



NEWSLETTER

March 17th 2023 no.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I will start with a couple of quick reminders; there are no clubs next week because we have parents evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. Also, after school tuition sessions ended this week. We are currently collating names for next term's tuition, letters will go out soon and tuition will start again after Easter.

You may have noticed that there has been a big change near the Cherry tree entrance to the school. Mrs Allinson (a teacher who retired from Thameside at the end of the last academic year after working here for over 30 years) and her husband have been working really hard to landscape and develop our old allotment area. So far they have rejuvenated the old allotment beds, built a polytunnel and put it in secure fencing. This week, Mr and Mrs Allinson and some year 5 children, started the planting—we now have potatoes, onions and garlic growing. We will look forward to cooking them in our teaching kitchen very soon. We would like to thank the Grays Big Local, Andscape and, obviously, Mr and Mrs Allinson who have all made this project possible.



Finally, I would like to say thank you for all of your generous donations towards Comic Relief today. We understand that times are hard at the moment but we still managed to raise over £600.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Bray

Student Drop off



Can I please remind you that our school drop is open between 8.40am and 8.50am every morning. After 8.50, you will not be permitted into the car park. When using the drop off, please ensure that your children exit the car quickly and adults remain in the car to enable a swift departure. Finally, parent parking is only allowed with an official blue disabled badge and where a the badge holder is in the car.

Congratulations! Well done for their effort and resilience

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



KS1 stars went to:

RJ—Sherline
RH—Yahya
RM—Vlamimir
RJo—Esosa
1L—Raya
1P—Bobby
1S—Isla Rose
1Su—Mirsad
2C—Iga
2N—Zahira
2JV—Harkirat
2W—Jamaldeen

KS2 stars went to:

3L—Christina
3M—Ali
3R—Charlie
3RS—Sophia E
4M—Ruby Ann
4MS—Temiloluwa
4W—Kiowula
4A—Mustafa
5A—Daniel
5C—Jeanie
5Ch—Bolagi
5P—Ana

6B—Sofia
6O—Maria
6R—Tolu
6S—Maisy
FS1—Reece
FS2—Vladut

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Dates for your diary



	Date	Year Group	Event
March	21.3.2023	3L – Elm 3RS – Oak	Class Assembly
	22&23.3.2023	Whole school	Parents evening (except 6O)
	24.3.2023	Year 3/4	Sports Hall Athletics @ Basildon
	28.3.2023	4W – Elm 4M – Oak	Class Assembly
	31.3.2023	Whole School	Non-Pupil Day
April	3.4.2023 – 14.4.2023	Whole School	EASTER HOLIDAYS
	19.4.2023	RH & RJO	Barleylands Farm trip
	20.4.2023	RM & RJ	Barleylands Farm trip
	21.4.2023		Netball Rally
	25.4.2023	4MS – Elm 4A – Oak	Class Assembly
	26.4.2023	Year 4	Ancient Egyptian workshop
	28.4.2023		Tag rugby tournament
May	01.5.2023	School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday	
	02.5.2023	Nursery & Reception	Oral Health Workshop
	02.5.2023	5C – Elm 5CH – Oak	Class Assembly
	04.5.2023	RJO, 5A & 3L	Road Safety Walks
	05.5.2023		KS2 Tri - Golf Tournament
	08.5.2023	School Closed – Coronation Bank Holiday	
	9.5.2023 – 12.5.2023	Year 6	KS2 SATS week
09.5.2023	5A – Elm 5P – Oak	Class Assembly	

Dinner Menu





Week 3						
Week commencing - 14th Nov - 5th Dec - 26th Dec - 16th Jan - 6th Feb - 27th Feb - 20th Mar						
Monday	Pork Sausage casserole with Diced Potato	Cheesy Wrap Stack with Diced potato	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fresh Broccoli	Sweetcorn	Frozen Yoghurt
Tuesday	Creamy Chicken Curry with Rice	Cheesy Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Mixed Vegetables	Fresh Cauliflower	Spiced Orange Cake with Custard
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fresh Carrots	Fresh Cabbage	Fruit Jelly
Thursday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Vegetable pasta Bake	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Sweetcorn	Green Beans	Vanilla Shortbread
Friday	Fish Fingers with Chips	Quorn Nuggets with chips	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Peas	Baked Beans	Apple sponge




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School Rewards

Teams	Emerald 	Ruby 	Sapphire 	Diamond 
Dojo points earned this week	1361	1416	1561	1282
Total Dojo points this term so far	25,552	27,516	27,690	26,005
Parise cards awarded this week	34			
Total praise cards awarded this academic year	534			

	<u>Attendance</u>			
	Holidays are not permitted during term time and will on most occasions end up with both parents being fined.			
	This week the Attendance Awards have been awarded to:			
	Year 1 & 2	2C	97%	Mrs Chujor
	Year 3 & 4	4A	96.5%	Miss Ahmed
Year 5 & 6	6B	97%	Miss Bannister	
Whole School attendance			91.5%	

Sports Star of the Week

Year 1 – Alex A, Anabia N, Sofia C & Lilly D
 Year 2 – Ikhran A, Moqadus N, Jade K, & David C
 Year 3 – Skye D, Reggie C-M, Skylar T, Zegine M & Isabella M
 Year 4 – Nicola S, Dennis B, Muheeza A & Jorgie Q
 Year 5 – Andreea D, Georgi L, Zoha M & Seriah W
 Year 6 – Sofia C, Lacramioara B, Iqra R & Urupeoghene A

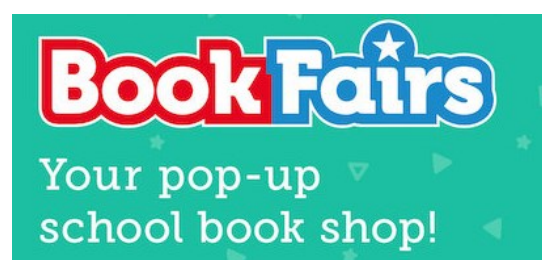


Scholastic Book Fair

We have the Scholastic book fair visiting school. The fair will be open in Elm hall after school (3.20pm) on the following days:

- Friday 17th March
- Monday 20th March
- Tuesday 21st March

Every £1 you spend at the book fair gives us a commission and allows us to fill up the vending machines with new books.



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Going on around school.....



Year 3

Year 3 have been looking at forces and magnets. In our lesson 'Magnetic Earth', we made our own compasses when we magnetised needles and floated these in a bowl of water. It was great fun!



Year 5

As part of our learning in Music, we developed our knowledge about musical notation. We used and applied our knowledge to compose a piece of music about 'Clocks'. We enjoyed learning how to play a glockenspiel and read music notes.



Year R

This week we have been thinking about the children around the world and how we live in different places. We have been celebrating where we come from and have been learning to say hello in different languages.

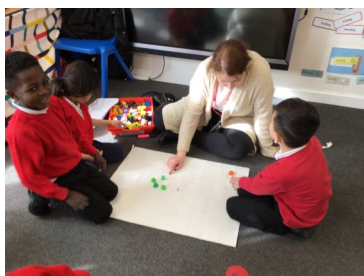
Year 2

This week the children in year 2 have begun their barge making workshops. The children have been drilling, sawing and hammering the wood to get the basic barge shape.



Year 6

The pupils in year 6 have been learning about Greta Thunberg's contribution to the ever-growing climate change issues. They watched videos of her speech and completed a Q&A activity in the role of the activist.



Footsteps

In Footsteps 1 we have been learning to add with cubes.
In footsteps 2 we have been learning through role play - a great time being a teacher and pupil.

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