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

It has been an exciting week at Emerson Valley School.

Years 3, 4 and 5 have been working hard on their Spring assessments. This has provided pupils with a great opportunity to showcase all of their knowledge and apply their skills from the past few months.

The Year 6 pupils had their Mock SATs practice papers last week and all parents should have found out yesterday how their child has got on. If you would like to know more about what your child can do to move their learning on, please speak to your child's teacher before or after school.

On Tuesday during my weekly assembly to the school, I announced details of the forthcoming Accelerated Reader celebration. Each class will be learning about the British Values through a range of innovative and creative class activities. I can't wait to find out what each year group are planning!

On a different note, Mrs Bosdet our specialist music teacher will be leaving us next Friday as she is going on maternity leave. We wish her well, and can't wait to hear news of her new arrival. Mrs Prince will be teaching the children music for the duration of the Summer term with the support of Mrs Wheeler in leading the school choir.

Finally, after eight years, I would like to say a big thank you and goodbye to Mrs Boyce who is leaving us today to pursue a new career with the police. She has had a significant impact upon the lives of many pupils and families who have gone through the school and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for everything she has done.

It is so lovely to see that Spring has arrived.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Griffin

Head of School

## Dates for your diary

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Catch up session for Streetdance  
Orchestra Showcase 4:05pm

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Closing date for entry to the Easter Hat competition.  
Extra-curricular club choices available via parentmail

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Catch up session for Choir  
Closing date for British Values flag competition.

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Rocksteady Showcase 2:15pm  
AR Celebration day dress in red, white or blue  
Last day of Term

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Children return to school. Start of the Summer Term

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Extra-curricular clubs begin.

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday – School Closed.

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

School open – Children return to school

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Year 4 visit to Whipsnade (more information to follow)

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Last day, break up for Half Term.

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

School open, children return to school

### British Values/AR Celebration – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Children will be celebrating and learning about British Values on the final day of term. This will form part of the AR celebration and children will be allowed to come to school dressed in red, white and blue or all three! Throughout the day pupils will take part in a range of exciting activities teaching them about the British values:



- Democracy;
- The rule of law;
- Individual liberty;
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

Following on from Tuesday's assembly this week Jenush S, Kaveshaan S, Kavethan S and Jasmine G, all from year 6 have come up with a lovely competition. Children can enter by decorating a flag with the British Values (flag template attached). **The closing date for entries will be Thursday 4th April at 9:00am. Winners to be announced during assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.** We look forward to seeing the children's different designs!

### Extra-Curricular Afterschool Clubs

If your child wishes to join one of our after school extra-curricular clubs, choices will be available via your parentmail account on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. They will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you are successful in securing a place you shall be sent an invoice on Friday 5th April and payments must be received by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Clubs will commence Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

### National Cross Country Finals

Elena Y 6LT and Gabriel M 5JAP represented Milton Keynes in the National Cross Country Finals in Leicester on Saturday 23rd March. It was an extremely tough competition but both of our runners finished and added points to the overall Milton Keynes team score. **Congratulations to you both, we are all so proud.**

### Easter Hat Competition

If you still want to enter Friends Easter hat competition, all hats must be handed into Mrs Goodyear by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (50p entry fee applies). **Please ensure all hats are clearly named.**

### Lost Property

We have again built up a large collection of lost property. Please take a moment to have look through and claim any of your missing items (located in the reception area). **Please be aware that all lost property unclaimed and unnamed will be donated to charity after Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

### Composer of the month – Randy Newman

Randall Stuart Newman is an American singer-songwriter, arranger, composer, and pianist. Since the 1980s, Newman has worked mostly as a film composer. His film scores include Ragtime and Meet the Parents he has also scored eight Disney-Pixar films: including Toy Story, A Bug's Life and Monsters Inc. some songs you may be familiar with are "You've got a friend in me" and "If I didn't have you".



***Remember the clocks go forward on Sunday 31st March***

**In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance**

**Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Whole school attendance 97.3% Joint class of the week 5MS & 6KF 100%**