



NEWSLETTER

November 10th 2023 no. 7

Dear Families,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term, we are happy to have everyone back.

You will have seen that we had a demountable delivered to the school over half term and we are hoping that we will be able to move two year 6 classes into the new classrooms next week. This will mean that the Year 6 children will be back in four classes. We are still waiting for the work to start to fix the RAAC areas and, when I have more information on that issue, I will let you know.

The marquee is up and running and breakfast club has now reopened. If you would like a space for your child, you need to book at least 24 hours before hand via the MCAS app.





Next week, we are asking the children to do a special praise card challenge; this is to complete a piece of work about the Hindu festival of Diwali which is on Sunday. The work that is brought in will be featured in a special praise card edition of the newsletter next week.

May I remind you that there will be no afterschool clubs during the week of the 20th November - this was on the information that was sent out with the booking information.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Bray

School Rewards

Teams	Emerald 	Ruby 	Sapphire 	Diamond 
Dojo points earned this week	1631	1762	1677	1944
Total Dojo points this year so far	9579	10155	9748	10764
Praise cards awarded this week	4			
Total praise cards awarded this academic year	183			

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 class.

	EYFS Stars	KS1 Stars	KS2 Stars	
	Nursery - Adirah RB – Legend RH – Azeem RJ – Denisa RT – Isha FS – Paddy-Lee	1L – Esosa 1M – Harper 1S – Muhammad 1SU – Lexi 2AV – Andrei 2M – Bria 2N – Ismail 2P – Albie FS.S – James FS.H –Kelvis	3D – Zayn 3J – Rosie 3R – Levi 3W – Isaac 4C – David Z 4M – Robbie B 4P – Daiana 4W – Louis FS2 – Desta	5A – San 5B – Zayan 5C – Khaleed 5Q - Joseph 6C – Scarlett 6M – Dabira 6R – Rehka

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Dates for your diary



	Date	Year Group	Event
November	17.11.23	Whole school	Children in Need day
	13.11.23 – 17.11.23	Whole school	Anti-bullying week
	20.11.23 – 24.11.23	Whole school	School Book Fair
	22.11.23	Whole school	Parents Evening face to face appointments
	23.11.23	Whole school	Parents Evening online appointments
	21 & 23.11.23	Year 5	Walk on line Roadshow
	24.11.23	Year 5 & 6	Dodgeball competition
December	01.12.23	Year 5 & 6	Basketball competition
	4.12.23	Choir	St Luke's Hospice
	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

Next Week's Dinner Menu

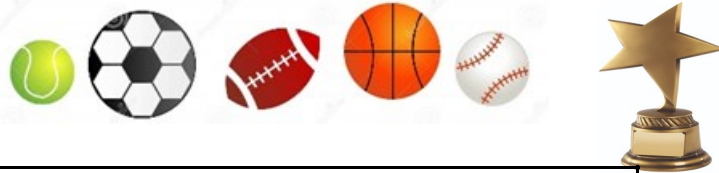
Week 3						
Week commencing - 13th Nov, 4th Dec, 25th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 26th Feb, 18th Mar						
Monday	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fresh Broccoli	Baked Beans	Mixed Berries & Ice Cream
Tuesday	Creamy Chicken Curry with Rice	Sweet Potato & Spinach Dahl with Naan Bread	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Mixed Vegetables	Fresh Cauliflower	Lemon Drizzle Cake
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Fillet 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	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Sweetcorn	Green Beans	Ice Cream Roll
Friday	Fish Fingers with Chips	Quorn Dippers with Chips	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Peas	Baked Beans	Syrup Sponge & Custard



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Sports Stars of the Week



Reception	Azeem A, Kwaku A, Florence G & Desire I
Year 1	Jenson W, Harper F, Mirha A & Hayley-James T
Year 2	Elijah L, Aahil C, Gracie L & Reggie P
Year 3	Hanna G, Lily P, Ibrahim & Ishaan I
Year 4	Hansel A-A, Scarlett J-S, Roma R & Samuel O
Year 5	Kiera-Mae D, Alfie G, Mustafa S & Ashnavi K
Year 6	Hope M, Natalie J, Sugam T & Lena K

