



Edisford Newsflash

Week 18

Hello everyone! Welcome to another weekly Newsflash which aims to keep you well-informed about weekly events at school. We will still be sending out a more detailed newsletter which celebrates children's achievements, but this newsflash will ensure that you are kept up to speed with things from week to week.

Marvellous Manners

Our Marvellous Manners celebrate British values and our Edisford Characteristics for Success – Confidence, Resilience, Getting Along, Organisation and Persistence. Each week, our Ambassadors give us a new Marvellous Manner to work on, and on Fridays, the teachers give out house points to those who have particularly stood out.

This Week's Marvellous Manners: **Becoming more resilient.**

Mrs Darnell, Mrs Smithson & Mrs Blackmore nominated: Xander B has really developed his resilience since September!

Sophie K & Alfie H, for always being resilient and never giving up no matter the challenge!

Miss Blockeel, Miss Knight and Mrs Halstead nominated: Noah G-F & Lucy W - you really impressed the teacher by being resilient when learning a new skill collecting data on the computer!

Mrs Calton & Miss Slinger nominated: Thomas B & Tommy W have been showing fantastic resilience this term in all lessons.

Mrs Dryden nominated: Rudy C, for showing resilience in her writing and working hard on her cursive handwriting.

Harry L, for working fantastically in English this week.

Mrs Colvin nominated: Isabella H - she is trying incredibly hard to learn her times tables, she's working tough and keeps trying. It's paying off, she's improving every week!

Lilly K is always trying her best, no matter the task or if she finds it challenging.

Florence F & Sophie M - they have achieved their 100% core tables certificate. Well done!

Mrs Agius nominated: Cora H - her behaviour was impeccable through a challenging lesson. Well done!

Mrs Jackson & Mrs Chadwick nominated: Jack K & Max G - if they get things wrong, they never give up. They learn from their mistakes with a smile on their face!

Next Week's Marvellous Manners: **Reading for pleasure.**

Astounding Attendance!

1st Place - Year 4

2nd Place - Year 2

3rd Place - Year 1

Music Genre of the Week

Opera

Opera is a form of musical theatre that tells a story through song, combining drama, music, acting, and visual arts in a theatrical performance, traditionally with an orchestra and singers who project powerful, unamplified voices.

News, Notices & Events

Edisford Alumni Success!

We are incredibly proud of one of our former pupils, George, who has been offered a place at Brasenose College, Oxford!

George visited us last week to share his exciting news and to tell us all about his Oxford interview experience. He has been offered a place to study Classics, which is a fantastic achievement. Here is a photograph from his recent trip to the USA with his secondary school, Clitheroe Royal Grammar School.

Thank you for coming in to share your success with us, George. Well done on this outstanding accomplishment, and we wish you every success in your A-Levels and beyond!



Working Together to Support Daily Reading.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many ways you support your child's learning at home. One area where that support makes a particularly powerful difference is daily reading, and we would like to gently remind everyone how important this is.

We know how busy family life can be, but regular reading really is one of the most effective ways to help children become confident, fluent readers. Reading fluency comes from practice — seeing words again and again, building pace, expression and understanding. Over time, this has a huge impact on comprehension and on children's confidence across the whole curriculum.

We aim for children to become fluent readers whose reading age is around two years above their chronological age. This level of fluency allows them to fully access lessons and cope with the increasingly complex texts they meet as they move through school.

Recently, we have noticed that some children are not reading every night at home. This has been particularly noticeable in Year 6, where a lack of regular practice can result in hesitant reading that slows children down and makes understanding more difficult. To support them, we are increasing opportunities for reading aloud in school, alongside the many other reading activities already in place. To help, we wanted to remind you of our expectations for reading at home for each year group:

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Listen to your child read for 15 mins every day

Enjoy sharing a book together once a day

Year 3

Listen to your child read for 20 mins every day

Enjoy sharing a book together once a day

Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

Listen to your child read for 20 mins every day

Read independently every day

Reading is the only set homework we give, because it underpins everything else your child learns. Your encouragement, interest, and monitoring of this makes a real difference. Small, consistent routines — even just 20 minutes — quickly add up.

Whenever possible, we encourage choosing a book over a device when you're out and about. Carrying a book and dipping into it regularly helps to build a lifelong reading habit, which benefits children far beyond their time at school.

Thank you for working with us to support your child's reading journey — it truly is one of the greatest gifts we can give them.

Out of School Achievements

WOW!



Wow - Lando achieved his green belt for martial arts! Amazing work, Lando!



Well done to Holly, for winning the trophy for best gymnast in your gymnastics class!

AMAZING!

Wellbeing Section

Confidence Cape

When we are confident and feel good about ourselves, it helps our well being levels.

To feel confident, it is helpful to think about what you are good at and what your friends and family like about you. Write these down to remember them. Now imagine you have an invisible cloak with all these things on it.

Next time you need to feel confident, put on your invisible confidence cape to give yourself a boost!



School nurse drop in - Thursday 5th March, 3-4pm

