

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

14th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Scholastic Bookfair

Exciting News! The Scholastic Book Fair arrived at Enfield Heights Academy. Thank you for visiting the stand last Friday. A large commission from the sale will sponsor books for the school libraries and our classrooms.

Please note that this event is cash-only and prices start from as low as £2.99.

The Book Fair will run for two weeks until Thursday 24th October and will be open after school in the main playground from 3:10pm-3.45pm.

It will also be available during Parent Consultation on 17th October in the school hall until 4pm.



Black History Month- Steel Pan workshop

As a school we are continuously looking to educate our children about people, events, dates, monumental moments in time as we believe this is key to helping them feel informed about historical occasions that have had such great impacts on our world and shaped how we are as humans. This October we celebrate Black History and this year's theme is **Reclaiming Narratives**. It marks a powerful shift in how we view and celebrate Black history and culture. It's about challenging the narratives that have historically marginalised Black achievements and instead highlighting stories of resilience, success, and empowerment.

Mr Merritt-Hall, our Music Lead, organised a fantastic steelpan workshop for the children on Tuesday 15th October. The steelpan (also known as a pan, steel drum) is a musical instrument originating in Trinidad and Tobago. Often described as the sunniest music on the planet, I am sure that this steel pans workshop will give our pupils a fun and uplifting experience!



Throughout this month, the staff will be explore stories to develop children's understanding of Black History. #ReclaimingNarratives Visit here <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/> for incredible stories and updates on Black History Month.

Community Meet Up-Thursday 17th October at 9am

Miss Cooper, our Community Link Teacher, is inviting everyone to attend our monthly coffee morning at the Church Hall dedicated to **Health** and useful information about how to look after yourself on Thursday 17th October at 9am. There were handouts and goodies to take home too.

ELECTION OF PARENT TO THE SCHOOLS' GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body of Enfield Heights Academy has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. We are writing to invite nominations of parents interested in standing for election to fill this vacancy. Every parent or carer of a registered pupil at the School is entitled to stand for election except someone who is:

- an elected member of Enfield Council;
- paid to work at the School for more than 500 hours in a 12-month period.

The Governing Body is continually strengthening and evolving at Enfield Heights Academy and the role of the Parent Governor is crucial to our whole school development and the strategic leadership of the school. It is a role that will require a range of skills, time, dedication and confidentiality as we work together with the leadership team to move the school forward. The role will involve Governor training as well as attending at least 3 Governing Body evening meetings per year) and some daytime visits to the school depending on the area of responsibility. If you wish to stand for election, please let the school office know and obtain a nomination form to register your interest [Become a school governor | North Star Community Trust \(enfieldheightsacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.enfieldheightsacademy.org.uk/become-a-school-governor-north-star-community-trust)

Parents Consultations on Thursday 17th October

Please remember that school is closing at 1pm on Thursday 17th October due to parents consultations. We will not be running After School Care on that day.

You can still book your appointment on Arbor until tomorrow (Tuesday 15th October).

Prospective parents for Reception 2025-26

Please see dates for New Reception tours for next year's cohort. Please call school's office to make a booking.



Bigfoot Arts Education Workshops (Anti-Bullying week 11-15th November 2024)

Miss Cooper, our PSHE and RE lead, has organised fantastic workshops for Anti Bullying week on Monday 11th November. All year groups will be participating in interactive workshops to understand bullying.

'I Wish I Could' (Confidence and Self Esteem) for Reception children

In the rainbow forest the insects are having a talent competition. The winner gets to add a new story to the story tree! Tara is the only person who isn't excited; she's the judge. How will she choose a winner? A tale about talents old and new, and learning to be the most proud of you.

What Would You Do? for Years 1 to 6 – a fantastic experience which will enable whole year groups to work together to explore key anti bullying themes, in the most enjoyable and creative way! Bigfoot's World Friendship Ambassadors will support pupils to consider how we should treat others and how we should expect to be treated ourselves. Children will reflect on what positive relationships look like, as well as how to deal with negative attitudes and behaviour. During the workshops they will also explore online safety and the concept of cyber bullying.

We kindly ask for a **contribution of £2.50** towards funding the workshops. Payments can be made on Arbor. Thank you in advance.

Winter Fair- save the date: Saturday 7th December 2024

We are looking for volunteers who can help with the running of this lovely event for the whole school community. Please join our PTA. If you are interested, please let your class rep know or speak to the office.

The Winter fair is a great fundraiser for the school's and this year we are raising money for listening equipment and audio stories for the children.

This year we are asking families to donate the following:

- **Unwanted new items/gifts** for our Christmas Tombola
- **Bottles** – please donate a bottle of something (squash, shampoo, washing up liquid, fizzy drinks, wine anything in a bottle that we can put on our bottle stall)

Please donate to the school's office. Thank you for your support as ever.

Read Aloud
Book Swap
 Thursday 24th October 2024
 For All years at Enfield Heights Academy
You are Invited to Book Swap
Time: 3.00 –4pm
By the main office outside.
Please bring a book from home to swap for another book.
 (This does not include any of your school books)

Community Outreach Team
communityoutreach@northstartrust.org.uk

INSET Day- 25th October 2024- school will be closed.

Have a great week everyone!

With my very best wishes,

Headteacher

Future workshops for parents and carers

Year Group	Workshop	Date and Time
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
New Feature Scholastic Book Fair	Thursday 10 th to Thursday 24 th October	<i>Books sale</i> <i>The more books you buy, the more commission we get for the school</i>

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