



**Issue 1**

**September**

**2017**

A very warm welcome to our first newsletter of the 2017–18 academic year.

I was very pleased to welcome all of our children and staff back at the beginning of the month, they have all been working extremely hard and I am very proud of them all! I'm delighted to inform you that our new members of staff, Mrs Dando, Mrs Preston, Mrs Haddock and Mrs Spencer, have all settled in well.

During the first full week of term, our year six children took part in a residential trip at Manor Adventure in Shropshire. It was evident from the children's assembly this morning that they all had an amazing time and were a credit to our school. A residential trip takes careful planning and I'm sure you will join me in thanking all of the members of staff involved in this magnificent trip. We really do appreciate your time and dedication.

This month we have been focusing on one of our school values, 'Being Democratic'. During our assemblies we have explained the link between the government and democracy, asked the children to name any democratic groups within school, highlighted the democratic process involved in choosing the people involved in these groups and focused on people who are elected by a community. Mrs McAllister, our Year 4 teacher and a school governor from 2013 until July 2017, explained the roles and responsibilities of a school governor, another group of people that are elected. The children used their new knowledge of the democratic process to elect House Captains and School Council representatives.

Our House and Vice Captains are:

Golden Eagles

House Captain: Ethan Undrell

Vice-Captain: Sophie Watson

Hummingbirds

House Captain: Nadia Drury

Vice-Captain: Callum Ahmed

Kingfishers:

House Captain: Will Jones

Vice-Captain: Matilda Redgate

Redstart

House Captain: Fflur Vieten

Vice-Captain: Oliver Webster

Congratulations to all of our House and Vice Captains, wear your badge with pride, I am sure you will do a fantastic job. Well done.

Our School Councillors are:

3 Ash: Skye Seeley and William O'Connor  
3 Larch: Isabelle Mason and Eddie Austin  
4 Cedar: Beth Walgate and Ozzy Ferguson  
4 Elm: Sophie Joseph and Michael Khan  
5 Maple: Aine Ballantine and Jack Parry  
5 Pine: Divyanshi Dahiya and Lazure Francis  
6 Beech: Gui Pereira and Lillian Barber  
6 Fir: Bobby Hanger and Chloe Shackelford

A very well done to you all. I look forward to seeing you at our next school council meeting.

Another school value is 'Being Responsible'. Again, I was thrilled to see so many applications from our year six children who applied to become a Monitor. I really loved reading their applications and their references from their parents. Every child was successful in his or her application, an amazing achievement! The monitors for the autumn term are:

**6 Fir**

Brooke Carlisle  
Charlotte Dowse  
Sophie Doyle  
Lucy Gibson  
Martha Mayhew  
Precious Nkum  
Kameron Waddon  
Sophie Woodason

**6 Beech**

Lillian Barber  
Henry Bray  
Emily Chikota  
Riley Hannigan  
Florence Grundy-Kelly  
Isabelle Shaw  
Taiya Smith

Well done to you all. I know that you are going to make a big difference around the school.

Last week I was pleased to see so many of you at our recent Curriculum Evening as I really do value the partnership between home and school. I hope you found the event informative and useful.

I would like to wish all of our families a fantastic weekend and hope to see you all again very soon.

Kind regards,

Mr Rob Fenton  
Head Teacher



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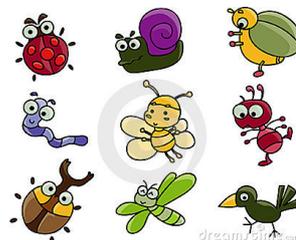
## CURRICULUM NEWS by Mr Fenton

The year 3 children have settled well into life at Emmbrook Junior. They have been busy finding out about volcanoes and earthquakes for their topic 'The world beneath our feet'. This also ties in nicely with their science work where they have been studying rocks, soils and fossils. In English they have had great fun writing mountain adventure stories, whilst in maths they have been revising place value and looking at the value of digits in a three digit number.



