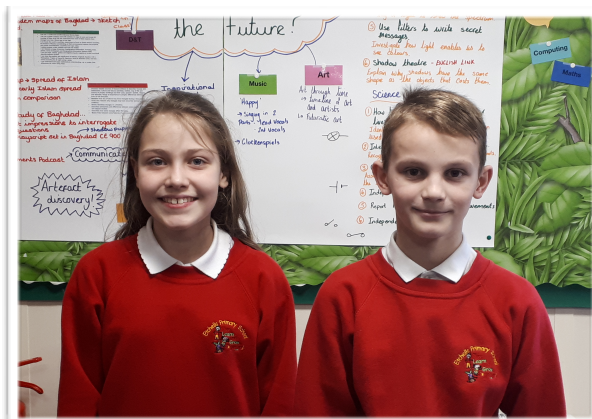


SCHOOL NEWS

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Head Boy and Girl



We've managed to get to the end of the first half term without announcing our Spring Head Boy and Girl. Thea and Tom were a popular choice with both Y6 pupils and the staff, and they have done a great job so far. They are fantastic ambassadors for our school and a great example to the rest of the children.

'Be Active, Be Healthy' Family Challenge

Please find attached to this Newsletter a flyer with information regarding Stockport's 'Be Active, Be Healthy' Family Challenge. It encourages families to get active together, record what they have been doing and then be in line for a family prize (gym membership, children's holiday camp, sporting equipment etc) as well as a school prize. It would be great to see more of our families sign up.

Triumphant in Tri-Golf!!

This week we entered two teams in a Tri-Golf tournament which took place at St James' High School. After displaying much skill and accuracy, the Y5/6 team came out overall winners. They will now go through to the borough final. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to both Mrs Roberts and Miss Pennill for organising and taking the children.

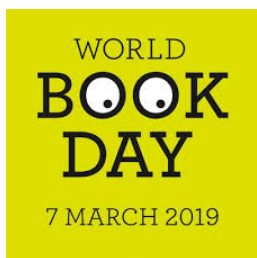


Sports Reminder

When sports events are being organised we will send a letter home with the information and for parental consent. If you do sign up your child for an event, please ensure that they attend. It is also helpful to return the slip to tell us if your child cannot take part after they have expressed an interest in the event. This helps us ensure we have adequate transport, adults and numbers to make up a team.



World Book Day



World Book Day is just around the corner and we wanted to give parents a ‘heads up’ regarding our plans. As we dressed up for Roald Dahl Day in September, we will be sticking with a reading focus this year and not be requiring costumes. We will be having a ‘lost objects’ theme and would like children to bring in an object from their favourite story to share and discuss during a circle time. For example, you could bring in a broom from ‘Room on the Broom’, a dream jar from ‘The BFG’ or pirate flag from ‘Swallows and Amazons’. The choice is yours! We’ll send another reminder nearer the time but thought you might like to start thinking about it over half term.

We will also find out the winning books from our ‘Book Mania’ project organised by Mrs Lambert. Each year group have chosen 3 books to read and vote on. We have had such a variety of books to read such as ‘Bog Baby’ in Year 1 to ‘Nelson Mandela’ in Year 6. The winners will be announced on 7th March.

Library Books



The children are loving spending our break and lunchtimes sharing and reading books from our new library. There is such a buzz about reading in school at the moment which is a sure sign of the success of the library.

Sadly, one of the books has already been damaged, with one of the pages being virtually ripped out. If books are returned damaged, a £5 charge will be made to the child towards the cost of a replacement. If payment isn’t made then we will not be able to authorise future use of the library. Please encourage the children to look after the books as if they were their own or borrowed from a public library.

Thank you in advance.

Attendance

6W	95.7
3TL	95.5
6R	95.4
4R	94.8
5C	94.8
1H	94.5
1P	94.2
3C	93.4
4M	93.2
2W	93
2V	92.4
5L	91.5

Unfortunately, all the classes in Years 1 to 6 have red attendance figures as they all fall below the National Average for this half term. We appreciate we have had an awful lot of illness through school and it is common at this time of year. Let’s work together to try to build this back up next half term as our attendance was the best it has been for a long time before Christmas. Being in school every day is extremely important, especially as we move towards key assessment points for the majority of year groups.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and
the Etchells staff

