such as egg and spoon racing.

The children will be mixed across age groups and classes. Your child will be given a team colour and encouraged to dress in something that represents the team they are in. Parents, families and friends are welcome to come to support the children, and having listened to feedback from last year's set up, parents will be able to move around the stations to get a better view of their child competing.

There will be no medals for excellence or effort this year as concern was expressed that not all children received medals and so each team will be awarded certificates for participation and the overall winning team will be presented with the Sports Day Cup in assembly. Teams will be managed by Year 5 sports leaders and stations will be run by KS1 staff to ensure each activity runs smoothly.

Photographs will be taken throughout the event. If you do not wish your child to be photographed on sports day then please can you inform your child's class teacher prior to sports day.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be available at both events for spectators to purchase so please bring your pennies to spend. If you would like to donate any cakes or refreshments then please bring these in on the morning of the event.

Please feel free to contact myself if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing you on Sports Day and are crossing our fingers and toes for some wonderful weather again.

Report from Mrs Kang and Working Group



Tri Golf Competition

On Wednesday 4th May, Mrs Kang took some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils to The Nottinghamshire Golf Club to take part in the annual Rushcliffe Schools Tri Golf Competition.

This event saw 10 primary schools come together and compete in a range of chipping and putting challenges.

The weather was kind and the sun shone brightly as teams battled it out for a place at the School Games Finals later this term.

The children did themselves proud and it was lovely to see some new faces representing Team Edwalton for the first time.

Team 2 narrowly missed out on first place and finished with silver medals.

Well done to all the children who took part at the event:

Brendon B, Ryan P, Izaak T-R, Joe S, Corey G-G,

Rhome B, Ellie A, Sana B, Diya P, Aiden H, Eddie S, Noah W, Greta F, Ankita A, Eden T, Summer H, Eliza S, Eva S.

We hope you enjoyed the activities as much as the hotdogs afterwards...

Report by Mrs. Kang



FOODSHARE

This term we have a new food share team who have already made a flying start to contributing a wealth of fruits, veggies and salads to the local community! They have already shown a lot of passion and we can only hope this can increase along with their knowledge of gardening.

Good luck: James,Jonah,Evie,Gabriel,Agatha,Sonny,George,Chas,Laetitia and Lola-rose.

Report by Mr Sibson