



NEWSLETTER

February 9th 2024 no. 17

Dear Families,

This has been another busy week with our Reception children visiting Chelmsford museum. They had a great time and learned a lot!





We have had more complaints this week about parents filming on the playground. Please be informed that if this continues, those responsible will be issued with a warning letter and may face a ban from the school site. There are multiple reasons why children cannot be filmed or photographed and we need to you abide by school protocols for the safety of our pupils.

Just a reminder that we have one more week and then it will be the half term break! Half term is Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bray

School Rewards

Teams	Emerald 	Ruby 	Sapphire 	Diamond 
Dojo points earned this week	1753	1801	1742	1770
Total Dojo points this year so far	26306	28756	28742	29563
Praise cards awarded this week	13			
Total praise cards awarded this academic year	583			

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 - Phoenix RB - Defne RH - Eva RJ - Elsie RT - Moghfiroh FS - Paddy-Lee	1L - Sead 1M - Artur 1S - Jamie 1SU - Faheem 2AV - Nefeli 2M - Shreya 2N - Edward S 2P - Alex FS.S - Ariana FS.H - Sharleez	3D - Olanrewaju 3J - Zarah 3R - Suprajit 3W - Jannatul 4C - Henrietta 4M - Sophia 4P - Ayush 4W - Maya FS2 - Kleiydan	5A - Jesse 5B - Maddie 5C - Daisy-Leigh 5Q - Lexi 6C - Josephine 6M - Yusuf 6R - Gurnoor 6S - Riley

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Footsteps 2

The children are listening to the story, "The owl who was afraid of the dark". They experienced when the owl discovered a boy by a campfire.

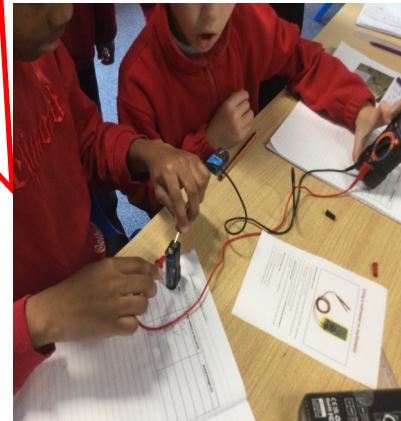


Nursery

In Nursery this term, our topic has been Starry Night. This week, we have been reading "How to Catch a Star" with the children and imagining different ways they could catch a star and what they would like to play with their star if they caught one. As a focus activity, the children used glitter, sequins and tissue paper to decorate their special star.

Year 6

In Science this week, Year 6 pupils have been learning about voltage by exploring different battery types and measuring the volts using a multi meter. We then discussed why volts in a cell can be different to the volts they measured.



Year 5

As part of our Music lessons in Year 5, we have been learning to play the guitar. We have developed our knowledge about different parts of the guitar and we have been learning to play different chords. We really enjoy our Music lessons.



Year 2

In Year 2, we have started a new Maths topic, Multiplication and Division. We have been learning all about equal groups and repeated addition.



Year 4

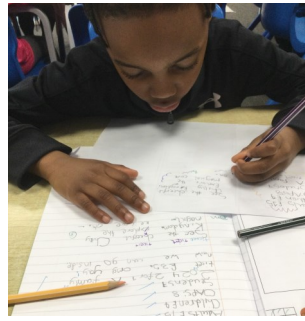
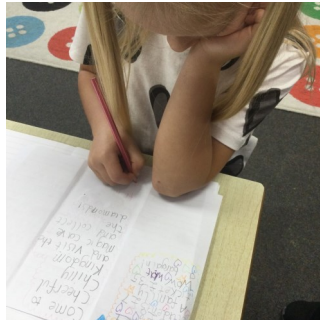
In Literacy, Year 4 have started learning about writing a non-fiction factual tour. Of course, our teachers took us on a very informational factual tour around the school - we looked at the reception playground and pretended we were that small again.



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Footsteps H

In FSH, we made crowns for our role play do to with our story ,The Queen's Hat.



Year 1

In Literacy, Year 1 have been creating leaflets for a theme park! They are sure you would love to visit Chilly Kingdom!!

Reception

This week in Reception, we had an amazing visit to Chelmsford Museum to see how toys have changed over time. This linked perfectly with our topic this term 'Long Ago'.

During our visit, we had a story about toys in a museum, a learning workshop, where we compared materials used in old and new toys, investigated the different mechanisms and had so much fun playing with some replica 'old' toys.

We later explored a wide range of rooms, learning about different parts of history, whilst hunting for hidden sacks with some interesting facts.

We had the best time!



TIMESTABLES ROCKSTARS			
Biggest increase in coins earned	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 2	Sofia	Daniel	<u>Akidah</u>
Year 3	Hanna	Hoorain	Major
Year 4	Kayvon	Hamida	Obaloluwa
Year 5	Stavros	Matas	David
Year 6	Ayaan A	Deimantas	Iyinoluwa

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Sports Stars of the Week



Reception	Arie C, Kevi, Desire I & Bennie D
Year 1	Sitaish T, Meghan R, Harrison M
Year 2	David I, Zubair A, Antonia V & Tolani I
Year 3	Meryem D, Antonia R, Rihaan A & Major M
Year 4	Shayaan M, Ollie Z, Mariam A-K & Ariel A
Year 5	Haris A, Kioluwa O, Nicola S & Jessie W
Year 6	Leon R, Amanda D, Ana T & Deimantas J




Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Dodgeball team who performed superbly in last Friday's competition. The children managed to earn themselves a silver medal which is a magnificent achievement.

