



# East Sheen Primary School Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024



We are delighted to have been awarded the 'Award of Excellence' and reaccreditation as a Thinking School. Being a Thinking School means that in addition to delivering the National Curriculum, we explicitly teach children thinking skills to help them to be successful and achieve well.

Our latest report (2024-2027) can be read in full [on our website](#), and we are thrilled that the 'excellent practice' in teaching is so evident throughout.



## Assemblies:

**Year 2** treated us to a fabulous assembly on the Great Fire of London last week. Thank you, Year 2, for a fun and informative assembly!



This week we were lucky that **Year 1** performed a brilliant assembly all about transport. It was full of history and environmental awareness.

## Barnes Music Festival

Chamber Choir had the privilege to sing for the Barnes Music Festival in Gustav's Great Galactic Adventure at and with St Paul's School on Wednesday evening.

It was a tribute to the much-loved and most famous of Gustav Holst's compositions, 'The Planets'. At the heart of the concert was Peter Gritton's Trip to Mars, a dangerous and fraught symphonic piece determined by chance. The children also sang other classic pieces conducted by James Day (Bluemoon, Fly me to the moon, Over the Rainbow and When you wish upon a star). Well done Chamber Choir for a wonderful performance.



## Hounslow Urban Farm trip:

Reception enjoyed their trip to Hounslow Urban Farm this week. They enjoyed feeding the goats and sheep, holding exotic and furry animals and watching the owl fly. They learnt about different habitats and what countries the animals came from, linking with their current topic, 'All around the world'. They had a great day!





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## Sports news:

Last Wednesday, the **Year 6 netball team** played in the Richmond Borough netball tournament. They played 4 games in the morning, winning 3 of them, and progressing into the cup draw for the afternoon. The team won another 3 out of their 4 games, racking up an impressive goal difference and only missed out on the semi-finals by a very small margin. All children played fantastically, displaying excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.



The netball team also played against local school, Lowther Primary School, and won 5-2. Well done team!

## Helping Hands Award:



This week, H in Year 4 wins the Helping Hands Award. She is always thoughtful and consistently demonstrates the school values of being happy, curious, resilient and kind.

## Sports Star:



Well done to C, who has had a great start to her time in Year 5. This week she wins the sports star award for her commitment in PE lessons.

## Notices and reminders:

Zeynap and Can (both in Year 5) and two previous East Sheen students will be doing a sponsored swim for Cancer Research on the 28th April. If you would like to sponsor them, please click on the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cantetink>

We have kindly been donated a **Yamaha baby grand piano**. Sadly, due a lack of space, we are unable to take this generous offer. If you are a passionate music lover and are able to offer the piano a loving home, please contact Miss Sanders through the school office.



## Mental Health Support Team:

The MHST is offering a range of sessions over the next couple of months, from the '**Helping Children with**' series of workshops.

Helping Children with Resilience: 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Helping Children with Friendships: 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April

For more information and to sign up, please [click here](#).



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## ADHD Embrace:

We are committed to supporting our children's and parents' emotional well-being and strive to promote a greater understanding of how best to **support children with SEN** at school and at home. Please click here for [more information](#) about a workshop run by Sallie Crook (from ADHD Embrace) being held at school on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

## Good sleep hygiene:

Today is **World Sleep Day** – the purpose of which is to promote the importance of sleep on our physical and mental well-being. Many parents find establishing good sleep practices challenging. If you would like more information about supporting your child with: getting to sleep, staying asleep and getting enough good quality, deep sleep, please click on [the link](#) and read the guidance for good sleep hygiene.



## Attendance and absence:

School target: 97%

Last week: 95.00%

Classes above target: 8

RC	87.33%	1D	96.67%	2B	98.57%	3C	97.24%	4D	85.17%	5B	99.20%	6H	99.09%
RD	93.67%	1DP	94.64%	2N	95.93%	3CS	96.92%	4F	98.28%	5M	99.64%	6K	97.27%
RM	92.59%	1L	94.33%	2S	88.62%	3G	93.33%	4H	99.31%	5S	95.20%	6T	94.55%