



NEWSLETTER

December 8th 2023 no. 11

Dear Families,

May I please remind everyone of the importance of getting the children to school on time in the mornings. We are having a lot of pupils coming in late and this has an impact on the children's learning. You may think that a few minutes doesn't make much difference but is it disruptive not only for the child who is late but also for the class who are being interrupted. Children are much better prepared for learning when they are in school on time and have time to settle down before learning begins. We understand that sometimes circumstances will mean that pupils are late but this should not be a regular occurrence. We were really pleased that the new marquee was delivered in time for the children to experience the pantomime. They all had a fantastic time and loved the story of Peter Pan.





Please remember that it is Christmas dinner for EYFS & Years 1/2/3 on Wednesday and Years 4/5/6 on Thursday—dinner will be automatically ordered for your child unless you have opted out.

It's Hanukkah from today until the 15th December so we are asking the children to complete another praise card challenge and find out some information about this Jewish festival.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Bray

School Rewards

Teams	Emerald 	Ruby 	Sapphire 	Diamond 
Dojo points earned this week	1550	1597	1630	1716
Total Dojo points this year so far	16571	18220	17872	18944
Praise cards awarded this week	22			
Total praise cards awarded this academic year	296			

A reminder that each week a pupil is selected by the class teacher as a star learner, possibly a pupil who has demonstrated the Co-op values across the week in their learning and been a positive role model to the other pupils in the class.

	EYFS Stars	KS1 Stars	KS2 Stars	
	Nursery - Jolie-Marie RB - Ilyas RH - Anaiyah RJ - Asnat RT - Gracie FS - Alessia	1L - Denzel 1M - Amie 1S - Nikodem 1SU - Esther 2AV - Molly 2M - Anabia 2N - Shiv 2P - Nova FS.S - James FS.H - Reece	3D - Daniel 3J - Manveer 3R - Raian 3W - Lewis 4C - Malakai 4M - Tia 4P - Shannon 4W - Zayaan FS2 - Lucas	5A - Dennis 5B - Archie W 5C - Esiri 5Q - Alan 6C - Zoha 6M - Iyin 6R - Amara 6S - Jack

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Going on around school.....



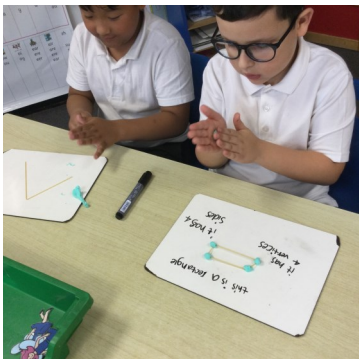
Year 6

This week, in science, Year 6 were investigating questions related to our heart rate recovery. They planned, carried out, reported and concluded their findings like skilful scientists.



Year 5

As part of our learning in Art in Year 5, we created our very own taotie design in a clay mould. We used a range of crafting tools. Here is an example of our learning:



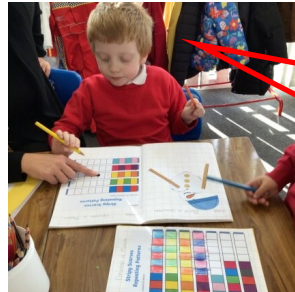
Footsteps H

In FSH we worked as a team to decorate our Christmas tree and put the star on top.



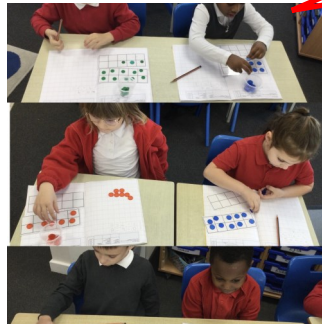
Footsteps S

Footsteps 1 S have been learning about repeating patterns this week



Year 1

Year 1 have been solving subtraction number sentences using ten frames.



Reception

In maths this week we have been learning about squares and rectangles and how to follow a sequence of instructions. The children each made a jam sandwich by following a set of instructions and using their shape knowledge to cut their sandwiches into squares or triangles. They all enjoyed their yummy sandwiches they had made themselves!

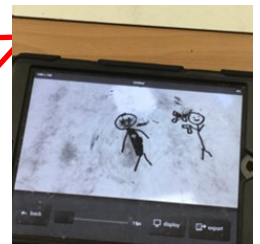
Year 2

This week year 2 have started learning about shapes. We had a go at making our own 2D shapes using spaghetti and modelling clay.



Year 3

As part of year 3's computing topic 'Animation', we have been creating our own capture animations using the I-Motions program. It has been great fun as we become skilled animators.



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Whole School

The Peter Pan pantomime was brilliant and everyone had a great time.

