

# EDGORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Friday 26th January 2024

### What we've been up to!

Welcome to our January newsletter. The weather has certainly thrown us all some challenging days but I have to tell you that the children (and staff) have risen to those challenges; from walking to school in the snow and ice to relentless 'wet' play-times. Huge thanks to all families, staff and children.

Year 6 wrapped up warm and completed their Forest School sessions but unfortunately Year 5 had to postpone theirs due to the storms; these will be rescheduled for as soon as possible. We're hoping for some nicer weather so that the rest of the school can enjoy their upcoming Forest School sessions.

Year 2 have been learning about touch typing in computing and practicing in our IT suite.

Year 6 have today had a fire safety talk from Lancashire Fire and Rescue.



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### General Information

**School Uniform**—Just a reminder to please name all uniform so that any lost/misplaced items can be returned quickly. Also, please replace any lost PE uniform as you would normally. Thank you.

**Parking**—please do not park or drop off/pick up your children on the school crossing or on the yellow zig zag lines as this obstructs the view of the school patrol crossing. Please do not park on or use the school lane or school car park at drop off and pick up (without prior consent) so that our children stay as safe as possible. Please share this message with any family members who may drop off/collect. Thank you

### Parents' Evening Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

We will be holding our second Parent's Evening of this academic year on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March which will be here in school; we're very much looking forward to having our families in to look at their child's work books. Mrs Page will be sending out the email in the coming weeks to book your time slot; please remember the earlier you reply, the better the chance of you getting the time you want. Mrs Page will also text families when the email has been sent.

### Shrove Tuesday School Lunch

Mrs Appleton is inviting all children to join in with a special Pancake themed school meal on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. All children who usually have a school meal will automatically receive this meal. However, if your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a Pancake lunch instead, please email the school office on [office@turtonedgworth.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@turtonedgworth.blackburn.sch.uk) to book your child a meal by 12 noon on Friday 9th February. The cost of the meal is £2.60 which will be added to your child's dinner money account on ParentPay. Thank you.

## PTFA Update

**PTFA Disco—Friday 9th February**—Our wonderful PTFA are holding a Disco on Friday 9th February. Entry is £5 per child, which includes a soft drink. Tickets can be purchased via your child's ParentPay account very soon, or you may also pay on the door (cash or card). Please see the email which contains all the details in it that you'll need.

The Infant Disco will be at 3.30-4.30pm and children who are attending should come to school in their school uniform or PE kit (if they have PE on a Friday) and bring their disco clothes & shoes with them in a named bag. They will then get changed at school in the afternoon. We will make sure their school uniform goes into their bags so they can bring it home with them at the end of the disco.

The Junior Disco will be at 4.45-5.45pm. There will be the famous 'Tuck Shop', hotdogs and glitter tattoos with all proceeds going to the PTFA which in turn helps the school to pay for additional resources to provide the best opportunities for our children. Thank you for your support.

## Year 4 Class Assembly

Class assemblies are back and Year 4 are kicking off with their assembly on Thursday 15th February at 3.00pm in the school hall. Year 4 pupils would be delighted if their families were able to come along to watch them. No ticket required, just come along and enjoy. Thank you.

## Forest School



It has been amazing to see the return of Forest School to Edgworth this month! The children learn so many valuable skills in these sessions and it is a joy to see their independence and initiative.

Y6 kicked us off and I must admit it was chilly! The children built a fire and toasted marshmallows, whittled, collected wood, set up a tool-station, built 'wind-proof' dens and even erected a hammock!

Sadly, due to the storms and weather forecast, we had to postpone Y5. Wind being one of the only weathers (along with electrical storms) that really features on the risk assessment! Y5 will get their turn, likely in March. More details to Y5 families soon. Next week is the turn of Y4. Once again, a big thank you to a local business whose donation was used to fund the Forest School experiences for the children.



Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page to see more amazing pictures of our school in action! (via the new school website [www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk](http://www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk)).

Mr. Wheatley

# Computing & PSHE Super-Learning Day!

You may have spotted in the diary that we have a Computing and PSHE Super Learning Day coming up on the **6<sup>th</sup> February**. This falls on 'Safer Internet Day' and also 'Children's Mental Health Week'.

In order to raise awareness of the important issues and messages that these two events address, Mrs Burton (computing lead) and Mrs Sears (PSHE lead) have put together a timetable of lessons for the day.

As part of this timetable, we have the theatre show 'The Greatest Robot Ever' coming into school.

The Greatest Robot Ever: An interactive and rhyming dance theatre show for 3-10 year olds that explores resilience, friendship and wellbeing. 30 minute show followed by 30 minute workshop.

## Significant Figures in the History of Computing:

During the day, each year group will learn about significant figures and their contribution to computing. Please do encourage children to learn about any of these people, not just the ones for their year group!

Reception: Tim Bernes-Lee

Year 3: Bill Gates

Year 5: Grace Hopper

Year 1: Ada Lovelace

Year 4: Steve Jobs

Year 6: Hedy Lamarr

Year 2: Alan Turing

## Online Safety:

This year's theme from Safer Internet Day is 'Inspiring Change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online' and covers the following:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

Children may also engage in some activities from the 'Safer Internet Day Resources for 3-7 and 7-11 year olds'. This is also accessible at home: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/education-resources>.

## PSHE: Children's Mental Health Week – this year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'

After discussing Children's Mental Health Week and ways in which we can look after our own mental health and that of others, some children will be designing a 'Mental Health Robot' which would help children look after their mental health.

For example, the robot in these articles has a child's voice and starts with an ice-breaker chat and fist pump to create a friendly atmosphere: <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2022/sep/01/children-mental-health-talking-robot-study-cambridge>

<https://www.ibsafoundation.org/en/blog/robot-listen-to-children-problems>



Further resources for children's mental health week 2024 can be found here: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools/#resources>

# Calendar of Events

The complete school calendar of events can be found on the school website, under the Parents tab, Term Dates and will be the version that is kept updated. If there are any changes or new additions to the calendar, we will highlight these in amber for your ease. Paper copies can also be collected from the school office.

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	AM	Year 5	Maya Workshop in school
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All day	Whole school	'The Greatest Robot Ever' Show in school
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.30- 4.30pm	Infants	PTFA Infant Disco
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4.45-5.45pm	Juniors	PTFA Junior Disco
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12-1.00pm	School Meals	Pancake themed lunch
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.00pm	Year 4	Year 4 Class Assembly - parents invited
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.30pm	Whole school	Finish for the half term break
Spring 1 Half Term Break Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024 (inclusive)			
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	08.55am	Whole school	School starts
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00-5.30pm via Teams	Year 6 parents	Culmington Manor meeting for parents
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March	3.00pm	Year 5	Year 5 Class Assembly - parents invited
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Whole school	World Book Day - optional dress up
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-10.00am	Reception	Reception Mother's Day Breakfast
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm	Rock Steady pupils	Rock Steady Concert for parents
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm	Guitar pupils	Guitar Concert for families
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	All day	Year 6	Culmington Manor Residential Trip
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	All day	Whole school	PTFA Non-Uniform in exchange for chocolate donations
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March	12-1.00pm	School meals	Easter themed lunch
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> March	3.45-7.50pm	Whole school	Parents' Evening with creche
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> March	3.45-7.50pm	All parents	Uniform Pre-loved Shop (free)
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm	Whole school	Finish for the Easter break
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm	Whole school	PTFA Easter Bingo!
Easter Holidays Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 (inclusive)			