Enfield Academy of New Waltham

November Newsletter

Welcome back to the start of the final half of the Autumn Term. I hope you all had a restful half-term break. We have lots of exciting things coming up in the run up to Christmas. Please keep checking the dates on here to make sure that you keep track of everything. We will try and give you as much notice as possible about different events to enable you to plan ahead.

Attendance-

Year Group	Attendance for Autumn Term 1
R	96%
1	96%
2	98%
3	96%
4	97%
5	95%
6	95%

A big THANK YOU to all of the parents who are working with us to improve attendance. We understand that children become ill and are really not well enough for school. However, if your child has a cough or cold, we still expect them to attend school. If you let us know when you drop them off, we can keep an eye on them and if we need to, we'll contact you to collect them from school. National average attendance for Primary School Pupils is currently 95%. Attendance at school is essential to a child's ongoing success and it is therefore vital that all pupils attend as regularly as possible.

Harvest Donations-

A massive thank you to everyone who donated to our harvest collection before half term. All the produce collected was donated to The Rock Foundation who were extremely grateful! Thank you again from everyone at Enfield for your continued support.



Anti-bullying week-



Anti-bullying week takes place this year from Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November. The theme this year is Break the Silence. This theme is all about focusing on encouraging conversations, speaking up, listening, and taking action against both face-to-face and online bullying. The week will kick off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November,** with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Reading, an update from Mrs Johnson- We are delighted to share that we now have reading sheds! Thanks to the fantastic support of our families and the hard work of our Reading Ambassadors, we are currently busy choosing shelving and storage and adding cushions and blankets to create welcoming spaces for children to enjoy. We can't wait to open the sheds and give our children a calm, cosy place to read and relax during

breaktimes. We are also hoping to hold a Book Fair just before Christmas, which will not only help with your Christmas shopping but will also support us in purchasing even more exciting books for our reading sheds. Thank you once again for your continued support in helping us make reading a priority at Enfield.

PE, an update from Mr Coulam- It has been an action-packed start to the year in PE, with many of our pupils proudly representing the school in a range of sporting competitions. Throughout October, our Year 5 and 6 boys' and girls' football teams, alongside our Year 5 and 6 indoor athletics teams, have demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. Our PE sessions with **Elevate** continue to have a positive impact, providing pupils with engaging opportunities to develop their skills, confidence and enjoyment of physical activity. The sessions have been full of fun, learning and personal achievement.

We are also delighted to announce the newest members of our **Sports Squad Committee**. Congratulations to **Charles**, **Chevy** and **Dalton** from **Kestrel** and **Eagle** classes, who have been successfully recruited to the team. We look forward to welcoming representatives from **Owl** and **Merlin** classes later this term.

Well done to all pupils who have represented the school and contributed to making PE such a success this term

School Council, an update from Miss Brown- The School Council has had a fantastic start to the year, launching our first debates and working hard alongside the Youth Council to help bring positive changes to our local community. There are lots of exciting opportunities on the horizon, both in and out of school, so keep an eye out for ways to get involved. Our team points system continues to go from strength to strength, and we will soon be holding our first grand count to discover which team is currently in the lead. Watch this space for the results!

Cyber Crew, an update from Miss Sethi- This term, our Cyber Crew have been focusing on harmful media and recognising dangers online. They have been working hard to learn how to identify content that may be misleading, inappropriate or unsafe, and how to make responsible choices when using technology.

Across the school, this important topic is being reinforced through assemblies, PSHE lessons and online safety discussions, helping children understand how to stay safe online and what to do if they encounter harmful content. Pupils are encouraged to think critically about what they see online and to speak to a trusted adult if they have any concerns.

We are incredibly proud of our Cyber Crew, who have shown great commitment and enthusiasm in promoting online safety and helping to raise awareness across the school community.



Dates for your diary-

NOVEMBER	
Monday 2nd	Staff and children return to school
Thursday 5th	NELPCF coffee morning for parents of children with SEN
Monday 9th	Flu Vaccinations Reception- Year 6
Monday 9th	Open morning for new reception starters 10-11.30am
Tuesday 10th	Open afternoon for new reception starters 1.30-3pm
Wednesday 11th	Opening evening for new reception starters 4-5.30pm
Friday 13th	Michael Rosen Day
W/C Monday 16th	Anti-bullying week
W/C Monday 23rd	UK Parliament week
Friday 27th	Non-uniform day for Christmas raffle prizes
DECEMBER	
Thursday 3rd	Christingle celebration Y3 and 4- 9am
Friday 4th	Christingle celebration Y5 and 6- 9am
Tuesday 8th	Robin and Wren (N2's) Christmas play- **9.15am** Chaffinch and Kingfisher Christmas play- **2.15pm**
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Monday 14th	Learning Showcase for all classes- **2.15pm**
Wednesday 16th	Christmas parties KS1 am and KS2 pm
Friday 18th	Christmas Jumper day- Cinema experience Break up for the Christmas holidays 2.15pm
JANUARY	
Monday 4th	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5th	Children return to school