

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



16th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a brand new school year at Enfield Heights Academy. It was so lovely to see the children's smiley faces on the first day of school, with fresh new uniform, haircuts and excitement for the year ahead. I do hope that you all had a lovely summer, even if it already feels like a distant memory. The first full week back was great!

The children have all settled in really well to the new year and we have been so impressed with their attitude as they commence learning in their brand new classrooms with the new teaching teams. They have certainly been showing the value of resilience and great responsibility as they get to know what is expected of them in their new surroundings.

Thank you to all the EHA staff for getting the classrooms ready and modelling the expectations in class and around the school.

OUR VALUES			
 RESILIENCE	 KINDNESS	 RESPECT	 BRAVERY
We "bounce back" from setbacks. We show resilience and perseverance as we try to achieve our goals.	We demonstrate our kindness through our thoughts, words and actions .	We show respect for every group and individual, the school environment, community and ourselves.	We learn to be brave , even when it seems hard to do so. We learn that in life, bravery is not the absence of fear but the triumph over it .
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Meet the Team powerpoints

Thank you to Year 1-6 parents and carers for attending their 'Meet the Teacher' session over the last couple of weeks to find out about what your children will be learning this year. the remaining sessions are as follows: The power point presentations are now on our website.

Reception Early Reading coffee morning will be held on Thursday 3rd October at 9-10am in the school hall.

This is an important informative meeting with the introduction to the sounds your children will learn in Reception.



MacMillan Cake sale on Friday 27th September- Volunteers needed

Join us for the Macmillan fundraiser event on Friday 27th September from 3.10-4pm. We will be hosting this in the playground (or our hall, if it rains) at the end of the school day. We will welcome your cake and biscuit

donations. Please leave them in the reception area (box provided) by Wednesday 28th September afternoon or Friday morning before the event. We would also like to ask volunteers/PTA to help at the event. Please let us know if you can help by contacting the schools' office. Thank you in advance.

'Community Meet Up'

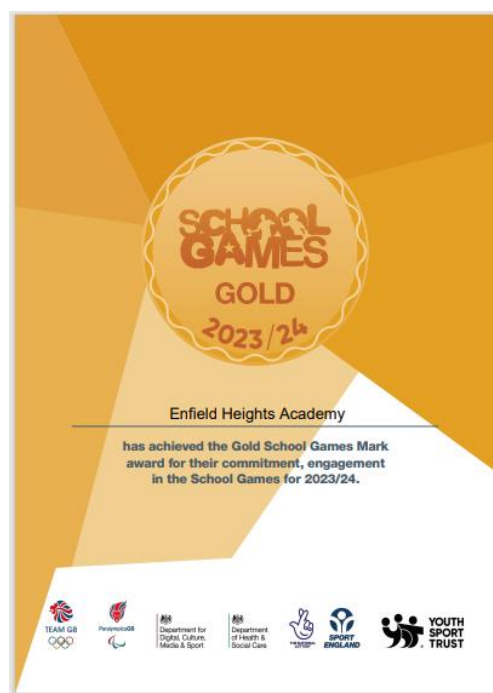
We will continue our Community Meet Ups at the Church Hall once a month on a Thursday. The sessions will start at 9am-10am so once you drop your child to school, please come to the Church Hall on 396-398 Hertford Road. These sessions not only enable us to build stronger partnership and strengthen community cohesion but also are a great way to learn new things as we theme each one of them. Our first one will be run on Thursday 19th September at 9am.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 19th September, 17th October, 21st November, 23rd January, 20th March, 8th May, 19th June, 10th July.

Please put these dates in your diaries as it would be great to see more people attending.

WE ARE A GOLD SCHOOL- Gold Games Mark achieved!



We received a GOLD School Games award as part of a government-led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in the evaluation process allowed us to reflect on our PE provision and assists us in developing an action plan for future progress.

We got validated on 4th September and we have been approved as being a Gold School. Well done to Mr Brown, our PE lead who has been instrumental in putting EHA sports on the map. Great sport initiative to come this year-please find out below.

Skip2Bfit-message from Mr Brown, our PE Lead

We are pleased to announce that after a successful workshop of Skip2bFit at our school last half term, we will be launching Skip2bFit as a whole school impact approach to Healthy Living. This will commence Week beginning 23rd September in all your children's PE lessons.

We bought Skip2bFit ropes for all the children. This was possible thanks to the money raised in the fundraising events run by our lovely PTA. THANK YOU

Each child will benefit from having their very own Skip2bFit rope which is adjustable so each rope can be personalised to the child. These ropes will be kept in school to avoid them getting lost. Each rope also has counters on, these are used to motivate the children to exercise and achieve their Personal Best. The children will use these ropes to warm up in their PE lessons. There will be weekly challenges, and a league table set up for Top Skipper, Most Improved and Best effort.