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Biggest increase in correct answers	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 2	Ivene	Daniel	Raya
Year 3	Antonia	Ikhran	Moqadus
Year 4	Christina	Obaloluwa	Daniel
Year 5	Almirah	Bella	Suchismita
Year 6	Ayaan	Iyinoluwa	Ajitha

Class Dojo Champions

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

EYFS Champs	KS1 Champs	KS2 Champs	
Nursery – Florence and Zayne RB - RH – Princess and Haroon RJ – Jeremy and Emaan RT – Malachi and Desire FS - Emelia.M	1L – Muna and Emran 1M- Hadin and Amie 1S – Ilhan and Nellie 1SU—Esther and Gerald 2AV – Bobby and Leanne 2M – Eleni and Arafath 2N – Sasha & Sofia C 2P – Alex and Gracie FS.S – Kusang and Freddie FS.H – Reece	3D – Testimony & Alexandru 3J – Rinoa-Jasmine and Mikolaj 3R – Dominic and Antonia 3W –Mia and Amanoor 4C – Dorin and Ariel 4M – Aron and Savannah 4P – Abdullah and Kelsey-Mai 4W – Tommy-Lee and Scarlett FS2 –Vladut and Desta	5A – Kajus and Jorgie 5B – Leah and Darius 5C – Sarah and Nathan 5Q - Alan and Laura 6C – Alex S and Muhooj 6M – Agata and Dabira 6R – Adam and Alexandra



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Attendance

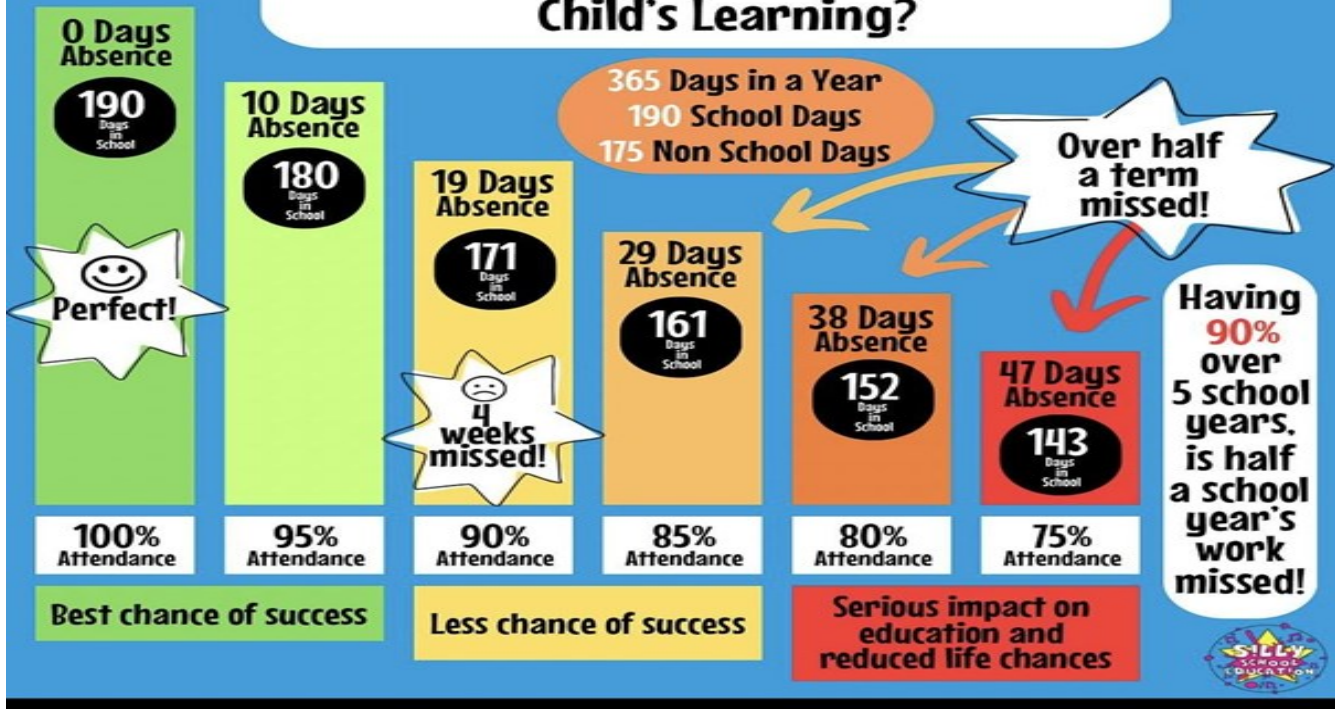
A gentle reminder that children should be in school by 8:50 each morning. The gates will open at 8:35 and close at 8:50... don't be late!

