

# At Enfield Heights Academy, we are KIND, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT and BRAVE. We are the Force for Positive Change.

Dear Parents and Carers,

8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

What a fabulous and busy week we've had!

#### World Book Day and Week- a great success!

Ms Michael, our English Lead, writes:

On Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, Enfield Heights was buzzing with excitement as acclaimed author Josh Lacey paid a special visit to the school to help us launch this year's World Book Day. Josh captivated the whole school with an assembly, where he delighted children and adults with readings from his books, telling tales of adventure and imagination. He then took the time to share the inspiration behind his stories, igniting sparks of creativity in all the children. Following the assembly, each year group had the opportunity to participate in workshops led by Josh, where they delved deeper into the writing process and explored their own storytelling potential. As the day ended, the children lined up eagerly to buy their favourite titles, meet the author and receive personalized, signed copies of his books. Josh Lacey's visit left an inspirational mark on the children of Enfield Heights, inspiring them to story tell, nurturing their dreams of becoming authors themselves.



Children absolutely loved our mysterious **masked readers** popping up to our **special WBD assembly** yesterday -each class had a go at guessing who was behind the mask. Can you guess?



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The **'Story in a Box' competition** was a delight too with so many creative entries. Well done Everyone! It was hard to choose one winner per year group.

I loved to see such great variety of book characters and confident children chatting about reading, stories and books! Thank you everyone for making such a fantastic effort. **Thank you, Ms Michael, for organising it!** 



Thank you to Community Outreach Team for organising a Read Aloud book swap too. Thank you to all the parents and carers for donating lots of books and stories. You make a real difference. Find out more about Read Aloud <u>here.</u>

#### British Science Week- news from Mrs Salik, our Science Lead

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will place between 8 - 17 March 2024! As part of our celebrations at EHA, we will be having a **Science Boffins Show** for the whole school. This will provide the children with the opportunity to experience some hands-on science and take part in various activities, ranging from jaw dropping visual effects, to learning about polymers.

The show will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 in the school hall. Each class will get an allocated slot with the presenters. A voluntary **contribution of £3.50 is necessary** to cover the cost of the workshop. Unfortunately, without a sufficient contribution, the workshops will not go ahead as they are very costly. Please make payments through Arbor by Friday 15th March. We appreciate your help massively! Children can come dressed up as scientists on that day (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March). However, if they chose not to dress up, they must wear a school uniform, not casual clothing. THANK YOU.

#### PTA organises Cinema Afternoons

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA for organising these fun events for the children. Years Rec-year 3 had their treat last Tuesday. 80 tickets were sold which raised £240 towards school's projects and resources.

## The Cinema afternoon for year 4-6 is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30-6pm.

-Tickets are still available -only £3 per child including a bag of popcorn and cup of squash (own snacks are not allowed) -Entry via Play nest.

-Film will start promptly at 16.30pm. Please arrive 5 min earlier to get seated.

#### -Pick up time at 6pm from the Office.

-Please book your ticket on Arbor.

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# Enfield Heights ACADEMY



## **Great Debate Competition Finals**

Last week a group of children from year 5 and a group of children from year 6 competed in the Great Debate competition organised by ETSP (Enfield Town Schools Partnership). The topic of their discussion was: For and Against NHS strikes. Our kids smashed it! We are so proud of them. They had it all: charisma, colour of the voice and they were rapid thinkers to real off their arguments well in front of judges and big audience. Our Year 6 team is through to the finals, which will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at Chase Community school. The topic of discussion is: AI (Artificial Intelligence) in schools. I am sure that you'll join me in wishing them a GOOD LUCK for the finals.

## Mother's Day

Mother's Day is this weekend on Sunday 10th March. This is traditionally a day where children show their love and appreciation for their mother, or the parent who supports them and who provides for them. As we tell our children, showing love and appreciation does not have to cost a lot of money, certainly a card, a box of chocolates or a bunch of daffodils are absolutely lovely, but there are other ways of showing our mothers, carers and parents how grateful we are and how much we love them. So on behalf of all the Enfield Heights Academy, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Mother's Day and thank you for doing such a great job.

#### Growing a mini-Woodland

As a treeless school, we dream of a woodland! We were very excited to receive some gardening equipment and gloves from our Community Outreach Team and a huge box with tree saplings from John Gilbert, our drama and newspaper club teacher, who obtained them from the Woodland Trust. At the beginning of the week, our Reception children started planting the trees: Hawthorn, Holly, Crab Apple, Hazel, Downy Birch and Goat Willow -all in pots and buckets to start our Mini Woodland!

But we need your help.

- We are looking for donations of:
- Big and small plant pots (any size)
- Buckets, baskets and containers for growing

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#### • Compost (in bags)

Any donations can be handed in to the office or left in the box outside by the bike park.

We really appreciate your help to support our 'Force for Positive Change' driver and nature loving project.



#### Discover easier ways to manage family finances coffee morning: Thursday 14.03.24

The Community Outreach team have organised a super helpful free workshop that will take place in our school hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. All parents and carers are invited. Delivered by the experts at Citizens Advice Enfield, join us on, from 9–10am. Learn invaluable tips on budgeting, debt management, and more. Reserve your place by emailing community@northstartrust.org.uk. Don't miss this chance to enhance your financial skills in a supportive setting.



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## School hall hire at the weekends

This fantastic space is available at just £60 per hour. If you are interested in hiring our school hall for birthday parties and other events at the weekends. Please contact Lettings@Northstartrust.org.uk. During normal working hours you can also call 020 8443 0708 x642 or 07948 423405.



## Features

- A spacious hall
- Perfect space for parties, fitness sessions, faith groups and children's clubs
- Moveable stage
- Chairs and tables are provided

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#### <u>Ramadan</u>

This Sunday is also the start of Ramadan. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.



We would like to wish all of us at the start of this holy month Ramadan Kareem and Ramadan Mubarak!

#### **Red Nose Day REMINDER**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the children are welcome to come to school dressed in bright clothes, or something funny, or related to the iconic Aardman family (Wallace and Gromit, Shaun the Sheep, Morph and Feathers McGraw!) for a minimum donation of £1 in aid of Children in Need.

#### Dates for your diary

Cinema Afternoon (PTA)	Tuesday 12th March 4.30-	For children in years Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
	6.00pm (School Hall)	
Financial Awareness session for	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 9-	A session organised by our Community
parents/carers	10am in the hall	Outreach Team; this session will be run by
		Citizens Advice Bureau representative
Comic Relief	Friday 15th March	Non-uniform day
Year 3 Assembly	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	For parents and carers of Year 3 children;
		9-9.30am in the hall

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Have a great weekend.

With my very best wishes,

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