

# Essendine Primary School News

## February 2024

## *Working together, growing together.*

## *Weekly updates, news and events in and around your school community*

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## Head of School Message

Dear Families of Essendine,

This term continues to be filled with lots of exciting trips and visitors to our school, with many projects happening across the school as well. I have been very impressed with the recent writing across the school and the creative ideas coming from the students. I'm looking forward to World Book Day this week and with many trips and activities planned for the remainder of the term, please do take a look at our school calendar on our website.

It has been wonderful to see so many parents participate in our workshops and coffee mornings. Nairuz and our teachers are already planning for Summer Term, so please do keep Tuesday mornings free and join us if you can. We would love to see you there!

**We would like to remind parents/carers that any medication for children must be brought to the office, where you will be asked to complete a consent form. Do not give any medication to class teachers. Please also remember to update the office with any changes regarding your child's medication. Thank you for your cooperation.**

## Upcoming Parent Teacher Meetings

As we pass the halfway point in the year we offer parents and carers the chance to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher. To book your parent meeting, please access your email and reserve your time slot. For guidance in doing this, access the Parent Portal on our website here.

## Attendance



Whole school attendance so far this term is currently at  92.5%. T**he national  benchmark** of good attendance is 96%.  Let's keep working on it together.

## National Story Telling Week

From the 19th February to the 23rd February, all children at Essendine celebrated 'National Storytelling Week.' Throughout the week, there was a series of events that took place, such as an exciting launch assembly, extra time dedicated to writing all about their world and a special dress up day at the end of the week. On Friday, the children were able to share their stories with another class in the school.





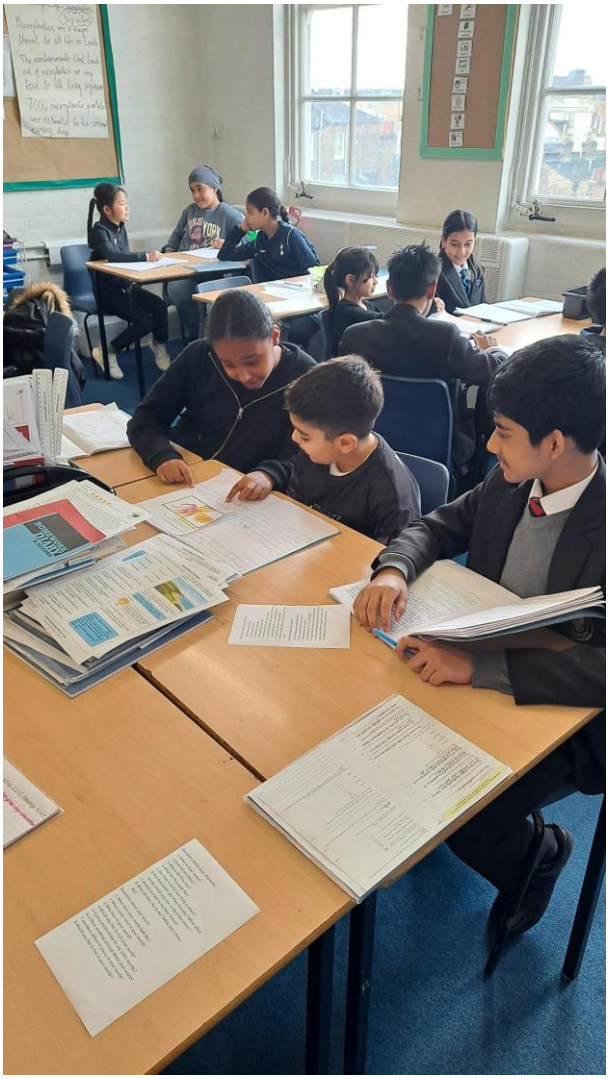









Vocabulary






## Year 3 Trip to British Museum

On the first two Fridays of February, Year 3 and 4 went on a trip to the British Museum. The purpose of the trip was to find out more about their topic of Ancient Egypt. The children explored the British Museum Egyptian rooms and completed different activities based on the exhibits. Thank you to everyone for making the day so fun!






