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Emerson Valley School weekly newsletter for children, parents, staff and Governors.
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Dear Parents / Guardians

We have had another thought provoking, inspirational and challenging week.

In our Monday Assembly, Rev Morris talked about respecting and celebrating all that people of different races, religions, cultural backgrounds and shapes and forms, have in common rather than focusing on differences. He drew children's attention to the horrors of the Second World War and reminded us all that Sunday 27th January is the Holocaust Memorial Day. Children learnt that we need to learn from past mistakes so that it is not repeated in the future.

On Tuesday we hosted Daniel Bingley, former Corporal in the British Army. He was wounded very badly and lost the use of his legs: He overcame his disability by perseverance, determination and sheer hard work and he took part in the Invictus Games in Australia in October 2018. Children really enjoyed listening to Daniel. He is a fascinating young man and I am delighted to inform you that he will be coming back to EVS to talk to Year 6 pupils later this year.

On Wednesday a group of our highly talented mathematician's from Years 5 & 6 along with Mr Mehew, attended a whole day of Problem Solving and Challenging Maths at Long Meadow School. Zack in 5BM said, "It was fun because we had to work out the logic behind the problem", Annabell from 5IA, commented that she really enjoyed the anagram activity. Sabeshan liked the problem solving and the puzzles, Abduljabbar 5MS was delighted with the challenges that were set, while Minas 6KF, Kavethan 6RR and Varnesh from 6LT, informed me that the pupils from EVS had won all the activities and had helped children from 7 other school with their challenges.

Well done mathematicians, we are very proud of you!

On Thursday we hosted the young Sports Leaders from Shenley Brook End School and our Year 6 pupils from 6KF went to Merebrook School to lead PE with the younger children

I hope you appreciate that we have had a great week.
Have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Mathison

Dates for your diary

Monday 28th January

Bookings available from 9am on parentmail for Parent/Teacher Consultations

Friday 1st February

Chinese Dance Workshop

Monday 4th February

Chinese Dance Workshop

Tuesday 5th February

Chinese Dance Workshop

Thursday 7th February

Bookings for Parent/Teacher Consultations close

Friday 8th February

Deadline for entries in the AR book cover competition

Monday 11th February

Parent/Teacher Consultation 3:30pm-6pm
(Except 4NB)

Tuesday 12th February

4NB 3:30pm-6pm and 6LT 3:50pm-6pm
Parent/Teacher Consultation

Wednesday 13th February

Parent/Teacher Consultation 4:30pm-7pm
(except 6LT)
AR Celebration day

Friday 15th February

Last day of school – Half Term break

Monday 25th February

Children return to school

Monday 25th March – 5th April

The Big Pedal (more information to follow)

Tuesday 2nd April

Catch up session for Streetdance

GOLD AWARDS

are presented weekly for good attitudes, behaviour and work. This week's awards went to:



Well done everyone!

Summer D 3KW, Tommy L 3AV, Annalise S 3SM, Shivani J 3SD, Eden M 4JT, Abbie S 4JP, Shayan N 4AM, Vanessa L 4NB, Phillip G 5MS, Ami N 5IA, Taneeshiya A 5BM, Felix M 5JAP, Sanja B 6KF, Sami R 6RR, Bright O-W 6LT, Tony W 6DC

Parent/ Teacher Consultation Evening 6LT

The planned parent/teacher consultation evening for 6LT has changed. This will now be held on Monday 11th February 3:30pm-6pm and Tuesday 12th February 3:50pm-6pm. **You can book your appointment via your parentmail account from Monday 28th January at 9am. Bookings will close on Thursday 7th February.**

**RSPB Birdwatch**

6LT are taking part in the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch. Thank you to Dobbies Garden Centre who have kindly donated a bird feeding station and bird food to go outside their classroom to help the children record their findings.

Book Cover Competition

Children have been set the task of designing and creating their own version of their favourite book cover as an optional homework task this half term. This must be on A4 paper but can be created using any medium: pen, pencil colours, paint, collage or even computer generated. The winners will be displayed in the school and will receive certificates and original artwork created by Knife and Packer, which will be created during their AR celebration slot with the illustrators. **Deadline for entries to Mr Caswell is Friday 8th February.**

Mathematician of the week

Connor G 3KW, Freddie H 3AV, Daniel S 3SM, Jensen W 3SD, Goncalo V 4JT, Gracie T 4JP, Harry B 4AM, Nathan A 4NB, Jathurana R 5IA, Andy O 5BM, Theo Y 5JAP, Abduljabbar H 5MS, Abigail D 6KF, Zach B 6RR, Olivia P 6LT, Pehan G 6DC

**Cold Weather**

The weather has turned significantly colder. Please can girls be encouraged to wear tights or long socks to school to avoid bare legs, and all children should have a warm coat to wear during break and lunchtimes. We appreciate your co-operation in this. Thank you.

Parking

Spotted this week a Toyota Reg no: MII L50, BMW Reg no: YF06 NRK and a Toyota Auris Reg no: YJ53 YNE all parking illegally or inconsiderately. Remember child safety is of paramount importance.

Lost Property

Our Lost property boxes are filling up again. Please take a look and reclaim any lost items.

**Composer of the Month - Claude Debussy**

Claude Debussy was a French Composer. He is sometimes seen as the first Impressionist composer and amongst the most influential composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some of his most famous works are Clair de lune and Afternoon of a faun.

In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance

Week beginning 14th – 18th January

Whole school attendance 96.3% Class of the week 3KW 97.8%