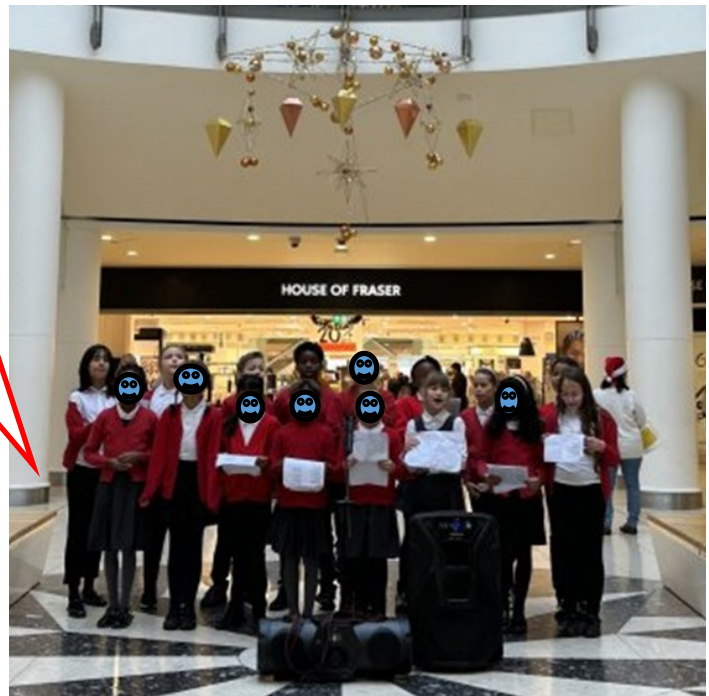


Whole School

Thank you to Dunton Christmas trees who kindly gifted us the tree that is in the school office area.

KS2 Choir

The choir went to Lakeside on Monday to raise money for St Luke's hospice. We are hoping that we raised a lot in the half an hour that they sang.



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Sports Stars of the Week



Reception	Zachery S, Haroon F, Gracie M, Omar M
Year 1	Chinweobo H, King O, Yahya C
Year 2	Akil A, Hanna P, Peyton P, Albie R
Year 3	Juste P, Danann A, Gyuney K, Amelia T
Year 4	Tyler M, Shannon G, Iris L
Year 5	Archie W, Rory W, Brody P, Darius R
Year 6	Sugam T, Yannis M, Sasi O, Eddie A

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Biggest Increase in correct answers	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 2	Daniel	Sofia	Alishba
Year 3	Muhammad	Moqadus	Major
Year 4	Darius	Obaloluwa	Muhammad
Year 5	David	Saisha	Bella
Year 6	Adam	Iyinoluwa	Deimantas

Class Dojo Champions

These children have earned the most dojo points in their class this week

EYFS Champs	KS1 Champs	KS2 Champs	
Nursery – Harveer and Emily RB – Michelle and Legend RH – Amelia and Azeem RJ – Merit and Harrison-Paul RT – Ilinca and Leonardo FS – Paddy-Lee	1L – Sitaish and Matei 1M – Sofia and Kayden 1S – Kordian and Olivia 1SU – Ravneet and Faheem 2AV – Reggie and Elsie 2M – Ashvikkan and Diyana 2N – Ismail and Ivone 2P – Liam and Raya FS.S - Yussef FS.H – Naomi	3D – Olanrewaju & Nadia 3J – Rosie and Ismaeel 3R – Laura and Bobby 3W –Trey and Avery 4C – Samuel and Ariel 4M – Samuel and Ali 4P – Yannis and Arwah 4W – Darius and Sylwia FS2 – Vladut and Isabella	5A – Divine and Inayah 5B – Diya and David P 5C – Ikhlas and Harvey 5Q – Nehan and Lacey 6C – Jayden and Michelle 6M – Andreea and Eddie 6R – Amalia and Harrison 6S - Riley and Roni



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Dates for your diary



	Date	Year Group	Event
December	12.12.23	Choir	Singing at Morrisons
	13.12.23	EYFS/ KS1/ Year 3	Christmas dinner
	14.12.23	Year 4, 5 & 6	Christmas dinner
	15.12.23	Whole school	Christmas jumper day
	20.12.23	Whole school	End of Term
	21.12.23 – 05.01.24	Whole school	Christmas Holidays
January	08.01.24	Whole School	Back to school
	12.01.24	Year 5/6	Badminton competition
	19.01.24	Year 5/6	Sports Hall Athletics
February	02.02.24	KS2	Swimming Gala
	07.02.23	Reception x 2 classes	Chelmsford Museum Visit
	09.02.23	Reception x 2 classes	Chelmsford Museum Visit
	09.02.24	KS1	Sports Hall Athletics
	16.02.24	KS2	Archery Competition
	19.02.24 – 23.02.24	Whole School	Half Term

Next Week's Dinner Menu

Please note that the menu may change subject to local needs

Week 1	Week commencing - 30th Oct, 20th Nov, 11th Dec, 1st Jan, 22nd Jan, 12th Feb, 4th Mar, 25th Mar					
Monday	Chicken Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Omelette with Diced potatoes	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fresh Cauliflower	Mixed Vegetables	Fruit Smoothie
Tuesday	Chicken Paella	Spanish Style Quorn Fillet with Rice	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fresh Broccoli	Sweetcorn	Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Fillet with Roast Potatoes	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Fresh Cabbage	Fresh Carrots	Fruit Jelly
Thursday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Bake	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Sweetcorn	Green Beans	Angel Delight
Friday	Fish Fingers with Chips	Vegan Sausage with Chips	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Peas	Baked Beans	Carrot Cake

