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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 another busy week at EVS! Today we have welcomed MP Iain Stewart into school. He wrote to all of the staff to thank them for their efforts during the last year and it was good for us to be able to share with him some of the successes and challenges that we have faced over the last year.

Children will be coming home today with a report based on the assessments that their Teachers have completed with them since all children returned to school in March. These short reports highlight strengths and their next target for reading, writing and maths. As always, if you have any specific concerns about your child, please contact the school.

We have now managed to finalise the details for the homework website. The children will have home learning set for them starting on Tuesday 4th May. This will be set weekly on Mondays for completion by the following Monday. This homework will give the children instant feedback as to whether they are right or not. Your child will bring home a letter explaining how to use this website and their log ins. Please continue reading with your child and learning their times tables alongside this homework.

Our new iPads have arrived! We are very lucky that we now have 15 iPads per class. This means that we now have more access to the online resources and can support our children with how they can use technology to enhance their learning.

As technology advances, our daily lives begin to change. Some of the children are now beginning to wear smartwatches. We are happy to allow children to do this however, any damages or loss are the responsibility of the child. If any children are playing on them or are distracted by them during lesson time, they will be confiscated.

Remember that school will be closed on Monday 3rd May due to the Bank Holiday. Enjoy the long weekend, and we look forward to seeing everybody back in school on Tuesday 4th May.

Mrs H White
 Head of School

**In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance
 Week beginning 19th April – 23rd April 2021
 Whole school attendance 97.2% Class of the week 6AM 100%**

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd May –
 Bank Holiday, school closed

Tuesday 18th May –
 Year 5 Animal encounters

Wednesday 19th May –
 Year 4 Mosaic Workshop
 Year 3 Stone age story telling

Tuesday 25th May –
 School Photographer

Wednesday 26th May –
 Year 6 VR workshop

Friday 28th May –
 Break up for Half Term

Tuesday 8th June –
 Children return to School

**All dates are subject
 change**



The following children celebrated their Birthday this week!

Sancia S 5RR, Abirman G
 6LT, Sophia H 5PH, Rishi L
 6LT, Joshua N 5RR, Micah S
 6LT, Oskaras B 6KF, Riley B
 3AR, Olivia S 6LT, Gabriel SD
Happy Birthday!



Parent/Carer Reminder

We would like to ask parents/carers to please send your child to school each morning prepared for the day ahead. Your child should arrive each day with their lunch (if you have not ordered a school meal), water bottle, pencil case and a coat if required. We understand that on occasion things do not go to plan, however bringing things into school throughout the day is disruptive to class and increases the risk of cross contamination in these uncertain times. Thank you for your support.

Wellbeing award

We believe that one of our strengths here is our passion for pastoral care and wellbeing. This has become even more of a priority as we have returned to school. For the past two years, we have aimed to embed and enhance this, working towards the Wellbeing award for schools. This has really helped our vision in moving wellbeing support forward at our school. A link was sent out by Parentmail this week regarding wellbeing at Emerson Valley. If you can complete this, we would be very grateful.

Thank you.

**Year 5 Animals!**

It has been another brilliant week in year 5 with our chicks! We have been kept busy cleaning their brooder, feeding and petting the chicks! Each child in Year 5 (excluding those who did not want to) got to hold and pet the chicks this week!

Some of the children helped with the feeding and cleaning too! A shout out to Thomas J in 5PH who helped Miss Roche show the children how to handle the chicks. The chicks also visited numerous classes across the whole school. We are

delighted that Mrs Thompson in Year 6 is rehoming 2 of our chicks so we will be able to get updates on how they are doing. Sadly, the remaining chicks are leaving us today and are being rehomed by the Living Eggs company. Not to worry though as on Wednesday, our caterpillars arrived! Each Year 5 class have now got 5 caterpillars to look after and watch them go through the process of metamorphosis into becoming butterflies! We are looking forward to releasing them in the coming weeks.

**Swimming**

Our Year 6 curriculum swimming assessments have been going extremely well, the children have been amazing! We are over the moon to announce that we have identified 21 children who can swim 25m already! We are waiting for one more class to swim this afternoon and then the groups for future swimming lessons will be allocated and communicated by the end of today. A huge thank you to all the children, parents/carers, and staff in Year 6 for helping us to give the children this great opportunity.

Ms Emmett and Mr Moloney

**Sunflowers**

Our sunflowers have begun to grow big and strong this week. Many seedlings now have, or are beginning to grow, their second set of leaves. A few are proving a little slow, but teachers are watching carefully. Many of us have commented how the leaves seem to turn to face the light each day and that we need to turn them round regularly to help them grow straight.

Recycling

Please can we ask you to not fold your recycled used crisps packets in any way as we then have to unfold them to be accepted by the recycling company.

Thank you for continuing to support us by recycling your used crisp packets and batteries.

Composer of the month – Glen Miller

Alton Glenn Miller was an American big-band trombonist, arranger, composer, and bandleader in the swing era. He was the best-selling recording artist from 1939 to 1942 and volunteered to join the U.S. military to entertain troops during World War 2. His recordings include Pennsylvania 6-5000 and Chattanooga Choo Choo. His music has featured in films including Patch Adams and Babe Pig in the City.

