

Essendine Primary School News - Jan 24

January 2024

Head of School Message

Dear Families of Essendine Primary,

Welcome back to what has been a very exciting start of 2024. I've been immensely proud of our children's efforts, not only at school but when they are representing Essendine and competing in sporting events. Please do take a look at the agenda for parent coffee mornings held every Tuesday morning and join us if you can!

Working together, growing together.

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

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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.

Moberly Sports Day

On Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th of January, teams from both Years 3/4 and 5/6 joined other local schools in taking part in an athletics competition at Moberley Sports Centre. All children represented the school admirably and finished in 4th and 2nd over the two days. Well done Essendine!


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Christmas Productions



Our productions continue to be of a very high standard and the performances were outstanding. A huge thank you to parents attending these special performances- was wonderful to see our children shine. Here are some pictures of our younger students performing.

















Reception Hook Days



On Wednesday the 10th of January, Reception parents came to our Topic Launch for Spring term.

They found out about the topics, skills and activities that we are going to focus on this term.

Parents enjoyed seeing their children interacting with their peers in our unit and learning all the time.





















Nursery Hook Days

Thank you to the many parents for joining in with their children's learning. What a lovely morning it was!

























Topic Hook days- Year 2

On Wednesday 10th January, Year 2 had their Hook Day to introduce the new topic for this term, Kings & Queens. Many of the Y2 parents came to join in the classrooms and to support the children in their learning. A variety of practical activities were carried out, such as making a crown and designing and building our own castles. The children also learnt about family trees, in order to support their understanding of primogeniture in the monarchy. A fun morning was had by all!

























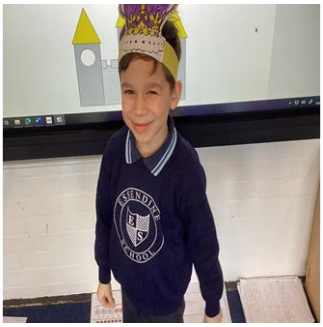












Our Orchard

You may recall that we had some trees planted a couple of seasons ago by a wonderful company called The Orchard Project. They kindly donated 5 tress to us that have been growing in our orchard. This winter the orchard team returned to show some children how and why we prune back our trees. The children enjoyed this session immensely and will continue to look after the orchard into the coming seasons.



Leadership Summit



The school council and head boy and girl visited St Augustine's for a leadership summit. Throughout the day, the children were encouraged to collaboratively work with children from schools in the borough. They were tasked with creating a sustainable project for their school. Essendine came up with 'Food for the Future' – A food waste project that would see waste at Essendine transformed into compost, which would then be used to grow new fruit and vegetables! The year 6s presented it to a panel at the end of the day and wowed the judges with their public speaking and ideas.

Year 6 SATS



On Thursday 1st February there will be SATs meeting for parents in Year 6. Please join us to take a look at the papers the children will be sitting in May and for useful tips and advice in the lead up to the SATs.

Library visits

Since September, children from Essendine have been having regular trips to the Maida Vale library. On these visits, they are read to by either a member of the library staff, or their class teacher, and are allowed to take a book away with them to read at home. All of the children, and staff, have enjoyed these trips and have seen children grow in their love of reading.



Coffee Mornings



Coffee Morning Timetable- January/ March 2024

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

4Bs Tea party







Volunteers at Essendine

We have been very fortunate to have been given 30 old surface pro laptops from the Paddington Partnership and thrilled to increase our IT resources. Other companies too kindly donated a number of items for our children prior to Xmas. We thank you them a lot and look forward to them working with us more in school.



ESOL



We have successfully resumed our ESOL classes, run by Westminster Adult Education Services, at Essendine Primary School. It has been lovely to see familiar faces from last term and to welcome some new additions to the group too!

This term, parents have been practicing accuracy and developing confidence in speaking, reading and writing English whilst learning about the local area, sense of community and online safety.

Places are still available, last admissions on Monday 5th of Feb 2024. Please speak with the office for further information.

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 8.20

Packed Lunch

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.



Upcoming dates/reminders



- Wednesday 31st January- Year 5S Trip-Young City Poets Trip
- Thursday 1st February- Year 5B-Young City Poets Trip
- Friday 2nd February-Year 3 British Museum Trip
- Tuesday 6th February- Year 1 Zoo trip
- Friday 9th February-Year 4 British Museum Trip
- Friday 9th of February-last day of term- normal finish 3.30pm
- Monday 19th February 8.45am - return to school