



The Weekly Hill

Issue 3

27th October 2023

Headteacher's Column

It has been a fantastic first half term here at Etching Hill and I can hardly believe how quickly those eight weeks have gone! The children have all settled into their new year groups well and are showing excellent tenacity in their learning.

We are very much looking forward to the second half of the Autumn term with many exciting events, including our Christmas celebrations. There are lots of things to look forward to over the next few weeks so please take note of these important dates.

We wish you all a very happy and safe half term.

Mrs M Smith & Mrs A Morganti
Headteacher & Head of School

Congratulations to **Team Elizabeth** who won the most team points for this half term.
All children in **Team Elizabeth** are invited to come to school in their own clothes on **Friday 10th November.**

Children in Rec-Y3 taking part in Golf enrichment can wear their own clothes but do need to be in trainers please.



Reminders

School is **closed** to children on Monday 6th November.

Children return to school on Tuesday 7th November.

School photographs are on Tuesday 21st November.



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**Children
in Need**

Friday 17th November

Be 'spot-tacular'

We are going to be celebrating children's talents so children are invited to dress in their own clothes to showcase this (e.g. football kit) or they can wear something spotty! More information to follow.



TT Rockstars day is on Monday
20th November!

Come to school dressed as a
Rockstar.

Calling parent and carers of children
with Special Educational Needs.

You are warmly invited to join us for a:

Drop in SEN Coffee Afternoon
Thursday 23rd November 2-4pm,



Talk to Other
Parents

Chat with our
school SENDCOs

View some of our SEN
physical resources used
in school to support
children

See how children's
cognition and learning
can be supported in
lessons

Demonstrations of Mental
Health and Well-being
resources: Calm Brain, My
Happy Mind

Have a go at some of our
SEN support
programmes: Lightning
squad, Spelling Shed

Meet Janet Pitt, a key
worker from the
Autism Inclusion Team

Meet our school FLO

Talk to our school's

Nurture team

SCHOOL ART GALLERY

Etching Hill Primary Academy
proudly presents the work of our **amazingly**
talented artists
in our very own art gallery!



Wednesday 8th November 3.10pm - 6pm
Thursday 9th November 8.30am - 9am
and 3.10pm - 4.30pm

Please come along and enjoy our art!

Original framed pictures can be purchased at the gallery for £9.50 each or ordered via the school office until Thursday 16th November.

Additional printed copies of the original art can also be ordered for £9.50 each.
Please note that our copy service is only available while the gallery is running in school.

NB. Card payment can be taken during the afternoon gallery times, but not the morning.

Snacks

Children should either bring a snack from home or purchase a snack from school.

After half term, ice pops will no longer be available to buy due to the colder weather.

Toast 25p	Hash brown 25p	Milkshake 50p
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Reminder

We are a nut free school. Please do not send children in to school with snacks which contain any nuts.

Also, lollipops are not allowed at school due to health and safety.

Thank you for your support with this.

Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Sports Leaders

Virginia Maduakor



Freya Vukmirovic



Georgia Bott



Rosie Jackson



Dominion Aigbogun



Phoebe Maxfield



Dunamus Aigbogun



Lilly Davies



Millie Corcoran



Here are our Sports Leaders for this year! These children will support their peers in sporting events and run lunchtime clubs.

Freya Davies



Recommended Reads

A HUGE well done to Scarlet Haywood who has already read ALL of the recommended reads in year 1!

The following children have read half of the recommended reads for their year group. What a fantastic achievement so early in the year.
Keep reading superstars!

Year 1	Maeve O'Donnel, Edward Lea
Year 2	Molly Morecroft, Lottie Gambrill, William Hale, Theo Gooding
Year 3	Harry Wilkins, Freya Young
Year 4	Freddie Kirk, Maria Sopron, Isabella Adesina, Jayc Hollis, Blake Harvey, Ethan Horsley, Dougie Kitchener
Year 5	Levi Plows, Felicity Swann
Year 6	Victoria Sopron

The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

Star pupil



These children have demonstrated exceptional learning behaviour during the whole half term.

A huge congratulations to these wonderful role models!

Reception	Niamh Conneally Victoria Mellors
Year 1	Hughie Carter Louis Stone
Year 2	Ferne Castles Charlotte Gambrill
Year 3	Niamh Liddle Ayrton Thomas
Year 4	Isabella Adesina Freddie Kirk
Year 5	Jayden Whitehouse Lucas Knight
Year 6	Orla Clark Kelly Chloe Bateman

Keep Shining Brightly!



Christmas dates



Date	Year Group	Details
Monday 11 th December and Thursday 14 th December 10.15-11.00am	Nursery	Festive Stay and Play
Friday 8 th December	Reception	Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Thursday 7 th December	Year 1	Christmas Performance 9.15am
Tuesday 5 th December	Year 2	Christmas Performance 1.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 3	Christmas Quiz Time 2pm
Wednesday 6 th December	Year 4	Church of the Holy Spirit 6.00pm
Thursday 7 th December	Year 5 and 6	St Augustine's Church Carol Concert 6.30pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Nursery & Reception	Christmas Lunch Day
Wednesday 6 th December	Years 1-6	Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 21 st December	ALL CHILDREN	Last day in school 2.00pm finish
Friday 22 nd December	ALL CHILDREN	Inset Day School Closed to Children



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 27th October	INSET DAY 2 - school closed to children
30th October-3rd November	October Half Term
6th November	INSET DAY 3—school closed to children
7th November	Children return to school
Wednesday 8th November	Art Gallery 3.10pm-6pm
Thursday 9th November	Art Gallery 8.30-9am and 3.10-4.30pm
Friday 10th November	Golf Enrichment Rec- Y3
W.b. 13th November	Anti Bullying week (in school events)
Thursday 16th November	6 France assembly
Friday 17th November	Children in Need. Be 'spot-tacular'
Monday 20th November	TT Rockstar day
Tuesday 21st November	School Photographs
Wednesday 22nd November	Reception Phonics workshop 5pm
Thursday 23rd November	SEN coffee afternoon 2pm-4pm
Friday 1st December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 5th December	Y3 Pantomime visit
Tuesday 12th December	Y4 Tamworth castle trip
Friday 15th December	In-school Panto Performance
Thursday 21st December	Children finish at 2pm for Christmas holidays
Friday 22nd December	INSET DAY 4—school closed to children
23rd Dec—7th January 2024	Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	Return to school for Spring term
12th-16th February	Spring half term holiday
Monday 19th February	Return to school
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
11th March	Y6 Paris Week
25th March to 5th April	Easter Holidays