

'Success for Everyone'

Newsletter

January 2024

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Interim Assistant Headteacher's Message:

A Happy New Year to you all! Can you believe it we have already completed five weeks of the new term. We would like to welcome our new learners and wish you a happy and successful time at EMLM.

Congratulations are in order for our learner who has passed an external vocational assessment – well done!

During 5th – 11th February 2024, we will be participating in Children's Mental Health week and the theme will be 'My Voice Matters.' With this in mind you may be aware that trauma in all its forms has been a feature in the News recently, as some people think back to the beginning of the pandemic and as we watch other life events unfold we question the effects of trauma especially on our children and young people. Whilst there may be some reluctance to bring up events that cause us pain, research shows that it is important to know that *'talking about traumatic events can be hard – but makes a huge difference to children's wellbeing.'* David Robson (May 22).

Young Minds have compiled a useful guide on trauma please click on the link below to access information, advice and professional support if needed:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/trauma/>

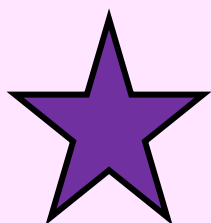
If you have any concerns or issues

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Achievement Certificates this month have been given to learners for:

Patiently waiting to share views during group discussion.

Working Independent.

Outstanding attendance.

Responsive and engaging with peers in class.

Being compliant with school's rules.

Showing good listening skills.

'An improvement in timekeeping, Keep it up!'



Pupil Voice:

'A culture built upon freedom and equality, where everyone is aware of their rights and responsibilities.'

Our learners have been sharing their views around having rights and responsibilities, freedom of speech and the link with democracy. They agreed that *'everybody being equal was important'* and *'it was better to come together'* as a group *'to make decisions than being on your own.'*

During the next half term we hope to arrange visits to Westminster to see the Houses of Parliament and 10 Downing Street, as the country begins to prepare for the general election, later in the year.



Attendance - Late arrivals...

Learners should arrive at school at 9:00am promptly.

Registers close at 9:10am and if you arrive after this time, your attendance will be marked as late!

If you need support in arriving on time please speak to a member of staff.

One of EMLM's **greatest strengths is our inclusiveness.** We celebrate our diverse community and strive to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all of our learners, staff, parents, carers and visitors. We'll continue to promote diversity and emotional awareness, as well as British Values such as tolerance of different faiths and beliefs, individual liberty and mutual respect as well.

Please discuss these values outside of school as well and do let us know if interesting points are raised or useful examples are used by yourselves at home. There might be ideas and approaches that we can adopt in school.



Curriculum shout out: Geography

This term we will be focussing on geographical knowledge, understanding and skills that explain how the Earth's features are shaped, interconnected and change over time. Our learners will also be learning about

- locational geography including countries, cities, polar and desert regions
- place – similarities and differences and the links between
- how human and physical processes interact to influence, and change landscapes, environments and the climate
- fieldwork collecting, analysing and drawing conclusions from data

DfE Geography Programmes of Study (September 2013)

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In today's fast-paced, technology-driven society, teaching children manners is something that is more crucial than ever. One of the most important jobs we have as educators is to help our young learners develop social skills, show them how to interact in a polite manner with people, and teach them to treat others with respect. We ensure staff at EMLM are consistently practicing good manners ourselves and promoting this with our families and learners.



<https://communityconnectionslewisham.org/>

<https://lewisham.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/environment/environment/energyefficiency>

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/cost-of-living/food-services>

Online Safety Help children with positive self-image and identity

It can be difficult for children to authentically express themselves online, especially if they worry how they might be perceived. Children and young people can find anything online and as parents, we need to keep a watchful eye on what they are viewing and listening to.

It is important that we listen out for negative attitudes towards others and that we encourage them to celebrate and respect differences in all its many forms. If they can learn to embrace difference and self-expression in others, they are much more likely to have a positive self-image of themselves and find joy in exploring who they are, what they love, and who they want to be.

For more information on this topic, please see the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/help-children-with-positive-self-image-and-identity/>



Postcards sent home for...

Being polite and considerate.

Showing a growth mindset when completing a maths task.

Being a good friend.

Encouraging a new learner to be part of the group.

KEY DATES

Date for your Diary

Spring Term 1

Thursday and Friday (4th & 5th January 2024) School closed for Learners -staff training.

Monday 8th January 2024 -
Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term

Monday 12th February 2024 -
Friday 16th February 2024

Spring Term 2

Monday 19th February 2024 -
Thursday 28th March 2024

Easter Holidays

Friday 29th March 2024 -
Friday 12th April 2024

Other key dates:

National Storytelling Week
29.01.24 - 04.02.24

Safer Internet Day
6th February 2024

World Book Day
7th March 2024