



Eynsham Community Primary School
Newsletter - Friday 20th December

Welcome



Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of this term and the festive season, I find myself reflecting on the incredible year that we have had. There has been a lot of learning taking place and so many exciting experiences enjoyed by our pupils.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the wonderful staff at Eynsham who go above and beyond in everything they do.

I would also like to say how proud I am of all our amazing children. Their enthusiasm for learning, curiosity, and resilience have been the driving force behind the success we've achieved this term.

To the parents and carers, thank you for your amazing support. Your involvement, whether through PTA activities, coming to curriculum events or attending meetings, is truly valued.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday and are able to enjoy spending time with family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you all in the new year, reenergized and ready for the adventures that await us. Until then, on behalf of the entire Eynsham team, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

Ginny Bayliss

Cygnets News





This week in Cygnets, we have been focusing on all things Christmas! We have been making salt dough decorations for the children to bring home. The children each chose a Christmas themed cutter and then using their fine motor skills, they rolled out the dough using rolling pins and both hands. Once the dough was flat, they placed their cutters and pressed them into the dough creating the shape. After the decorations had been cooked, they were then painted with some glitter and sparkle!

Using toilet roll tubes and chinks we created snowmen and also Christmas trees. The children listened to instructions step by step to achieve both of these activities.

We have been singing some Christmas nursery rhymes and listening to Christmas stories during our group times.

Early Years Funding - Childcare choices

Spring term deadline is the 31st January to re-confirm your funding code.

<https://mailchi.mp/9413999f5046/apply-for-your-childcare-code-by-31-dec-free-breakfast-clubs-coming-soon?e=8aff825135>

Childcare Choices



Reminder to parents:
Final weeks to apply for 15 or 30 hours childcare to start using the support from January

Safe guarding News

With Christmas just around the corner, your child may be getting an electronic device. We just wanted to remind parents about the age requirements for the most popular apps at the moment:

TikTok

TikTok is a social media platform that allows users to express themselves through dancing, lip-synching, comedy sketches, makeup tutorials, and by telling stories about their lives in short videos that can be shared with others in the TikTok community. Videos are between 15 seconds and three minutes long. There are also a range of TikTok Influencers who create videos which get viewed millions of times.

Age requirements

13 years +

To sign up for TikTok, you must verify that your age is over 13.

Snapchat

Snapchat is a messaging app that is popular with teenagers which allows them to share user-generated photos, texts and videos which only last on screen for a matter of seconds, these are called 'snaps'.

Once a snap is sent to someone else, it can last on the screen of the receiver for between 1 and 30 seconds before disappearing. Users can also add images or videos to their story for their followers to see for 24 hours.

Age requirements

13 years +

To be eligible to sign up for Snapchat, you must be at least 13 years old.

Instagram

Instagram is a photo and video sharing app that is popular with teens. People on Instagram can connect with one another through comments, captions, reels, stories and hashtags on photos and videos.

Young people use Instagram as a way to engage with their friends, share pictures and videos of their lives or things they like doing, and as a way to share their creativity in stories.

Age requirement

To be eligible to sign up for Instagram, you must be at least **13 years old**.

Anyone 13 and older can create an Instagram account by registering an email address and selecting a username.

Year 4 French Partnership School

We are very excited to announce that our year 4 team have begun an exciting journey with their new pen pals in France. With the help of our lovely parent, Anna Parrinder, we have made a link with the staff in year 4/5 at Ecole Élémentaire Condorcet (Primary School), which is situated in Aubervilliers, around 10 minutes from the capital of Paris in the North East. If you would like to know more about our partnership school, please see their school website below:

<https://condorcet93300.toutemonecole.fr/>

We were super excited to receive our very first letters last week, where each of the 21 children wrote to us to tell us all about themselves. We even received some delicious chocolate treats! Every child in year 4 looked at the school website, found the school on Google Maps, looked at the school photo to learn all the children's names and read their wonderful letters which they wrote in English. We then spent the morning writing letters back to our new friends, answering their questions and telling them about ourselves and what life is like at Eynsham Primary School. We also sent back some chocolate treats, which we hope our new friends will enjoy. We are really excited to continue to build on our new partnership in the New Year, and we will keep you updated on what we get up to!



HW

Bonjour! Hello!

Dear Boris,

My name is Kacy and I am 8 years old.

I live in Eynsham with my brother and my parents.

At school I like to play with my friends (football too even I'm a girl!) and eat with my friends.

At home I like relaxing, watching TV and play video games in phone or TV.

My favourite book is "The Baby-Sitter's Club".

My favourite food is cake (not carrot).

My favourite sport is swimming.

I would love to know where you live in France, if you like school like me and what subject the best!?

I can't wait to learn more about you!

(I'm happy in England, The shops here are expensive! I'm not an England person, I'm born in HK, do you born in France?)

From Kacy
12.24



Year 5 Bikeability

Last week, Year 5 had the opportunity to complete level 1 of their Bikeability training. Here are a couple of reports written by some of the children that took part.

"Bikeability was really fun, we all brought our bikes in so we could have a go at it. They taught us loads of interesting skills and tips, they also shared their experience of what bikes mean to them. We started with the first 4 letters of the alphabet: air, brakes, chain, direction. These were all things you had to check before you go on a bike ride. They also taught us how to look behind our left and right shoulders to check if cars were coming. We played lots of great games like Scatter and emergency stops which were really fun. I really enjoyed doing this and even if you don't know how to ride a bike they will help you. I think if you do bike ability you will get a passion for riding a bike" Polly

"Last Monday, we did Bikeability. Becky and Mark taught us how to ride a bike. We cycled around the cones and obstacles. Some of us didn't know how to ride a bike so one of the instructors took the children who couldn't cycle. Air, break, chain, and direction are the ABCD rules of biking. We had lots of fun cycling around the playground and we can't wait for them to come again in Year 6, we would wish to do it again!" Yashfa



Awards



Headteachers Award:

Year 6- Phoebe T, Teagan PB

Year 5- Isla, Zach D

Year 4- Leo C, Ben

Year 3- Henry C, Sam G

Year 2- Poppy, Sapphire

Year 1- Jack V, Anna

Silver Award:

Year 5- Allace, Bethany, Edie, Danny, Jesse

Year 2- Jakey

Gold Award:

Year 6- Omar, Flo, Daisy

Year 5- Luke, Felix

Year 4- Vihaan, Phoebe, Myla, Amilie

Year 3- Peace, Lola,

Year 2- Jack, Lyra, George, Eleanor, Bradley, Annabelle

Year 1- Toby, Betsy, Zelda, Julia, Jack

Platinum Award (150 points)

Year 6- Ada, Immy, Joshua, Ruby, Julia

Year 5- Delilah

Year 4- Kacy, Michael

Year 3- Henry, Tino, Zach

Year 2- Diana, Shankey

Year 1- Marnie, Casper

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