



Friday 10th November 2023  
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This week we have seen half the school take part in the BFI schools Into film festival. We are careful to follow the guidance of ageing for films and apologies if any of you feel that the films aren't suitable. This isn't a statutory part of the curriculum and it is optional for your child to attend. Again, this is something that has caused anxiety with some parents due to comments on year group and class whatsapp groups. As adults can we please ask that you think before posting things on any form of social media. We live in age where social media is a massive part of our lives but we need to be setting the examples for the children and using them in way that doesn't cause harm or anxiety to others. I spend a lot of my time telling children that is ok to have a voice but if you can't say anything nice to someone then don't say anything at all. One way that you can have a voice and represent your child's class is by joining the Parent Council. We still have vacancies in

Merlin, Mallard, Magpie  
Kittiwake, Kingfisher  
Swallow, Skylark, Swan  
Buzzard

Goose, Goldfinch, Goldcrest  
Chiff Chaff, Crow, Cuckoo

As soon as we have parents for these classes then I will organise a meeting on the agenda for the first meeting with be the Relationship, Sex and health Education Policy and behaviour booklet.

The south site is quite unique, even with its gates for entry and exit. The nursery team have become quite stressed as parents they don't know are following the nursery parents on to the school grounds. We appreciate that the tone used recently to talk to parents was one that may have come across as rude but it was due to the stress of safeguarding the nursery children at the end of the day. The black gate at the top of Netley road is for all parents to enter and exit the school grounds. The one next to the nursery is for nursery parents. If we all respect this there will be no reason for anyone to get upset. Today at 11 am we had a minutes silence and children also came in non-uniform to raise funds for the British Legion. The children have been learning about what the poppy represents and why Remembrance Day is so important.

The PTA is in full swing with the preparations for the Christmas fair. If you can help in anyway please contact the PTA via [friends@missiongrove.org.uk](mailto:friends@missiongrove.org.uk) or by emailing myself at [headteacher@missiongrove.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@missiongrove.org.uk).

**Have a peaceful weekend.**

Miss Katie Jennings  
Headteacher

## Respect Yourself – Respect others

We are seeing an increasing rise in parents getting angry with members of staff on the doors in a morning and at the office. Please can I remind you that you have never been able to talk to teachers in the morning. If you have an issue then you make an appointment to see them at the end of the day. Getting angry will not change this policy. I also know that lots of you would like to see me—if you do then you may have to wait. It is a busy job running 2 schools. We understand that there are times you may be upset but being rude to staff is not acceptable.



**Remembrance Day**

## SPECIAL DATES

Parents come dine with your children.

This is an opportunity to try the delicious school meals and have lunch with your child. The cost is £3.50. We have dates for year 3 & 4 coming up.

### Children In Need .

A message from Miss Atwal and the School Council

The School Council gave numerous suggestions and then voted on the following things for next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November SOUTH- Selling Hot Chocolate/ and crafts after school

Dressing up - as your parents!

NORTH- Toy Sale after school ( School Councilors would like parents to bring any unwanted 'new' toys that are clean and in excellent working order next Friday morning.)

Dressing up in - any favourite top

More details will follow on the APP.



13th Year 5 swimming—2 weeks

Anti-Bullying week

13th—15th Book Fair North

13th Year 6 Stand by me workshops

14th Year 4 & 5 Road Safety workshops

15th Year 2 Into film festival—Barbican

Year 4 Into Film Festival—Barbican

Year 3 Parents Come Dine with your child

16th Book Fair on South until 22nd.

17th Children In Need

Governors Day

22nd Year 6 Into film Festival

23rd Air Quality workshop year 4—6

24th Year 6 HMS Belfast trip

28th Year 5 & 6 Chicken shed Theatre trip

Year 2 Woodpecker & Wren British Museum

## Attendance

The table shows the classes with above 95% this week. Well done the Nursery full timers on both sites.

1 Kingfisher	95.01%
4 Barn Owl	95.56%
2 Wagtail	95.58%
6 Chaffinch	95.83%
3 Swallow	95.84%
2 Wren	96.07%
4 Buzzard	96.54%
4 Blackbird	96.75%
Nursery South AM	97.11%
6 Crow	97.25%
2yr North AM	97.49%
6 Chiff Chaff	97.63%
2yr North PM	97.87%
3 Sparrow	97.87%
Nursery South PM	98.50%

We have the Book Fair on North currently:

**SCHOLASTIC** TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO the **BOOK FAIR!**

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

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The advertisement features a cartoon dog character on the left wearing a blue uniform with a yellow crown. On the right is a sad-looking chocolate chip cookie character. Below the main text are four book covers: 'Tom Gates Five Star Stories (Hooray!)' by Liz Pichon, 'Zombie Season', 'Oh Maya Gods!', and 'Speak Up! You can make a difference'.

The book fair is on the North site now until next Thursday. You can find out more about the books available and confirm prices at [bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases](https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases).

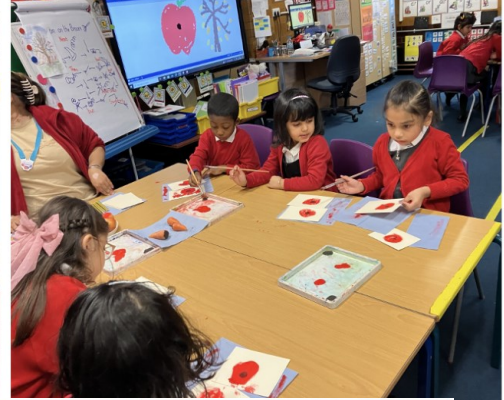
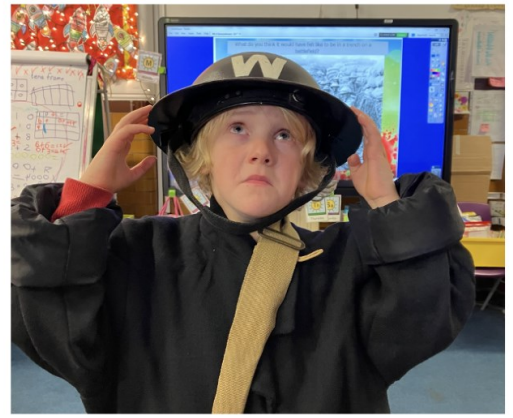
The south site will have the book fair the 17th to the 22nd November.

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## EMPOWERING PARENTS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

**Parenting is difficult! It's a job we receive no training for, yet we are always expected to get it right**

### What do EPEC courses cover?

EPEC Parenting offers a variety of parent led courses and workshops both face to face and virtually. Each course is facilitated by x2 EPEC certified Parent Group Leaders (PGLS). Topics include Being 'Good enough parents, Feelings, Child led play, Spending time with your children, Understanding children's behaviour, Discipline strategies, Listening & Communication styles, Coping with stress etc.

### What types of EPEC Courses are there in Waltham Forest?

There are 2 types of EPEC parenting courses:

1. Being a Parent Course - for parents/ carers of children aged 2-11 years
2. Parent Group Leaders Course – a unique parenting approach for parents of (children ages 2-11 years). The techniques & training has been designed for local parents and is run by local parents.



"As a father I feel I am a good enough parent and it's important we build safer relationships with our children."

"I'm not alone and other parents go through the same."

"It's a relaxed, friendly atmosphere."

"Open/talking, learning about us and not feeling alone as a father."

You can speak to a member of the EPEC Team for further information or to book onto a course  
Phone: 0779913026 email: EPEC@walthamforest.gov.uk Web: [bit.ly/EPECBAP](https://bit.ly/EPECBAP)

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