



Friday 8th December 2023
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17 more sleeps to Christmas Day

10 more school days! As always we have a lot of things planned right up until the last day of term – 21st December.

Unfortunately, we had an incident this week with some year 6 children bringing a vape into school and 2 children having a try just to see what it was like. This is not acceptable and the parents have been informed and sanctions put in place.

The use of e-cigarettes is unsafe for children, teens, and young adults as most e-cigarettes contain nicotine. Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm adolescent brain development. E-cigarettes can contain other harmful substances besides nicotine.

We had our end of term music concert this week that was opened by the choir and then featured guitar and violin performances. Reading music and playing an instrument are such wonderful talents that can last a lifetime, and having the confidence to play in front of an audience is an amazing talent. Next week the children who attend Rock Steady Lessons will have the chance to perform in their bands. If you are interested in paying for lessons for your child please email office@missiongrove.org.uk for more details.

It was great to see the turnout at the EPEC Coffee Morning on Wednesday and good to see a number of Dad's too! Parents often tell us that they are interested in gaining more tools to add to their parenting skills and that it would be so helpful to have classes here at school. This course starting on the 1st February will provide exactly that. In the coming weeks, Sylvie will be in touch with those who signed up.

We have another coffee morning on Wednesday 13th December on North site at 9am when we will have someone from Waltham Forest Family Hub will be available to talk to you about what support is on offer for families locally.

You may have seen that it is Cop28 Climate Summit this week—one of the major issues impacting on the climate is food waste. By saving just a quarter of the food currently lost or wasted globally, we could feed all 828 million people affected by hunger (FAO, 2022). In retail, 40% of the world's 50 largest food companies now measure and report food waste, with 20% committing to reduction programmes (Champions 12.3, 2022). Every day, unsold food from your favorite restaurants, grocery stores, cafés, and shops goes to waste simply because it hasn't sold in time. The Too Good To Go app makes it easy to make a difference, allowing you to save Surprise Bags of good food at an even better price. **Visit**

<https://www.toogoodtogo.com/>

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

Miss Katie Jennings

Headteacher

Reception Parents

Christmas is now upon us so what better way to get into the festive spirit than coming to our Mission Grove Nativity.

North Site Nativity -
13th December at
10am or 2pm

South Site Nativity -
15th December at
10am or 2pm

Book your tickets from your child's class teacher. Tickets cost £1:00 per performance, photos (individual or class £1:00 each).

We look forward to seeing you at our performance!



SPECIAL DATES

ATTENDANCE

3 Swallow	95.01%
4 Barn Owl	95.16%
2 Wren	95.32%
6 Chaffinch	95.33%
4 Blackbird	95.63%
6 Cuckoo	95.71%
4 Buzzard	96.58%
6 Chiff Chaff	96.97%
3 Sparrow	96.99%
2yr North PM	97.02%
2yr North AM	97.25%
6 Crow	97.41%
Nursery South PM	97.70%

The table shows the classes with above 95%.

At the moment we have 137 children on track for 100% attendance at the end of this term.

There are lots of illnesses going round schools at the moment. If your child is sick please log it on the app, call the absence line or email
office@misisongrove.org.uk

December

11th Rock steady concert 11am North, 2pm south

Year 2 Kenya day

13th 9am coffee morning North

Reception Nativity North

14th Christmas Film Night £7

15th Reception Nativity South

Week beginning 18th No Clubs

18th Christmas Fair 3.30pm—6.30pm North Site

19th Year 4 Ice Skating Lea Valley

Year 4 Pump House

19th Christmas Parties

20th Christmas Lunch

21st Christmas Jumper Day

Last Day of term normal finish time

January

8th Staff Training Day—INSET

9th Children return to school

11th Reception 2024 Open day North site 10am

12th Reception 2024 Open day South site 10am

15th Last day to apply for Reception 2024

Week beginning 15th Clubs start—you will need to sign up for new clubs on the APP

16th 2 Reception classes @ London Transport Museum

17th Young Voices @ O2

Selected children at Capital Cricket competition

save the date



CHRISTMAS

Fair

DECEMBER

18TH

Monday

FOOD . CRAFTS . GAMES .
MEET SANTA

Starts at 3.30pm to
6.30pm

- North Site Buxton Road E17 7EJ

Woodpecker class created colourful African Pots as part of our Creative Curriculum (linking in learning about Kenya and their core text Lila and the secret of rain).

The children formed their thumb pot to start with and then added coils on top. Using their hands and a range of tools (toothpick, spoon, pencils, lids), they created their planned designs and added different textures. Once dry, they painted using bright colours on top and added PVA glue for a glossy finish.



Even though the fun run was cancelled, we did 5 laps in the Muga

This week in pictures







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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

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CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT



TICKET £7 Drink, refreshments & film

FROM END OF SCHOOL DAY TO 6PM

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

THE MAKING IT MINDFUL

Christmas PARTY

DISCO, SNOW MACHINE, ENTERTAINERS, GIANT SLIDE, BOUNCY CASTLES, CRAFTS, SENSORY PLAY, FACEPAINTING, GINGERBREAD DECORATION AND A DESSERT WITH EVERY TICKET.



FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER
11AM - 1.30PM & 3PM 5.30PM
GEORGE MITCHELL SCHOOL
£10 5ND

£10 CHILD
£6 ADULT
UNDER 3'S,
FREE

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FREE TICKETS FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 - 11 YEARS WHO RECEIVE BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND LIVE IN WALTHAM FOREST.

