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Emerson Valley School weekly newsletter for children, parents, staff and Governors.

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Awards

(presented weekly for good attitudes, behaviour and work)

Gold Awards went to:



Lateefah A and Grace S 3CB, Rashawn B, Millie S and Daniel S 3SB, Jack N and Cameron S 3LS, Vrinda J 3LR, Ayaan J, Sophie B and Hannah S 4EH, Masie D 4AC, Sophie A, Holly H, Connor B and Ellie M 4FW, Poppy T, Lakisha J, Spencer D and Daniel G 4MC, Abdul A and Connor P-B 5DM, Whole Class, Joshua C and Rika G 5GR, Phoebe W and Damon A 5JP, Kaylon P and Lucy O 5MB, Lucy T, Emily L and Selina T 6CP, Caity R 6AP, Jodie W, Eden L, and Alan A 6JT, Koncika T, Jessica H and Acacia S 6SS.

Well done everyone!

Jan Braun

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 20th February.

Extreme Weather - Emergency School Closure System

In preparation for any emergency closures that may occur, parents can sign up for free text and email alerts on the Milton Keynes Council website. While we make every effort to keep the school open, there may be occasions when it is not safe for pupils and staff to be at school, for example in extreme weather conditions. If a decision is made to close, the web based system will send the text and email alerts to you. Simply log on to www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolclosures and enter your email address and mobile phone number to receive the alerts if the school has to close unexpectedly. The system will also continue to send information about the closures to local radio stations, Heart 103.3 and BBC Three Counties Radio, who will read out the information on air and display on their websites. Of course our own school website will be updated should there be any closures. **Parentmail** is now up and running, but will **not be** used in the event of snow days, but for information regarding specific events or groups.

Salt and Grit

Please note we are unable to salt/grit all our play areas. We do, however do our best to salt/grit access paths to the school when necessary. Please encourage children to play safely. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We had a very good turn out for our parents' consultations on Wednesday and Thursday. This opportunity to discuss your child's progress is vital in ensuring that we are able to meet their needs effectively. Thank you for your support.

Postponed Parents' Appointments

Unfortunately Mrs Bodilly's parent teacher consultations on Wednesday and Thursday were cancelled, due to illness.

Her dates are as follows:

Wednesday 22nd

February - to replace Wednesday 8th February (times the same as originally booked)

Wednesday 29th -

to replace Thursday 9th February (times the same as originally booked)

Football club on Tuesday 21st

February

Football club on Tuesday 21st February will be held at lunchtime instead of after school. This is due to Miss Baldwin taking some of our children to the Hockey Quicksticks festival after school on that day.

Thank you

There will be no hockey club on Tuesday 21st

Leap Year Dreams

Nicole M 3SB - entry for the Cygnet competition

If I could go anywhere on leap year day it would be the fun fair. I would eat cotton candy, lots of it and it would be bright pink. I would also eat some ice-cream. On my ice-cream I would have some chocolate with rainbow sprinkles on the top. I would also eat a hotdog with ketchup on,

then I would ride on all of the rollercoaster and rides. When I got tired I would go home and have a picnic with my wonderful family.



SATs Week

Year 6 children will be taking their SATs tests week commencing 14th May 2012. Please could you ensure that your child does not request holiday during this week!

World Thinking Day



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are invited to wear their uniform to school on Wednesday 22nd February.



This is to celebrate Thinking Day, which is the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, founders of the scouting and guiding movement.

Head lice

We have a few cases of head lice in school. Please could we ask all parents to check their children's heads during the half term break and treat them if required. It is also advisable for children with long hair to have it tied back. If you would like any further support or information, call our school nurse on 01908 379371.

Thank you

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7th March
Bring your parents to school morning

This will be an opportunity for you to sample a snapshot of school life ... more info to follow.

Tuesday 27th March
2.00pm and 6.30pm
Year 5 performance of Cinderella & Rockafella

Don't dice with ice

Information from MK Water Safety Partnership

- Even when the ice looks thick enough to walk on, it is never safe to go on it
- If you fall into cold water, the shock will cause your organs to shut down. This can cause hypothermia and even death
- Keep your dog off the ice and if it does fall in, leave it – it has more chance of getting out than you
- If you see someone in the water in distress, call 999 and get help. DO NOT go in after them

'Late Gate'

Our Education Welfare Officer, will be at the school gate on a number of occasions after half term. She will be there to support any parents who have difficulty in getting their children to school on time, on a regular basis. If a child is 5 minutes late for school every day – this is equivalent to missing 3 whole days of school!



Poppy Appeal

We had confirmation this morning that EVS collected £98.59 during our poppy appeal for the Royal British Legion. The District total was an amazing £41,299.93