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# Year 1 Trip to London Zoo.




Year 1 had a really exciting visit to the zoo. We had so much fun and loved seeing our learning in school in real life!












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## Sports at Hallfield

Year 6 at Essendine visited Hallfield for an afternoon on team-based sports games. The children started the afternoon by pairing up with someone from the other school and then got into their teams ready to play both football and tag-rugby. The children had an exciting afternoon and are raring to go back in the summer term.









## Year 5 Visit to Keats House

Children enjoyed their trip and it was commented from all, that their writing was incredible.  Well done Year 5!





## Year 5 Visit to the Science Museum

Following up from their fantastic topic work on space and the cosmos, Year 5s went to the Science Museum to investigate primary sources from the space race and moon landings. It was fantastic to bring all the learning from the classroom to life!









## Volunteers at Essendine

Over the holidays, we were extremely lucky to have another volunteer group from M & S, based at Paddington Basin, to work in our school for the day.  We were extremely lucky with the weather and

they worked incredibly hard to improve our EYFS playground space.  They not only weeded and removed rubbish but started cleaning the decking and painting the fences to make it look fresh and new!  As you can see by the pictures- the transformation is incredible and the children and teachers are loving the new area.

A different team returned during the first week back and continued the incredible work, by varnishing the decking area, painting more fencing and tiding up further the garden areas.

A huge thank you to everyone involved and I look forward to further days planned in March and April!  Watch this space!













## EYFS Learning

- EYFS International festival took place on Friday 9th of February, we were really lucky to be able to try food from all around the world!

- Nursery was busy cooking porridge when we learned about the story “Goldilocks and the Three Bears”. For Pancake Day we made pancakes from scratch following the recipe and measuring the ingredients carefully, we enjoyed our pancakes filled with strawberry jam!

- Nursery was very lucky to have some special visitors, parents were invited to see how well children learn in Early Years.

- Nursery celebrated the Chinese New Year, we made Chinese lanterns and a large dancing dragon!


















Can you make a
Chinese lantern?








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Making porridge
Ingredients
1 cupful porridge oats
1 cupful milk


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## 4Bs Tea Party





## Year 5 Poetry Workshop



Year 5 had the pleasure of engaging in a poetry workshop led by Antosh, one of the Young City Poets. His feedback for our classes resonated deeply: "Thank you for welcoming me to Essendine Primary last week- it was an absolute joy working with your students and I was so impressed with their group odes, the depth of their writing and their term working skills."

# Coffee Mornings



Coffee Morning Timetable- January/ March 2024

| Date/ Time | Title | Agency | Focus Group |
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| Tuesday 09/01/2024<br><br>9:00-10:00am | Supporting a topic at home | Essendine Primary School<br>Mr Seymour (Deputy Headteacher) | All |
| Tuesday 16/01/2024<br><br>9:00-10:00am | Fine Motor Skills and Supporting Writing | Essendine Primary School<br>Miss Wright (Inclusion Manager and DSL) | EYFS<br>KS1 |
| Tuesday 23/01/2024<br><br>9:00-10:00am | Looking after your child's wellbeing | Essendine Primary School<br>Mr Seymour (Deputy Headteacher) | All |
| Tuesday 30/01/2024<br><br>9:00-10:00am | Getting ready for SATs | Essendine Primary School<br>Miss Tracey (Years 5&6 Leader of Learning) | Year 6 |
| Tuesday 06/02/2024<br><br>9:00-10:00am | What's available for you and your child? | Make it Happen- Westminster | Children with Special Educational Needs |
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| Tuesday 20/02/2024<br><br>9:00-10:00am | WAES services | WAES | All |
| Tuesday 27/02/2024<br><br>9:00-10:00am | Dental Hygiene | School Nurse<br>Westminster Schools Health Services | All |
| Tuesday 05/03/2024<br><br>9:00-10:00am | Whole class reading | Essendine Primary School<br>Miss Tracey (Years 5&6 Leader of Learning) | Years 3&4 |
| Tuesday 12/03/2024<br><br>9:00-10:00am | HAF activities | Westminster HAF Services | All |
| Tuesday 19/03/2024 | Multiplication Test | Essendine Primary School | Years 3&4 |
| 9:00-10:00am | | Mr Clarridge (Assistant Head Teacher) | |
| Tuesday 26/03/2024<br><br>9:00-10:00am | Supporting you child with exams' anxiety | Westminster MIND Services | All |