We will also have a whole class competition each half term. We will also be launching a Parent workshop where we can show you how your children are using these skipping ropes, so please look out for further information regarding this.

We look forward to achieving our healthy lifestyle goals with your continued support.

Online Safety Guides

We know that our children are using the internet, and we encourage them to do so, as long as they are being safe. Many parents say that they do not know what their children are doing online or how to support them

to be safe online. Below is a useful poster with tips on how to keep your child safe online. For more useful tips please look on NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>.

Future workshops for parents and carers

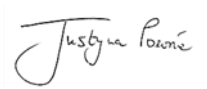
Year Group	Workshop	Date and Time
Reception	Early Reading session An introduction to the sounds your children will learn in Reception	Thursday 3 rd October (9-10am) Hall
Reception	Communication and Language & Tapestry Information Meeting Importance of Interactions and Support with creating Tapestry account	Monday 21 st October (9-10am) Hall
Reception	Story Time! An interactive story session for parents/carers with their children	Thursday 8 th May (2:30-3:15pm) Hall
Reception	Maths Workshop An Introduction to 5 counting principles and how maths in reception prepares children for National Curriculum in Year 1	Tuesday 4 th February (9-10am) Hall
Year 1	Phonics/Reading Workshop An introduction to the sounds your children will learn in Year 1 and the way we teach reading	Monday 7 th October (9-10am) Hall
Year 1	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Friday 24 th January (9-10am)
Year 1	Story Time! An interactive story session for parents/carers with their children	Friday 9 th May (2:30-3:15pm) Hall
Year 1	Phonics Screening Test Parent Meeting An explanation of what the Phonics Screening Test looks like for your child	Friday 25 th April (9-10am) Hall
Year 2	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Monday 27 th January (9-10am)
Year 3	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Thursday 30 th January (9-10am)
Year 4	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Monday 20 th January (9-10am)
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Parent Meeting An explanation of what the MTC Check looks like for your child	Thursday 27 th February (9-10am) Hall
Year 5	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Thursday 23 rd January (9-10am)
Year 6	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Thursday 16 th January (9-10am)
Year 6	SATs information morning	Monday 10 th March (9-10am) Hall

Other Key Dates for your diary

Key Events	When	Notes for Parents
Google Classroom (Home learning platform)	Wednesday 25 th September	Hall at 9-10am
Macmillan Coffee afternoon	Friday 27 th September	After school Cake sale
New Feature Scholastic Book Fair	Thursday 10 th to Thursday 17 th October	Books sale <i>The more books you buy, the more commission we get for the school</i>
Parents Consultations	Thursdays 17 th October	Early finish for the children at 13.00 Consultation times: 13.30-18.00
	Thursday 27 th March	
Anti-Bullying Week	Wc 11 th November	Odd socks day on Tuesday 12 th November
Children in Need	Friday 15 th November	Non-uniform day
Reception Festive Concert	Monday 9 th December	Hall at 9.15am
Year 1 Nativity show	Thursday 12 th December	Hall at 9.15-10.15am
Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch	tbc	More details to follow nearer the time
PTA Winter Fair	Saturday 7 th December	Volunteers and helpers required
Online Safety Day	Thursday 13 th February	workshops for children and online safety meeting for parents 9-10am
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March	Dress up day
Comic Relief	Friday 15 th March	Non-uniform day
Daffodil Breakfast (Year 1+2)	Thursday 3 rd April	Hall 9.15-10.15am -Parents/Cares Welcomed
Whole school Cuban Percussion Workshop	Tuesday 22 nd April	Lunch in the classrooms (sandwiches)
Spanish Language Day	Wednesday 23 rd April	Non-uniform day (details to follow)
Sports Day Reception	Monday 24 th June	Afternoon- Exact times to be confirmed/Muga
Sports week	w/c 16 th June	Exact dates/ times to be confirmed/Field
Year 6 Residential Trip to Danbury	Wednesday 18 th -Friday 20 th June	Details to follow
PTA Non-uniform Day	Friday 27 th June	Non-uniform day-tombola donation
PTA Summer Fair International Day	Friday 4 th July 3.15-6pm	Non-Uniform day- wear your culture attire Volunteers and helpers required to help at the fair
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 16 th July	For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/5pm
Meet the new class teacher/Open Evening	Tuesday 15 th July	3.15-5pm
Whole School Picnic	Thursday 17 th July	3.15pm-4.30pm -celebrate and bring your blanket and picnic goodies you wish to eat. Strictly NUT FREE please.
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 18 th July	For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/9-10am

Have a great week everyone!

With my very best wishes,



Headteacher

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

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