Year 4 have started their topic work and are learning all about Ancient Egypt and Tutankhamun, they have also been busy painting Egyptian tombs! In English, they have been looking at simple, compound and complex sentences – including reversed complex, embedded complex and extended complex sentences. In maths lessons, they have been reading, writing and representing numbers to over 1 million and adding powers of 10, 100 and 1000.

Year 5 have enjoyed classifying living organisms. This involved a bug hunt in our newly renovated environmental area. They have looked at e-safety in ICT and how to be kind and keep safe online. In history they have been learning all about the Romans, specifically the Roman invasion of Britain and the Roman Empire. PE has seen the children working on their balancing, travelling and jumping.



The majority of year 6 started the term with a little 'holiday' to Manor Adventure. Here they tackled a range of activities including (very) high ropes, abseiling, a confidence course, water polo and an underground maze just to name a few of the activities. A fun week for all involved. Those who remained in school had fun researching their favourite animals, cooking paw biscuits, making animal masks (which became hats!) and playing with Bess (Mr Fenton's guide dog).

After a fun start to the term, the hard work has now begun; the children, as part of their World War II topic have been listening to Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo and in English, looking at how powerful language creates an atmosphere. Yesterday, for National Poetry Day, the children composed their own war poems. In maths, they have been looking at place value of numbers up to 100 million and negative numbers.



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## CAUGHT DOING THE RIGHT THING by Mrs Freeman

Well done to all of the children who received a 'Caught Doing The Right Thing' voucher this month:

### Hummingbirds:

Kapish Mahara, Manuela Bernstein x2, Ozzy Ferguson, Kacey Howells, Jasmine Jasper x2, Lauren Joseph, Lazure Francis.

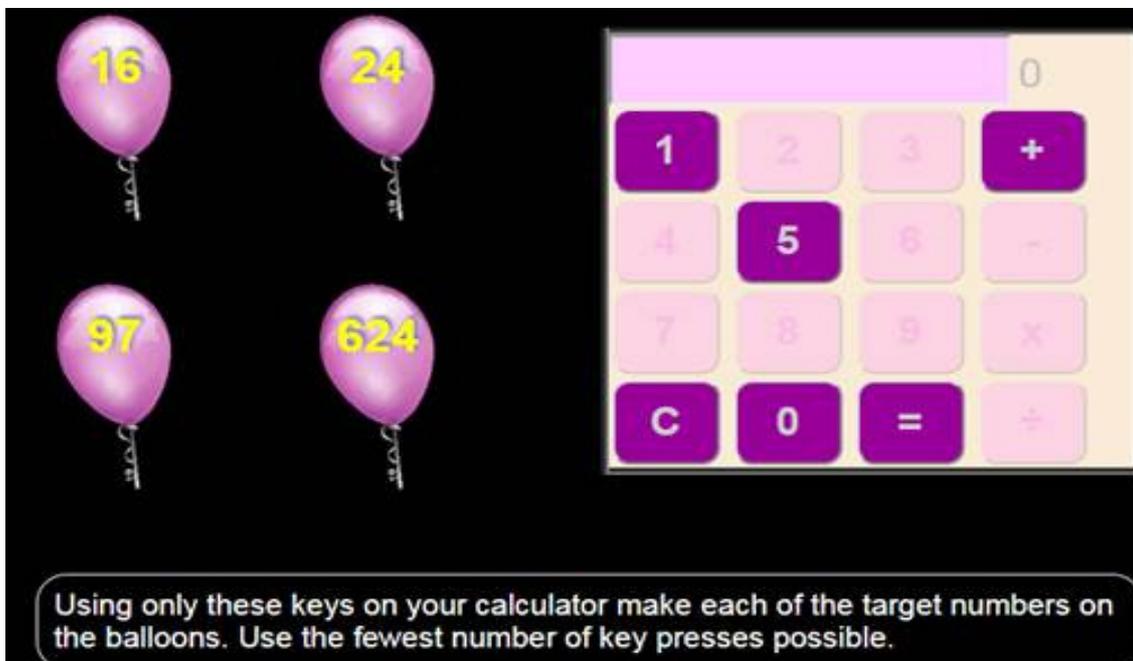
### Redstarts:

Fflur Vieten x2, Beth Walgate, Katie Gee x2.

