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Evendons News

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Mental Health Week

NOTICE BOARD



Berkshire Talent Show

The Rotary Club of Wokingham have booked the Whitty Theatre again for their annual Berkshire Talent showcase 2020 which will be held on Saturday 30th May 2020. Some way off yet, but they have asked you to save the date and begin talking to your children about whether they would like to enter. They are looking for various talents including music, dance, vocal, instrumental, keyboards, string, wind and theatricals (they had a very talented puppeteer one year, aged only 5!). Pauly Zarb will be our musical director and MC. They are hoping that Quentin Clark from Silk Purse Video Productions will be our videographer and I will be taking studio-style performers portrait photographs as they did last year. They would love to give as many children as possible the opportunity to perform in a lively but friendly and relaxed performance. Lucinda has the entry forms if you are interested.

Active Travel

In assembly this morning, Evendons were presented with the silver MODESFIT star certificate and Silver Star for all the work we have achieved in promoting sustainable travel at school. Lets go for gold!



Dear All

Next week is Mental Health Week and this years theme is 'Being Brave'.

At Evendons the whole school will be focusing on being brave when trying new and different things. Children will be able to talk and try out new skills they have learnt in and out of school, and hopefully will be inspired to try new activities. They will also be taking part in Mindfulness activities and think about what strategies they can use.

On **Wednesday 5th February** there will be a coffee morning for parents from **8:45** onwards. This will be an informal time to chat and Helen Masters (Nurture Teacher) will be there to talk to anyone who would like to find out more about how we support the children's well being in school.

You can also support my wellbeing by coming to the work party on Saturday 8th February! Lots of jobs for all ages and plenty of biscuits to go round!

Have lovely weekends!

Matt

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Healthy Birthday Treats!

A few parents have asked for clarification of what treats can be brought in to celebrate birthdays etc. Please see our policy below, but as a rule of thumb, please try and bring in healthier options over sweets and chocolate treats. And remember our school is NUT FREE, so do not bring in anything containing nuts. Thank you.

3.7 Birthdays, and special events such as Christmas parties in class are also times where food contributes to a sense of celebration and sharing. On these occasions foods other than fruit or vegetables may be offered, this always needs to be a healthy option and not sweets. All homemade items need to be checked through the office first with an ingredients list.

Sports News

Bikeability

Congratulations to many of the children in Sharman and Newton who achieved Bikeability cycle training Level 1 and Level 2.



Harriette- 'I thought it was really good! It was hard at first, but then we got used to it.'

William- 'Bikeability was really good because you got to experience riding on the road, doing T turns and U turns.'

What is Bikeability?

Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling.

Bikeability Level 1 aims to develop cycle handling in an off-road environment and prepare riders for cycling on the road. Riders must be able to cycle (i.e. pedal and glide) to participate in Bikeability Level 1.

Bikeability Level 2 will develop riders' skills and confidence for cycling on single-lane roads and simple junctions with mostly moderate motor traffic flows, preparing riders to deal with short journeys such as cycling to school or the local shops.

Bikeability courses are available throughout the year in most local authorities in England. Children and adults can be trained individually or in groups, through school, clubs or private tuition.

Please see the website for more details: <https://bikeability.org.uk/bikeability-training/>

Y5 STEM

Newton and Sharman had a brilliant morning learning about pulley systems, and making their own, with our resident engineer Rob Hughes. The two classes got together to investigate the uses and mechanical advantages of pulley systems. They measured forces and made calculations to develop their understanding, all the while showing excellent team working and STEM skills. Well done Year 5!



PTA

I am delighted to tell you that our very first Burns Afternoon was an incredible success – the icing on the cake was the incredible piper, Ron, from Reading Scottish Pipe Band who donated some of his time to spend with us, the food was delicious and the atmosphere incredible. I worked out that we invested somewhere in the region of 60 man hours on the day itself so . thank you so much to everyone that helped and attended – if you would like to volunteer for any of our events we would be so grateful – many hands really do make light work, plus its great fun (well I think so!). If you couldn't make this event, fear not, we have a very busy couple of months coming up!

7th February – Celebrate the end of dry January with Cheese and Wine –Wines will be selected from some of Waitrose Finest offerings and accompanied by a range of cheeses!!We would love to see you there, sign up [here](#) – we are down to our last few places – friends and family are also most welcome

28th Feb – all years school disco – Reception 3.30, Yr1 and 2 4.30, Yr 3,4,5&6 5.45. Cost is £3 per child and you can sign up here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe72QwefUuCqKr9j0Q79f1_FUYkAyje-Dd-eTtHxnSnI3Qlpg/viewform - please let us know if you can help as we do need a number of volunteers.

25th April – Back to School Community Day

15th May – STEM games – save the date – STEM related Games Evening – why not put a team together

27th June – Summer Shindig – save the date – back by popular demand, we will be eating, drinking, singing and dancing the night away

11th July – Summer Garden Party – family celebration – marks the end of the PTA school year

We are also doing our bit for the environment and have invested in some party hire kits – so instead of buying paper plates and cups, why not consider hiring out our kits? We ask for a £20 refundable deposit and a donation for hire. You can find out more [here](#)

Thanks for your continued support
Kerri – Chair of the PTA

Diary Dates

Spring Term 1	
Wednesday 5th February	Zantow Ukulele Music Assembly 3pm
Friday 7th February	Goodall Guitar Assembly 9am
Thursday 13th February	Yr1 Henley River & Rowing Museum
Friday 14th February	Dyson Recorder Assembly 9am
Friday 14th February	School Finishes
Monday 17th-21st February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	Term Starts
Wednesday 26th February	Yr6 & Yr2 SATS Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 27th February	Yr 2 Brooklands Trip
Tuesday 10th March	Yr 4 Living Rainforest
Thursday 12th March	Yr5 Gilbert White
Sunday 15th -21st March	Yr6 Rhos Y Gwaliau
Thursday 19th -20th March	Yr2 Ufton Court
Friday 3rd April	Term Finishes