

Essendine Primary School News - September 24

September 2024

Head of School Message

Dear Families of Essendine Primary,

Welcome back after the summer holidays! Our first month has absolutely flown by and it's been so lovely to see everyone so settled and focused and enjoying their learning. Your children have been incredible and we extend a warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school.

We welcome a few new teaching staff onto our team, Miss Shenton, who is teaching in Reception, and I know many of you already know Miss Roulette-who will be teaching in Year 1.

Thank you to the many of you who attended parent meetings to learn about the year ahead for your children. If you were unavailable to join us all powerpoints are saved on our website under https://www.essendine.org.uk/learning/curriculum/

Our Welfare Officer, Nairuz Breich has also planned a huge array of coffee mornings this term and we would love to see you join when you can. Further details are below in this newsletter.

We also continue to work closely with Hallfield school sharing the strengths of both schools to enhance the offer our children get at school.

We are looking forward to a very exciting year and fulfilling year. This newsletter is filled with information, including important dates at the end, please take a look for your diaries.

Everyone at Essendine, wishes all our children and their families, a wonderful weekend.

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School Day

Drop off

At 8:45am the main school gate opens.

Nursery and Reception children are taken by their parents to their classrooms via the EYFS front gate on Essendine Rd.

Children in Years 1-6 go straight to their classroom through the main gates.

At 8:55am class starts and the gate closes and all parents/carers must be out so that we can secure the site.

Pick up

At 3:25pm the main gate opens to parents.

Nursery, Reception children collected from the EYFS classrooms via the EYFS Gate on Essendine Rd at 3.15pm .

Y1-Y6 children are escorted to the collection area in the playground where parents will be waiting.

You must collect your children or arrange for a responsible adult (over 16 years-old) to do so. If you are asking someone else to collect your children, the school needs to know. This is in the interest of your children's safety.

Only Year 5 and 6 children are allowed to go home by themselves, once written authorisation has been received.

The school gate closes at 3:40pm and any children not collected will be taken to the Front Office area. Late penalties are issued for lateness beyond this time.

Medication



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 or children. Please also remember to update the office with any changes regarding your child's medication and any changes in illness/medical conditions.

Attendance



This week you were emailed about some important changes to the Federation attendance policy.

From this September, there is new statutory guidance, that schools have to follow now, in order to tackle the growing rise in absence in our schools: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance

You should also take time to read the attendance policy regarding penalty notices and fines for parents, as there are significant changes to this process, this can be found on pages 9 and 10 of the policy. Term dates and a copy of the school's attendance policy can be found on the website.

Whole school attendance so far this term is currently at **91.9%** The national benchmark of good attendance is **96%.** Let's keep working on it together.

Meet Our New Head Boy & Head Girl

My name is Jacob and I've been at Essendine since I was in reception. My favourite part of Essendine is all the trips we get to go on - my favourite was the farm in Year 4! At Essendine, I love the way we are taught so many lessons in a day and learn all about different topics. As part of my role, I'm excited to show visitors around and represent the school and the 4Bs. Ever since my brother, Myles, was house captain I've also wanted to do even better and become Head Boy. There were so many fantastic speeches for Head Boy and I feel really lucky to have been chosen.

My name is Meliah and I've been at Essendine since I was two years old! My favourite part of Essendine is also all the trips we get to go on, especially Forest School in Year 5. I also like how deeply we learn about topics in History and Geography and how we learn so many facts. I can't wait to show visitors around the school in my role as Head Girl. Since I've been in reception, I've watched other Year 6s take on the role and I've admired them from afar, I'm excited that it's now my opportunity to represent my family and take on the role of Head Girl.





Paralympian

It was lovley to have Oliver Lam-Watson visitis Essendine again this week to showcase the two medals (Silver and Bronze) he received in the recent Paris Paralympics! Oliver is a British wheelchair fencer. He also won bronze and silver in the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo. The children certainly had a lot of questions and enjoyed having him in our school. Thank you Oliver!




