

Year 4 Ballet

Year 4 were lucky enough to get the opportunity to visit the Royal Opera House to see a ballet performance of 'La Fille Mal Gardée'.

The performance was fantastic and the children enjoyed themselves thoroughly, they even sat in the prestigious balcony seats!



Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 pupils attended swimming lessons for two weeks at the London Aquatic Centre. They loved every minute of the experience especially the SEN pupils, everyone gained knowledge on swimming even teachers.

The two weeks really helped in pushing the pupils to new heights in being confident in the water and you could see a real improvement from the first day to the last day. The pupils behaviour was exceptional – we are very proud of their efforts.

Swimming is an essential skill for life and we hope to hear that this experience encourages more of our pupils, and their families, to take part in swimming locally. Well done Year 4!



Everyone valued, everyone challenged,
everyone achieving

Essex Primary School

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Every Child Matters

★★ *Holiday Dates* ★★

School finishes this Half Term on Friday 21st October 2016

Half term: Monday 24th October 2016 to Friday 28th October 2016

School term: Monday 31st October 2016 to Tuesday 20th December 2016

Guru Nanak's Birthday: Monday 14th November 2016

(SCHOOL CLOSED)

Christmas break: Wednesday 21st December 2016 to Tuesday 3rd January 2017

School re-opens on Wednesday 4th January 2017

Spring Term 2017

School term: Wednesday 4th January 2017 to Friday 10th February 2017

Half term: Monday 13th February 2017 to Friday 17th February 2017

School term: Monday 20th February 2017 to Friday 31st March 2017

Spring break: Monday 3rd April 2017 to Monday 17th April 2017

Good Friday and Easter Monday fall within the spring break

All school dates and events are on the school website: www.essex.newham.sch.uk

Happy Diwali to all families celebrating Diwali!
Sunday 30th October 2016



Dropping your children at school for Before School Clubs

Some pupils are arriving very early for before school clubs and are sometimes being left at the main school entrance door unattended. The children are not allowed in until a staff member of the clubs, lets them into the school at 7:55 am. As you are aware it is still quite dark at that time and will rapidly become darker, so please ensure your child is not left alone.

Essex Sports Competitions

Since the start of the new academic year, the PE team have been taking the children to sports competitions outside of school involving other Primary Schools from across Newham. We are really trying to push the children further this year in competitive sport to try and improve their abilities as competitors and to try and hopefully win as many competitions as possible. So far, we have competed in three competitions.

The first competition was Hot Potato for Year 1&2 pupils with Mr Hollis, held at Altmore School. A lot of hard work was put into the team training, during clubs and lunch times, and as a result of this, we reaped the rewards as we comfortably won our group of 4. We then progressed to the quarter finals and semi-finals where we were successful again. Unfortunately we didn't manage to take gold in the final as we lost out to St Edwards School. This we felt was a fantastic achievement from the children in finishing second out of the eleven participating schools.

A week later, Mr Glass then took the Year 5&6 pupils Netball Team to Langdon School to take part in a competition of their own. Unfortunately we were not able to progress from our group into the further stages. Although results didn't go our way (2 losses and 2 draws from our 4 games), we managed to take many positives out of this and we hope to improve in future Netball competitions.

The last competition we went to was the Year 5&6 Boys Football competition, which was also held at Langdon School. We were put into a group of 5 schools. We suffered two defeats in the opening two games and as a result, our chances of progressing were severely damaged very early on. We then managed to draw our next two fixtures but unfortunately we were unable to progress further into the competition. Our performances rapidly improved as the games went on and we were unlucky not to win the two games in which we drew. We are looking forward to our next football competition as we felt we were slightly unlucky, but more importantly we learnt a lot from these games.

Poppy Appeal 2016

Straight after half term we will start selling poppies in remembrance of the men and women who were injured or died when serving as part of the Armed forces. The money raised will go to The Royal British Legion to support them and their families. Remembrance Sunday is 11th November.



This year, not only do we have poppies, but we also have a variety of pin badges, reflectors and rulers to sell too.

Poppies will be sold within your child's class so send the money into school with your child. We will also be selling them on the main school reception! If you would like to make further donations please visit the main reception to hand in your contribution. Let's raise as much money as possible for The Royal British Legion.

A Successful Book fair

Thank you so much for all your support during this term's book fair. We sold over £822.00 worth of books! This gave the school a commission of £493.66 to purchase books from the book fair for the school.

Parents Evening — Thank you

Thank you to all parents who attended parents evening. If you did not attend please ensure that you have made an alternative appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

Lost Property

Lost property will be on Friday 21st October 2016 in the Year 2 area. If you believe you have lost any valuables on the school site please come to the school's main office with a description of the item and we will check our lost property.