### Golden Eagles:

Eddie Newman, Wilfred Grundy-Kelly, James Nash, Yammen El-Kateeb.

## MATHS PROBLEM by Mr Thomas



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## SPORTS NEWS by Mr Fisher

So it begins!

Another term, another year group and another year of PE and sports. This term will see us cover circuit training, football, tag rugby and netball in our PE sessions. Our after school clubs will be football, tag rugby and cross country.

We have several matches and races scheduled already and they are as follows:

Cross country race @ Cantley Park - 5th October 2017

Football league Vs St Paul's (Away) - 11th October 2017

Football League Vs St Teresa's (Away) - 13th October 2017

There will of course be more football and tag rugby matches scheduled over the next month so please look out for them on the next newsletter.

So far this term we have played a football tournament at the Madjeski Stadium where we took part in a 6-a-side competition. The team did fantastically well and competed on all fronts. We played 9 matches and won 6, drew 1 and lost 2. We finished 3rd in our mini league (by only 1 point) and therefore, went in to a mini 3rd place play off group. We won all of our games! A big well done to Sonny Jones, Liam Gash, Lewis Taylor, Archie Hedge, Ben Sprackling, Will Jones and Callum Ahmed.



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## Wanted – A Parent Governor!

Mrs Sarah Bray and Mrs Melissa Shaw, two of our parent governors, have stood down from the governing board after serving us very well for 3 years. I must acknowledge and thank them for the time they gave and the commitment and valued input they made to the Finance, Community and Premises committee, the Leadership Management and Staffing committee and the Appraisal and Pay committees. I must also say a big 'thank you' to two other departing governors - Mrs Helen McAllister who has increased her teaching workload at EJS and Mrs Stimpson who has moved to another school. By sharing their knowledge and experience in teaching and middle management work they added much to the board's understanding of the challenges facing the day-to-day teaching and strategic management of the school in relation to the ever growing demands that education brings.

I am very pleased to now welcome Mrs Samantha Dowse to the governing board as a parent governor. Her experience in the leadership of the Parent Forum and the work she has already done on exploring the provision of wrap around care will be of great benefit to us as she begins her work in the Finance, Community and Premises committee. We still have one vacancy for a parent governor and need someone who can give some time and the benefit of their experience and life skills to the growth of the school. Basic information about the work we do can be found on the school website but if you are interested please get in touch with me to find out more by emailing [clerkemj@gmail.com](mailto:clerkemj@gmail.com).

Best wishes for the new school year,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mike Smith'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mike Smith  
Chair of Governors



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## REMINDERS

Cross Country Race At Cantley Park	-	5th Oct
5 Maple Sharing Assembly (9.00am)	-	6th Oct
Football Match vs St Paul's	-	11th Oct
3 Larch Sharing Assembly (9.00am)	-	13th Oct
Football Match vs St Teresa's	-	13th Oct
Junior Disco	-	13th Oct
Inset Day	-	20th Oct
Half Term	-	w/c 23rd Oct

## LETTERS SENT THIS MONTH

11th Sep	-	Welcome Letter
11th Sep	-	PTA 100 Club
12th Sep	-	Curriculum Information Evening
13th Sep	-	School Photographs
14th Sep	-	Year 4 Trip
18th Sep	-	Clubs Autumn Term
22nd Sep	-	5 Pine Arrangements
22nd Sep	-	Year 6 Permission To Walk Home
26th Sep	-	Flu Vaccinations (Years 3 & 4)



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