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Attendance

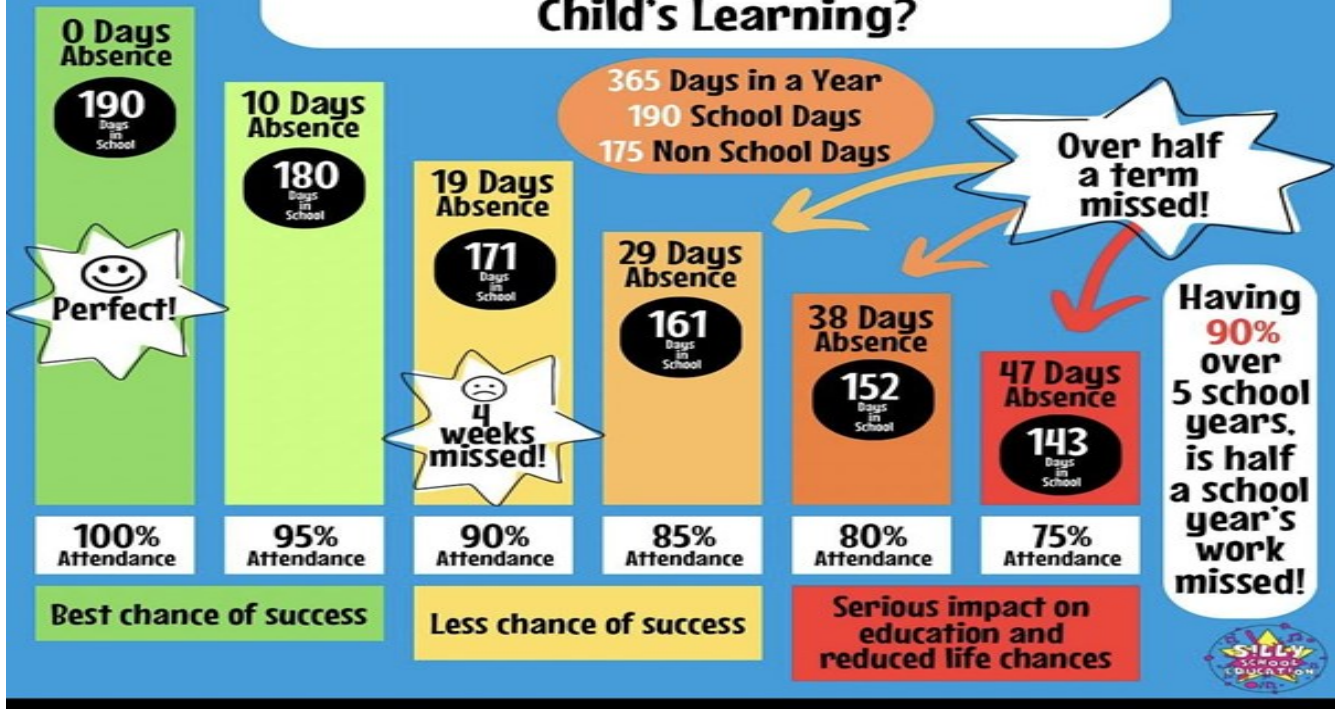
A gentle reminder that children should be in school by 8:50 each morning. The gates will open at 8:35 and close at 8:50... don't be late!

This week the Attendance Awards have been awarded to:

KS1	2AV	96.8%	Miss Vinnecombe/ Mrs Azad
Lower KS2	3D	98.5%	Miss Downs/ Mr Ferns
Upper KS2	5Q	97%	Miss Quantrill/ Miss Spradbery
Whole School attendance		94.3%	

Please note, when pupils are absent for 3 or more consecutive days without parent contact, we may complete a home welfare check. All pupils who are absent for 3 or more days may be required to provide medical evidence

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



We have had an application accepted to be part of Tesco's Stronger Starts Projects. We are hoping to raise money to buy books for our book vending machine which we use as special rewards when pupils achieve 3 praise cards.

You can use your tokens to vote for Thameside Primary in:

- Chafford Hundred Exp
- Lakeside Extra
- Armada Chafford Exp
- Grays Express
- Chadwell St Mary Expr
- South Ockendon Expres
- Tilbury Express
- Derwent Sth Ocken Exp
- Southend Rd Grays Exp
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Voting starts from the first week in October and will run until mid-January 2024.

FLU VACCINE CATCH-UP CLINICS

Time is running out to vaccinate your child with this season's flu nasal spray*.

The flu vaccine reduces the risk of serious illness and will top up their protection even if they've been vaccinated before.

Drop into one of our Essex catch-up clinics for primary and secondary aged children:

16 December, 10am – 2pm

Thurrock Hospital (~~Thameside~~ House), Thurrock.

21 December, 10am – 2pm

The Hermit Youth Centre, Shenfield Rd, Brentwood
CM15 8AG.

(Please note no parking available on site Please park at Brentwood Sainsbury's and walk to the Youth Centre).

**No booking required.
Just walk in.**

***flu injection is offered as an alternative to the nasal spray**

