

# Newsletter

30th April 2021



**ESHER CHURCH SCHOOL**

*Christ at the Centre; Life to the Full*

## Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, the weather did play ball (almost!) for our first week of swimming for the summer term. The children looked like they were having lots of fun in the pool and now Mr Pete will be planning lessons according to his assessments of the pupils' swimming levels. Thank you to the those who supported swimming, we really couldn't manage it without this help.

I have loved being out on the gate this week, being in classes, joining in with lessons and playtimes and seeing all the wonderful learning our fabulous team provide.



An exciting addition to the week was our House point assembly today which demonstrated how much our children at ECS help each other, incredibly when not even being asked! Keep up the good behaviour and learning and well done to Wisdom House for winning the most house points this week. Let's see which House wins next week. The winning House at half term will be able to wear their house colours to school for a day! Please do not worry children there are lots of weeks for all the Houses to catch up with the winning House!

Have a super Bank holiday weekend and we shall see you on Tuesday for more amazing adventures.

Best wishes

Caroline McLennan

Acting Headteacher

## Important Announcement



When asking Year 1 *What makes Britain Great?* the children thought of questions that they would ask The Queen. Lucy C actually sent her questions to The Queen at Windsor Castle, and she got a reply from The Queen's Lady-in-waiting, AMAZING! Lucy has been sharing her letter and leaflets with us, thank you Lucy.

## Dates for the Diary

3<sup>rd</sup> May - Bank Holiday - No school

7<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 Trip to High Ashurst

25<sup>th</sup> May - year 6 Trip to Young Mariners

31<sup>st</sup> May - School finishes for Half Term

**7 June** - School restarts

**INSET Days:**

28<sup>th</sup> May

28<sup>th</sup> June

21<sup>st</sup> July

## Awards

Isla Y3 - Bronze Maths badge

Alexander Y2 - Bronze Maths badge

Finn Y2 - Silver Maths badge

India Y3 - Silver Maths badge

Thomas Y3 - Silver Maths badge

Luca Y2 - Bronze Spelling Badge

Millie Y4 - Bronze Spelling Badge 2

Luca Y4 - Bronze Spelling Badge 2

Grace Y4 - Silver Spelling Badge 2

Amelie Y4 - Silver Spelling Badge 2

Jen Y4 - Pen Licence

Amelia Y4 - Pen Licence

Dottie Kirby Y4 - Pen Licence

## English News

What fun we have been having with books this week! Anna in Butterworth class was so inspired when reading her non-fiction book about Clay Creatures, that she actually followed the instructions and made one of the creatures herself. Year 2 have really enjoyed learning how to use the ACE Spelling Dictionary and Tess in Year 4 so enjoyed Oscar Wilde's book *The Selfish Giant* that she created her own model garden.



## Mastering Maths and Computing

The reception children were very excited to learn how to use the remote control cars this week. They enjoyed steering them backwards and forwards through each other's legs and under tables and chairs



The children in year 2 have been learning about scales and measuring and they loved seeing how much they had grown since the last time they measured each other.



## In the Community

### ECSA

Esher Runs is going VIRTUAL

**VIRTUAL 10K & FUN RUN**

1st to 16th May 2021

Register online at [www.pla-events.co.uk/ecsa](http://www.pla-events.co.uk/ecsa)

Medals for winners

Entry fee 10K: £5  
Fun Run: £3  
Family Fun Run: £7.50

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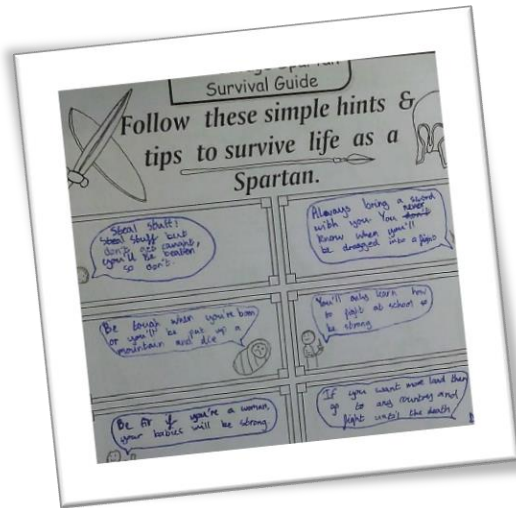
- The fun run is a 3.3km route in Arbrook Woods and you can choose to walk, jog or run it. There are medals for the top 3 boys and girls but it can be done just for fun or as a personal challenge.
- The 10km run starts and finishes near Arbrook Woods with a loop around part of Claygate.
- Both runs can be completed from 1st to 16th May and will be signposted. Once you register for the run, you will receive more information about the route and how to record your time.

### Year 3

There was lots of excitement in Year 3 this week as they started a new Big Enquiry topic - *How can we care for our local community?* They wrote a list detailing all the communities they belong to and we're sure to see some activities around the school as they help our school community.

## This Week in History

Year 5 enjoyed looking at the similarities and differences between the Ancient Greek states of Sparta and Athens. Did you know that Spartan babies were left up a mountain to die if they weren't considered strong enough? Whereas the Athenians only educated their boys in school. Girls were left at home to sew and learn housework. We decided if we would rather live in Sparta or Athens and then looked at how you would survive life in Sparta in a comic book strip.



## Science Update

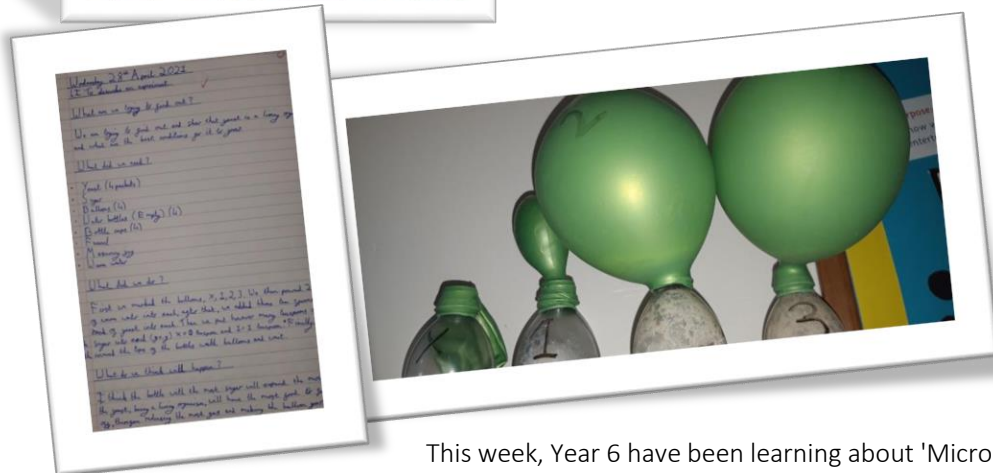


Year 4 are learning about living things. This week they found out that we as humans have discovered 1.4 million species of animals! The children went on to learn that vertebrates are animals with a backbone.



For example, we regularly bring into school visiting groups and professionals - theatre companies, authors, artists and musicians - who provide inspiring workshops that not only stimulate an interest in learning, but help to develop a range of learning styles, creating enjoyable and memorable experiences along the way (see opposite). In addition, we arrange regular curricular trips as part of each year groups termly Big Enquiry, and donations to the School fund also allow us to subsidise these, keeping prices more affordable for all.

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This week, Year 6 have been learning about 'Micro-organisms'. They carried out an experiment to show that yeast is a live organism and which conditions are best for it to grow.