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Boys Football team who won their game against Gateway this week 2-0. It was a fantastic way to finish the season. The boys did superbly this year, coming 2nd in their league.

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Girls Football team who drew their match against a very good Quarry Hill side 0-0. The girls were fantastic throughout the match, and it was a shame we didn't quite get the goal our play deserved.

Class Dojo Champions

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

EYFS Champs	KS1 Champs	KS2 Champs	
Nursery – Emily and Arjit	1L – Annabelle and Solomon	3D – Bogdan & Destiny	5A – Inayah and Kajus
RB – Uliyana and Josiah	1M – Lucy and Adam	3J – Michael and Zoya	5B – Harry and Diya
RH – Andriana and Teddy	1S – Olivia and Adam	3R – Raian and Anastazja	5C – Paul and Bernice
RJ – Blakely and Kanhav	1SU – Maia and Harrison	3W – Amelia and Simon	5Q – Rezwan and Laura
RT – Aiden and Meta	2AV – Leanne A and Edward	4C – Aaditya and Ivy	6C – Lena and Arish
	2M – Albee and Elijah	4M – Nea and Joel	6M – Adam, Louis and Tiffany
FS – Paddy-Lee and Alessia	2N – Aahil and Sophia S	4P – Kelsey-mai and Sahil	6R – Hanna and Harley
	2P – Peighton and Kayhan	4W – Theo and Gina	6S – Armaan and Teni
	FS.S - Spencer	FS2 – Vladut and Lucas	
	FS.H – Naomi		

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Dates for your diary



	Date	Year Group	Event
February	16.02.24	KS2	Archery Competition
	19.02.24 – 23.02.24	Whole School	Half Term
March	01.03.24	KS1 & 2	Gymnastics
	04.03.24	Reception	Health Checks
	07.03.24	Whole School	World Book Day
	15.03.24	Whole School	Comic Relief
	15.03.24	Year 3/4	Tag Rugby
	19.03.24	Whole School	Parent Consultation Evening
	20.03.24	Whole School	Parent Consultation Evening
	22.03.24	Year 3/4	Sports Hall Athletics
	28.03.24	Whole School	End of Term
	29.03.24 – 12.04.24	Whole School	Easter Holidays
April	17.04.24	Reception	Two classes to Barleylands
	18.04.24	Reception	Two classes to Barleylands
	23.04.24	Reception	Health Checks
	26.04.24	KS1	Tag Rugby competition
May	13.05.24- 16.05.24	Year 6	SATS

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 Newsletter

Thameside Primary School are part of The Osborne Trust and as such adhere to their attendance policies.

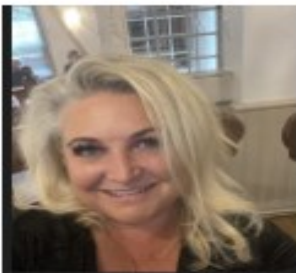
From the beginning of this term, The Trust Education Welfare Team have been supporting us with attendance and punctuality.

The team will be looking at pupil's individual attendance and reasons for absences. If attendance is a concern, they will, in the first instance, send letters to parents/ carers to inform them of their child's attendance percentage and discuss any concerns and offer support where needed.

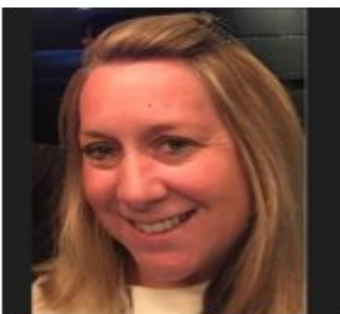
In line with The Attendance Policy, home visits may be carried out by the EWO team, even if contact has been made. This is a supportive measure to ensure the wellbeing of our students and their families.

Meet the Team

Mary Brice
Education Welfare Manager



Clare Turner
Education Welfare Officer



Julia Oakley Education Welfare Officer



Holly Sloan Admin Support officer

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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! If you are reporting an absence, you MUST do this before 9am.

This week the Attendance Awards have been awarded to:

KS1	2AV	97.5%	Miss Vinnecombe & Mrs Azad
Lower KS2	3W	97.2%	Mrs Walton
Upper KS2	6C	99.4%	Mrs Chadwick
Whole School attendance		93.7%	

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

Healthy Packed Lunches

Whether squeezing it in before the school run in the morning or before bed on busy midweek evenings, preparing your child's lunchbox can seem like just another thing on the list.

School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child please try and include foods that will help them to focus and learn. There are some great tips for healthy lunch boxes on the NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Cheesy coleslaw with wholemeal pitta



Creamy hummus dip with pitta bread and vegetable sticks



Egg mayonnaise and lettuce bap



Hummus and salad wrap



Salmon and salad bagel



Soft cheese and salad sandwich



Spicy chicken and salad wrap



Tuna and bean salad



Tuna mayonnaise and sweetcorn sandwich