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Questions?





Year 3 and 4 Forest School Visit

Throughout this year, Years 3 and 4 will be visiting Forest School, which is located in Paddington Rec. There they will take part in activities in nature, such as: shelter building, observing wildlife, creating art using natural resources such as leaves, and much more. All classes had their first sessions this week, and had a fantastic time!







Uniform

The school uniform varies depending on your child's age. For health and safety reasons jewellery, other than a wrist watch, is not allowed. Hijabs should be plain navy blue or white. The essential uniform, which your child needs to have, is in BOLD and can be found on our website too.

EYFS Pupils (Nursery - Reception):

- **Navy blue Essendine jogging pants or shorts**
- **White Essendine T-shirt**
- White or black socks
- Black shoes (no trainers)

Key Stage 1 Pupils (Year 1-2):

- **Essendine navy blue polo shirt**
- **Essendine sweat shirt or cardigan**
- **Black, navy blue or grey trousers with white or black socks**
- **A navy blue and white check dress with navy, grey or white tights**
- Black shoes (no boots or trainers if possible)

Key Stage 2 Pupils (Year 3-6):

- **Black Blazer**
- **White smart shirt (not a polo shirt)**
- Dark Grey V Neck Jumper or Dark Grey Cardigan
- **Tie in House colours**
- **(Kilburn Park = Green / Elgin = Red / Shirland = Blue / Morshead = Yellow)**
- **Black smart Trousers with white or black socks**
- **Black smart Skirt with navy, grey or white Tights**
- Black shoes (no boots or trainers if possible)

The PE uniform for all children consists of:

- **Navy blue Essendine jogging pants**
- **White Essendine T-shirt**
- **Black pumps or Trainers**

Ordering

Essendine School Uniform can be ordered online from Stitch Design where you can register for an account using the schools postcode (W92LR). Place your order, pay online and receive items within 2-5 working days:

Uniform swap

Ask at the office about uniform swapping events, which we will organise throughout the school year.

Alternatively, please contact the reception desk for a current price list and hard copy of the order form.

Free School Meals Application

All children in full-time education are given universal free school meals at school but they may be entitled to food vouchers during school holidays. You can apply for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

• Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

• Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

• Income Support

• Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 • The guarantee element of State Pension Credit

If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals please make an online application via www.westminster.gov.uk/education/free-school-meals or otherwise speak to Anne in the office. Thank you

Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and Visitors

At the North Westminster Federation (NWF) we recognise that educating children is a process that relies on a mutually respectful partnership between parents, school staff and the school community. It is important that children see everyone working together to help them understand how to work in the future. Therefore we will always welcome parents and carers and community members into the school. We have a code of conduct to remind everyone about how we expect you to behave in and around the schools in the federation. Please take a look on our website for more information. We know that parents, carers and visitors will be happy to help us provide a safe and happy school and we thank you for your support. However, in the event that parents, carers or visitors are unable to follow this protocol, the school may need to take further more serious actions.

How to Book a Parent/Teacher Meeting

Check your email, you will have an email from **notifications@primarysite.net**

Parent teacher evenings are being held on **Tuesday the 8th and Wednesday the 9th of October.** To give you more control over booking an appointment that suits you, please follow the email information that has been sent to you. Please give the office team a call and they'll be happy to help answer your questions.

Check your email, you will have an email from notifications@primarysite.net



which will look this this.



Select your day and time slots will appear.



Choose a slot and click ‘Confirm booking’.



Your booking is now complete! You will receive a confirmation email.

Family Fun

Audience:
All Schools – Headteachers, School Admin Officers, Parents/ Carers

Family Film Screenings at The Garden Cinema

Please pass the following information onto your parents/ carers:

The Garden Cinema in Covent Garden hosts film screenings for families on Saturday and Sunday mornings and on weekdays during the school holidays. All screenings are Pay What You Can which means you are free to pay as much or as little as you can afford. On Sunday there is always a free activity after the film. Upcoming highlights include 'Mary Poppins Returns', 'Kensuke's Kingdom', 'Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse', 'The Chronicles of Narnia' and 'Dazzling Animations' chosen by London International Animation Festival.