# ***Drama Buzz*** Free Drama Workshop (church street library)

**Drama Buzz – Free 10-week sessions for ages 5-11 with industry professional in the world of Children's Theatre**

**Church Street Library**

- 67 Church St, London NW8 8EU
- Weekly on Tuesday | Starting 13 February
- 4.30-6pm
- To book and for more information go on Eventbrite: https://Drama_Buzz_NW8.eventbrite.co.uk[1]

**Description**

Following the huge success of its first run, Drama Buzz returns at Church Street Library, for 10 weeks of engaging, fun and colourful drama sessions!

Children will explore the depths of their imagination through creativity, dance, movement, drama and play as we bring their favourite books and stories to life.

These story-based drama sessions will support your child to develop skills in acting, writing, storytelling, movement and performance as well as the creation of their very own piece which will be performed to friends and families at the end of the programme.

All children will finish the 10-week programme with:

- Increased Confidence
- An understanding of an inclusive approach to theatre
- New performing arts skills
- Friendships for life

Our facilitator, Chloe Bradbury, is an industry professional working in the world of children's theatre with a vast array of experience working with the likes of Chickenshed Theatre, Wonderworks, and Warner Brothers to name a few.

**Contact details:**

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## ESOL




## Office Opening Times

**8:00 AM TO 11:30 AM.**

**1:15 PM TO 4:30 PM**

Access outside these times is by ***appointment only/emergency***.

**Breakfast club starts at 8am please arrive before 8.20am. Thank you!**

## Packed Lunch

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*It is easy to create an appetising packed lunch every day for your child. You should try to give them nourishing foods that are good for them.* ***Sweets, biscuits, crisps, chocolate and fizzy drinks or any food high in sugar are not allowed as part of a healthy packed lunch. Fast food is also not suitable for packed lunch.*** *Nuts are not allowed in school. The only hot meals served are school meals from the school kitchen. Water is available at mealtime.*

***Our school is a nut free zone no nut based food is allowed for packed lunch.***

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## Upcoming dates/reminders




**Lego Club at Maida Vale Library (in-person)**

**Location:** Maida Vale Library
Sutherland Avenue
London
W9 2QT
United Kingdom

**Next event date and time:** **Starts** on Saturday, 24 February 2024 at 10:30am
**Ends** on Saturday, 24 February 2024 at 11:30am

See more dates

**How to book:** There's no need to book, just turn up.

**Price:** Free

Libraries | Children and young people

Join us at Maida Vale Library for our weekly Lego Club. The club meets every Saturday and it's a great chance to play, build and create.

This event is suitable for children aged 4 to 11. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

- **Thursday 7th March:** World Book Day

- **Week Monday 11th- 15th March:** last week of clubs
- **Week Monday 18th March- 22nd March:** NO CLUBS
- **Tuesday 19th March:** Parent Evenings, 3:40pm-6pm-book online
- **Wednesday 20th March**: Parent Evenings, 3:40-6pm-book online
- **Week Monday 25th- Thursday 28th March:** NO CLUBS
- **Thursday 28th March:** Last day of term - 2.00pm finish
- **Monday 15th April:** First day back of Summer term
- **Thursday 2nd May:** School closed for children due to being a polling station
- **Monday 6th May:** Bank Holiday- school is closed