This week the Attendance Awards have been awarded to:

KS1	2P	98%	Miss Palmer
Lower KS2	3J	94.5%	Miss Jones
Upper KS2	6C	97%	Mrs Chadwick
Whole School attendance		94.9%	

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.

Going on around school.....



Nursery

Nursery have been enjoying their topic of Once upon a time and Sparkle and shine! We have been painting on shiny materials and creating fireworks pictures.



Footsteps H

In FS1 H we have been learning about ordinal numbers. we went outside to have a race to see who would come 1st, 2nd or 3rd.



Year 1

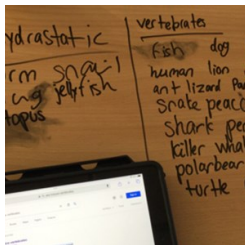
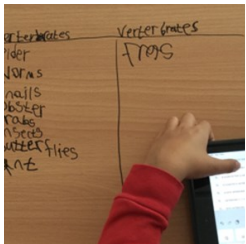
This week in Year 1 we have been using part whole models to help us recognise that a whole group of objects can be composed of two or

Year 6

In year 6 this week, pupils have been practising methods for the four operations during maths lessons. They displayed their knowledge when they worked collaboratively to solve multi-step reasoning problems.

First Steps

In First Steps, we have been celebrating bonfire night and recreating our own fireworks looking at all the different colours and noises that they make.



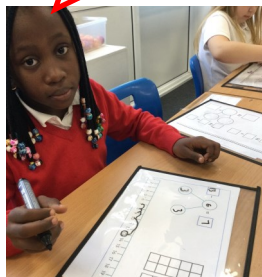
Year 2

Year 2, this week have been practising subtraction using a new method. We have been working practically a lot as a whole class to help us really understand it!



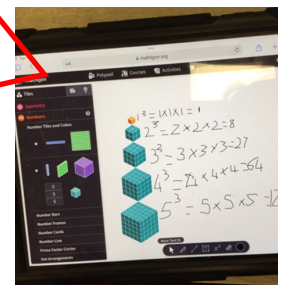
Year 3

In science and literacy Year 3 have been investigating and researching skeleton types. We used I-pads to help us sort living things into vertebrates, invertebrates and those that have a hydrostatic skeleton.



Year 5

As part of our learning in Maths in Year 5, we developed our knowledge about Cube numbers. We used Mathigon polypad to visually build cube numbers. We then applied our fluency knowledge by playing a mathematical game which required us to calculate cube numbers.



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Reception

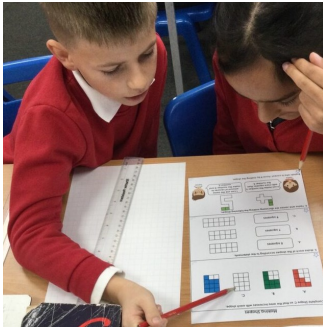
In Reception this week we have been learning about Bonfire night, The Gunpowder plot and Diwali. We discussed that people use fireworks to celebrate both Bonfire night and Diwali, and the children enjoyed talking about their experiences of the fireworks they saw over the weekend. The children have enjoyed making firework paintings this week, as well as Diya lamps using salt dough.

Year 4

This week, in maths, we have learned about how to identify areas of shapes, calculated areas and drew our own 2d shapes. We found out how important it was not to overlap or leave any gaps.

Chess and board games club

The children enjoyed the start of chess and board games club this week!



Footsteps 2

In maths we have been learning about 10 more and 10 less. The children worked in pairs and used a 100 square to answer the questions.



The book fair is coming!

The book fair will be at school from Monday 20th November to Friday 25th November. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday it will be available in the marquee.

On Wednesday 22nd November, because it is the face-to-face parent consultation evening, it will be available in the main school building. Niki's uniform shop will also be here on that night.

All the profits made from the book fair go towards books for our praise card vending machines and books for classrooms.