Full Details:https://www.thegardencinema.co.uk/season/films-for-the-family/[1]



Contact details:
Molly Cowderoy, The Garden Cinema
Email: molly@thegardencinema.co.uk[2]
Website: www.thegardencinema.co.uk[3]

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Groundwork over the Summer

I''m please to say that after a year in planning, design and workshops with the Climate Change Committee, Essendine Primary is looking better than ever! Groundwork is a charity and that facilitate volunteer groups who want to give back to the community. We are always looking for meaningful projects in Westminster to support and we were lucky enough to get their support in working with us to improve our grounds. They specialise in creating green spaces, specifically the clearing and building of gardens for food growing and wellbeing activities and together with leaders and the children worked on 3 areas over the summer holidays.

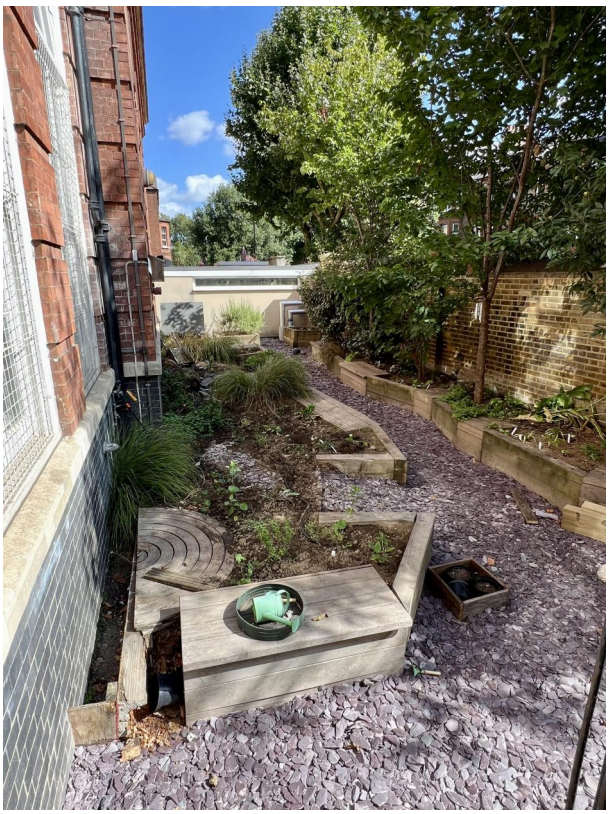
- Our apple orchard area- developed further beds for planting and growing
- Science garden-improving the area with plants, pond, gravel and adding seating area.

- EYFS area-developing garden area/well being area for the children to sit and plants









School Council 2024-25 Elections

After petitioning for votes from their peers, the successful candidates for Student Council were announced this morning in Celebration Assembly. Congratulations to everyone who stood for election and were brave enough to try. We're proud of you! Essendine's School Council 2024/25 are:

Yaseen, 3R

Skye, 3R

Yasin 6T

Asiya, 4C

Yusif, 4C

Janae, 4B

Yaseen, 4B

Aron, 5S

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Volunteers at Essendine in Action













