



East Sheen Primary School

Newsletter 8th September 2023



A very warm welcome back to the start of the 2023-2024 academic year, especially to our new families. It has been a fantastic, though slightly warm, first week for everyone!

Eco – Award for schools:

We are delighted to inform you that we were awarded the Green Flag Award with Distinction. This is a fantastic acknowledgment to the ongoing environmental work we do as a whole community.



Building works:

The building works, alongside our fabulous new astroturf area, are now complete and we are eagerly waiting the last finishing touches to the planters. Thank you to the whole community for your patience and support through the process.



Mental Health Support Team:

As a school, we are dedicated to supporting our children's mental health needs. The MHST are offering the following course to families: *School Readiness: supporting your child's emotional wellbeing as they start school* (for **Reception parents**) on Friday 15th September 10-11am. If you would like to book tickets for this online workshop, please follow [this link](#).

Safeguarding:

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. All adults in school will be wearing a lanyard. Please remember to report to the school office first if you want to enter the school building, to sign in and collect a lanyard.





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Notices & Reminders:

Jewellery, apart from studded earrings or religious jewellery, is not allowed due to potential Health & Safety concerns.

If you are unsure if your child is eligible for the government's **Pupil Premium Grant**, please follow [this link](#). This provides extra funding for the school to help pupils access additional clubs, trips, interventions and learning opportunities. We are also happy to check for families if parents can share their dates of birth and NI numbers.

If any families have a **keyboard or other percussion instruments** that they no longer have any use for, we would happily take any donations for our music lodge.



We are currently advertising for a **Finance Officer**; please follow [the link](#) if you would like more information, or are interested in applying.

Privacy notice:

We are committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. If you would like further information about our policy and to view our privacy notice, please follow [this link](#).

Children's Centre

The Richmond Children's Centres offer lots of support in a number of different areas. To find out more, click [here](#).

Helping Hands Award

As always, the school community has made our new children feel very welcome this week. A special mention to M in Year 4 for helping one of our new children settle into their new class. Milo has also recently competed and won Gold at a high -level UK Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu tournament.



Sports Awards:

At the end of the summer term, Years 5 and 6 gathered to celebrate a year of outstanding sporting success and engagement with Next Steps Sports. We look forward to a year of sporting opportunities for all.



Attendance and absence:

A reminder that attendance is crucial for a child to succeed at school. Please note that the school gates open at 8.40 and children must be lined up to start school by 8:50. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

The school's target is for at least 97% attendance. If your child is unwell, please ensure that you notify the school office in the morning. The attendance bulletin will be sent out with this newsletter.