



Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the winter months now firmly behind us and the weather (hopefully) improving, this time of year fills us with a sense of optimism.

The start to 2024 has been very purposeful at Emerson Park Academy and all year groups have made a positive contribution to school life this term.

This is a particularly busy time for Year 11, with their mock examinations now taken and clear strategies being defined to ensure they are successful in the summer GCSE examination series. This final push is critical in ensuring they fulfil their potential and go on to successful Post-16 courses and apprenticeships.

As always, the variety of events taking place in school and further afield has been fantastic.

This newsletter gives you a feel for the activities our pupils have been involved in and the successes they have had in recent weeks.

We should all take great pride in the achievements of the pupils here at Emerson Park Academy and whether it is winning a 'Golden Ticket', being recognised by a subject for endeavour and hard work, or success on the sporting field, it is critical to celebrate success.

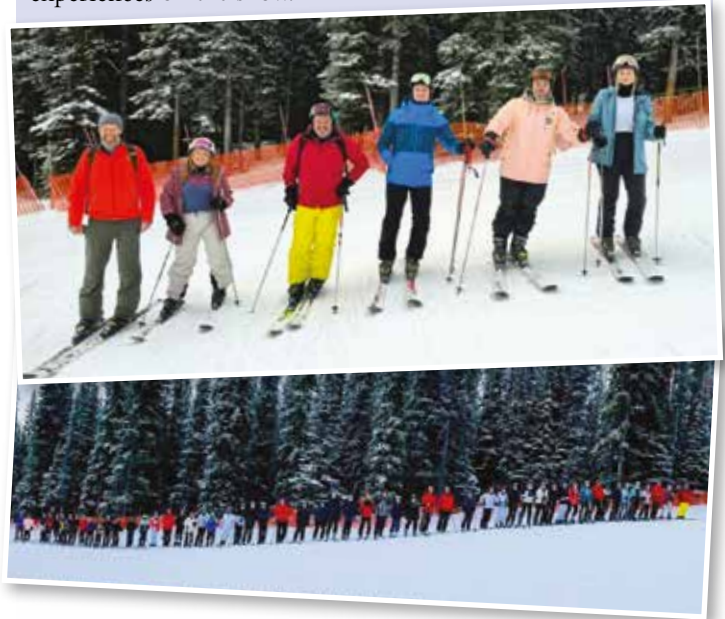
I look forward to a productive summer term and wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Regards,

Scott McGuinness
Headteacher
Emerson Park Academy

Success on the slopes

After a fun-filled week on the slopes in Jasper, Canada, all students and staff eventually returned safely back to the UK with no serious injuries and lots of fond memories of their experiences on the snow.



Michelin Star

Once again, our GCSE food practical outcomes were fantastic. Pupils taking their GCSE in AQA Food Preparation and Nutrition is a course designed to help them develop their skills, build confidence and progress their careers.

There were two possible briefs. One was to design and make three dishes that celebrate an event, occasion or festival from around the world and the other was to make these with a limited food budget. Overall dining in this 'restaurant' was a delight from start to finish!



Duke of Edinburgh

DofE pupils have started their award and begun helping out in the community with their Voluntary sector, whilst also learning a new skill and keeping fit in their Skill and Physical sectors respectively. We would also like to welcome Mr Drinan officially to Team DofE as the Assistant Co-ordinator.

Charity

Mr Wheeler from the PE department will be getting his long hair cut at Easter – all in the name of charity. He'll be raising much-needed funds for Save the Children, by donating his lovely locks to the Little Princess Trust who will turn his hair into wigs for young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. He's aiming for at least £1000 – we know times are tough, but anything you can spare will be gratefully received.

Donations can be made at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/samsgettingsheard>



Wellbeing

This term Children's Mental Health week was celebrated from the 5th-11th February. This year, the theme of Children's Mental Health week was 'Your Voice Matters'. This theme was discussed in a zoom assembly, which was presented by two Year 11 pupils (H. March and S. Burr). The presentation by the pupils discussed that the theme 'My Voice Matters' is about empowering young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. This also linked to one of the '5 Ways to Wellbeing' which was Feeling connected; in particular the pupils spoke about the importance of kindness. Each year group then participated in form activities with the following topics:



Year 7 – Pride vs Humility – Thinking about yourself and how you matter by celebrating your achievements.

Year 8 and 9 – Your Online Voice – How we talk and listen to each other online and in real life: are they different?

Year 10 and 11 – Using Your Voice – Discussing the phrase 'If you're not part of the solution, you are part of the problem'.



Parents/Carers – please note the following websites for yourselves with information about Pupil Wellbeing:

Practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour – <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Kooth are running webinars in April to help parents and carers support children sitting exams – these are free sessions. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzCwZBLgkBAa0zO5_C3grLjWE9VGND8h7wbfODX4gIgBOgLw/viewform

iClass

iClass has introduced a range of new and exciting interventions for our pupils based around life-skills. Pupils have the opportunity to build skills around topics such as personal finances, first aid and the importance of helping others. Some pupils have been learning about healthy eating and putting their cooking skills to the test with Miss Priestley. We have been enjoying their kitchen masterpieces!