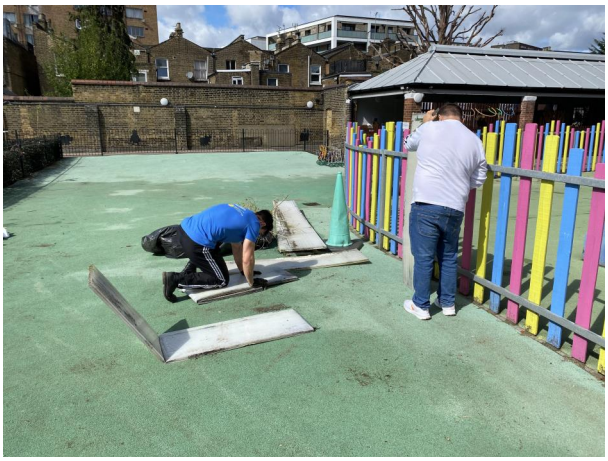


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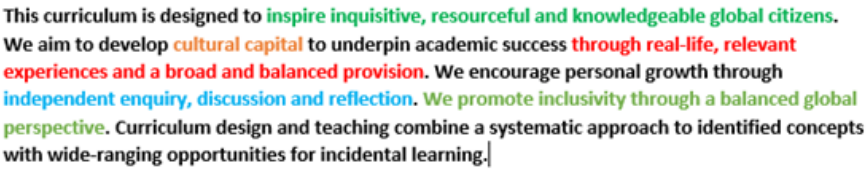
Years 1-6 Curriculum Update



A new year brings new challenges and plenty more things to learn. We've continued to refine and develop our curriculum this year to ensure all children are challenged to be outward-looking, respectful global citizens. To do this, we ensure breadth and depth in our provision. Take a look at your child's units of learning here at the school's Website .

Nursery/Reception- Amazing Me

Year 1- Toys

Year 2- Our Changing Healthcare

Year 3- Stone age to Iron Age

Year 4- Invasion and Settlement

Year 5 and 6-World War 2

For more information on the curriculum, there is a coffee morning with Mr Seymour on **Tuesday 1st October.**

Nursery

So lovely to see our new nursery children settling so well into school life.


Owl Babies




Ice Cream Shop






Family





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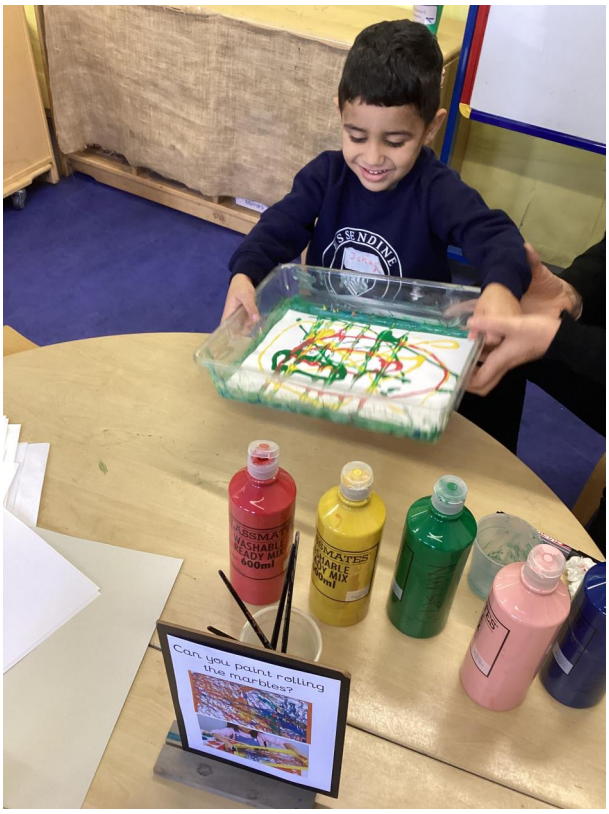
using sponges?


Can you paint rolling
the marbles?









Autumn Clubs Provision

We have a range of after school clubs on offer this term, which run from 3:30-4:30. Here are the Autumn Term clubs:

Monday: Cartoon Club KS1, Spanish KS2, Century Homework Club KS2, Football Club KS2

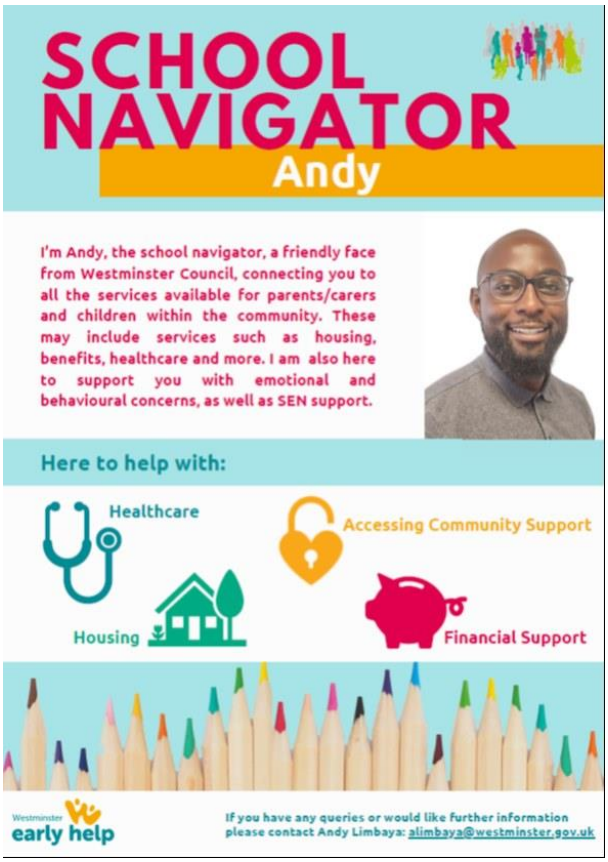
Tuesday: Phonics Club, Reading Club KS1

Wednesday: Lego Club KS1, Book Club KS2, Children's University KS2, Keyboard Club, KS2

Thursday: Multi-sports, Creative Writing, Film Club, Tag Rugby KS2

For more information, go to our website.

Meet our New Family Navigator



2 - Andy is with us now on Monday afternoons, please speak to Nairuz if you'd like any further information.

Coffee Mornings at Essendine



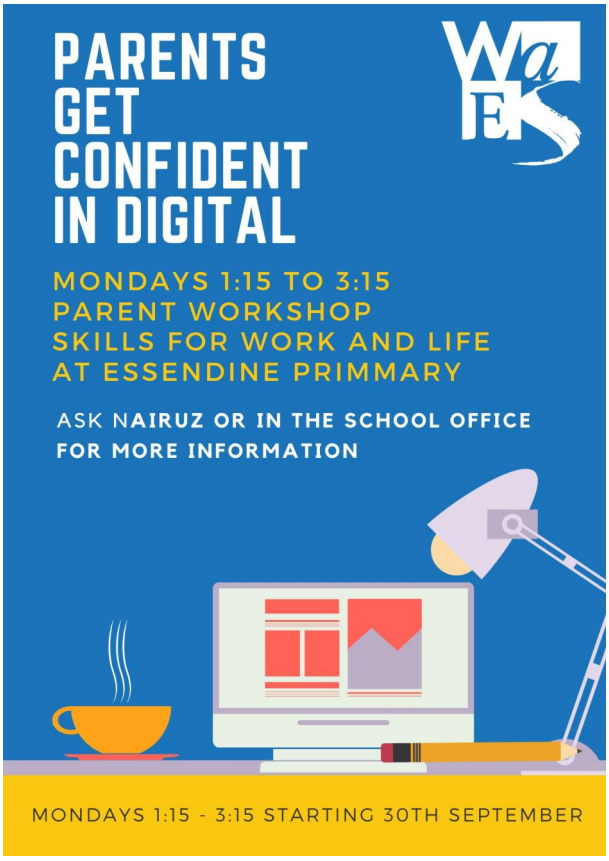
Coffee Morning Timetable- September/ December 2024

We are delighted to offer coffee mornings every Tuesday morning. Please take a close look on what is on offer and join-we would love to see you there! We are in the process of developing a parent resource room to facilitate all these events and more. Please speak to Nairuz for any information.