As the Summer Term approaches, we understand it can be a difficult and stressful time for our Year 11s with their exams fast approaching. iClass will continue to support during this time to ensure pupils achieve their very best.



Essex Shield Champions

The U13 Rugby 7's boys played excellently, winning all 6 games and bringing home the silverware. The team scored a total of 32, only conceding 6.

Last year they did not make it out of the first round and have all worked so hard to get here; the whole PE team are proud of their achievement.

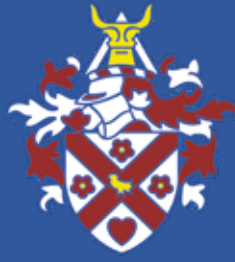
Congratulations to;
Matthew C, Dylan M,
Zain I, Mason L,
Abimbola K, Joaquim L,
Frazer C, Zach K (Captain),
Josias M, Aaron T, Finlay J
and Albert F.



Netball

A great achievement in what will be one of the last games of netball these girls play for the school. Yet again the PE department would like to thank all the girls involved on this day, yet again doing a great service to the school. Players of games were: Year 11, Lily-Rose W, Year 10, Millie R, Year 7, Mads S. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Mitchell who organised the Havering league and this event in its debut season.





Art



Bobby L
Year 7



Jessica M
Year 8



Elena M
Year 9



Katie M
Year 10



Aimee B
Year 11

Business Studies



Lily E
Year 10



Connor C
Year 11



Jackson L
Year 10



Aayla A
Year 11



Citizenship

Computer Science



Charlotte C
Year 10



Anjali J
Year 11



Alejandro M
Year 7



William M
Year 8



Alfie L
Year 9

Cultural Studies

Design Technology (Construction)



Dylen Patel
Year 10



Tom W
Year 11



Jesse D
Year 7



Mehmet G
Year 8



Nathan H
Year 9

Design Technology (Food)

Design Technology (Food)



Katie H
Year 10



Brooke L
Year 11

Design Technology



Lucretia M
Year 7



Eunice T
Year 8



Archie G
Year 9

Design Technology (Textiles)



Brooke R
Year 10



Georgia F
Year 11

Design Technology (Timbers)



Zeeshan K
Year 10



William B
Year 11



Drama



Lily P
Year 7



Jamie-Leigh K
Year 9



Ruby S
Year 10

English



Karishma K
Year 7



Kye S
Year 8

English



Ayo A
Year 9



Faye C
Year 10



Carmen E
Year 11

Geography



Lucretia M
Year 7



Mehmet G
Year 8

Geography



Sienna F
Year 9



Charlie G
Year 10



Nancy H
Year 11

Health & Social Care



Holly R
Year 10



Keevey M
Year 11

History



Freddie W
Year 7



Ernest N
Year 8



Alyssa J
Year 9



George J
Year 10



Danielle D
Year 11

Information Technology



Eva B
Year 7



Tenny I
Year 8



Jack R
Year 9



Cherechi A
Year 10



Maths



Connie B
Year 7



Medina S
Year 8



Rocco S
Year 9



Katie M
Year 10



Lilly B
Year 11

Media Studies



Millie R
Year 10



Isla M
Year 11

Modern Foreign Languages



Max P
Year 7



Bella B
Year 8



Bobby J
Year 9

Modern Foreign Languages



David H
Year 10



Roni L
Year 11

Music



Cherie C
Year 7



Tilly P
Year 8



Elouise F
Year 9

Music



Charlotte C
Year 10



Sunny S
Year 11

Photography



Sian L
Year 10



Aki B
Year 11



Physical Education



Ebraheem B
Year 7



Jessica M
Year 8



Lyla B
Year 9



Brooke H
Year 10



Nancy H
Year 11

Sports Science



Eadie H
Year 10



Poppy H
Year 11

Science



Annabelle A
Year 7



Evan H
Year 8



Harry B
Year 9

Science

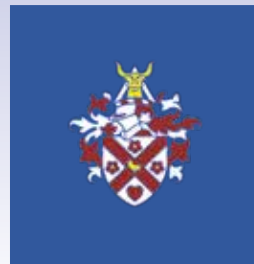


Megan W
Year 10



Leo H
Year 11

Statistics



Elsie B
Year 10



Carmen E
Year 11



Letters to the MP

Pupils from Year 7 Cultural Studies wrote letters to Felicity Buchan MP who is the state secretary for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities talking about how the homeless lack human rights and how the government can improve their situation. The class received a personal handwritten letter back from her thanking them for their fantastic suggestions.



National Attendance Hubs

We are delighted to announce that we have been selected by the Department for Education to join one of their 'new' national school attendance hubs.

Attendance for any school is a major strategic challenge and key staff from Emerson Park Academy will be meeting on a half-termly basis with other London schools to discuss attendance challenges and share effective practice.

Since the pandemic attendance rates at Emerson Park Academy have steadily improved, but we are also mindful that there are still many challenges that some families and students face.

We are hoping from the outset that by being part of the Attendance Hub scheme we will have the opportunity to benefit from sharing best practices used in other London schools – which in turn we hope, with your ongoing support, will mean that our attendance rates across all age groups will improve further.