Date/ Time	Title	Agency	Focus Group
Tuesday 10/09/2024 9:00-10:00am	Attendance at Essendine	Essendine Primary School+ Westminster Schools Attendance Team	All
Tuesday 17/09/2024 9:00-10:00am	Introduction to Family Information Services	Bi-Borough Education Services	All
Tuesday 24/09/2024 9:00-10:00am	Applying for Secondary Schools (1)	Westminster Admissions Team + Marylebone Boys School	Year 6
Tuesday 01/10/2024 9:00-10:00am	Curriculum at Essendine	Essendine Primary School Mr Seymour – Deputy Headteacher	All
Tuesday 08/10/2024 9:00-10:00am	About our school Trips	Essendine Primary School Miss Robinson- Inclusion Manager	All
Tuesday 15/10/2024 9:00-10:00am	Behaviour at home and visuals support	Essendine Primary School Miss Robinson- Inclusion Manager	All
Tuesday 22/10/2024 9:00-10:00am	Applying for Secondary Schools (2)	Essendine Primary School	Year 6
Tuesday 05/11/2024 9:00-10:00am	Behaviour Policy	Essendine Primary School Mr Clarridge – Assistant Headteacher	All
Tuesday 12/11/2024 9:00-10:00am	Phonics and Early Reading	Essendine Primary School	EYFS Years 1&2
Tuesday 19/11/2024 9:00-10:00am	Self-care and relaxation techniques	Westminster MIND Services Essendine Primary School Mr Seymour- Deputy Headteacher	All
Tuesday 26/11/2024 9:00-10:00am	Mobile phone use and Online safety	Westminster Adult Education Services	All
Tuesday 03/12/2024 9:00-10:00am	Writing Skills	Essendine Primary School Miss Tracy – KS2 Leader of Learning	Years 3&4
Tuesday 10/12/2024 9:00-10:00am	Children's University	Essendine Primary School Miss Mossman – Class Teacher	All
Tuesday 17/12/2024 9:00-10:00am	Holidays Activities and Food	Westminster HAF Services	All

Digital Lessons at Essendine

Westminster **A**dult **E**ducation **S**ervices will be running digital lessons for Essendine parents to help with computer skills. They will be held on Monday afternoons. Please see the main office if you are interested.



Music at Essendine

Violin and cello lessons have restarted at Essendine with more students joining our small group lessons this year. Students will need to bring their instruments and books to school **every Friday** and practise at home 4 days a week for at least 15 minutes. Instruments should be kept away from direct heat or cold and stored always in their cases when not in use. **Ms Arapi will be available at the gate on Friday 4th of October at 3:30pm for any questions regarding the lessons or the instruments.**

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

IMPORTANT: Please inform the office if your contact details have changed, so that the details are up to date. This includes any changes of address of phone numbers, including emergency contacts.

Reception Places for Next Year

Reception places Children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 are due to start attending Reception in September 2025. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 15 January 2025. Please apply online: Starting primary school from September 2025 | Westminster City Council. Open morning information coming shortly.

Wrap Around After School Provision Survey

Please check your emails. You should have been sent a survey asking your thoughts about Wrap Around after school Provision. We look forward to hearing your thoughts. Thank you.

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/May contain nuts items allowed for packed lunch.




www.anotherlunch.com







Maida Vale Library-Homework Club

Homework Club at Maida Vale Library, Sutherland Avenue, W9 2QT

Do you need help with your homework? If so come to our Homework Club for help from our team of dedicated volunteers. It runs every Tuesday in term time from 4.00 until 5.30 pm.



Upcoming Dates/Reminders



Week commencing 7th October- no clubs

Tuesday 8th and 9th October - Parent Teacher Evenings: 3.30pm-6pm

Coffee mornings-every Tuesday at 9am- please join- see timetable for more details

Week commencing 21st October- no clubs

Friday 24th October-last day of term 3.30pm finish

Monday 4th November-first day back of term for children

Friday 20th December-last day of Autumn Term: **2pm finish**

Monday 6th January 2025-school closed for children

Tuesday 7th January 2025- first day back for children