

Poppy Day

A big thank you for all your contributions to support Poppy day, the school raised £753.84.



World Book Day

On the 2nd March 2017 the Children of Essex Primary will be celebrating World Book Day. To celebrate this we would like all children to bring in a comic book or annual for the day. The children will then make their own comic strip. Please support your child with this - we can't wait to read what they bring to school!

Red Nose Day — Friday 24th March 2017

The school will be doing the following activities for Red Nose Day this year:

On 10th March 2017 (AR Day) KS1 hall we will have an Easter Egg Tombola, a cake sale and we will also be selling Red Noses.



On Red Nose Day itself 24th March 2017 we will be asking children to bring in £1 and dress up as their Hero for the day.

Lost Property — All Day on AR Day

Lost Property will be open ALL DAY on Friday 10th March in the KS1 Hall. Anything not claimed will be disposed of.

Book Fair

Our school will have a 'Book Fair' in the KS1 Hall starting from Thursday 9th March through to Thursday 16th March. It will be open after school from 3:15– 3:50 pm daily except AR Day (10th March). On this day the Book Fair will open from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm where you can visit at any time during these times with your children. They will be selling books and small items such as rubbers, pens etc.



The Brilliant Club

On the 9th February The Brilliant club visited Homerton College, University of Cambridge with staff for their Graduation Ceremony. We would like to congratulate all the children who are part of the Brilliant club—full article will be in the next Newsletter.



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Everyone valued, everyone challenged,
everyone achieving

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Spring Term 2017

School term: Monday 20th February 2017 to Friday 31st March 2017 (**school closes at 1.30pm for pupils**)

Spring break: Monday 3rd April 2017 to Monday 17th April 2017
Good Friday and Easter Monday fall within the spring break

Summer Term 2017

School term: Tuesday 18th April 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017

May Day: Monday 1st May 2017 (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

Half term: Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017

School term: Monday 5 June 2017 to Friday 21st July 2017
(**school closes at 1.30pm for pupils**)

Annual Review Day (AR Day)

Friday 10th March 2017

All parents have been given an appointment. Please contact the class teacher if you are unsure of the time. Please note that your child must attend the appointment with you, otherwise they will be marked absent on the register.



HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE SCHOOL PICK UP AND DROP OFFS



If you bring your child to school in the car please DO NOT park in the middle of the road to drop your child/children off. Make sure you park your car, in a parking bay, and that your child/children get out on the pavement side.

Please park in an appropriate parking space along the road. Do not park on the zig zag lines outside the school.

Essex Primary-East London Maths Bee

On Monday, 6th February Essex Primary School represented by two year 6 pupils (Mayiz Haque and Mubasshirah Khan) and two year 5 pupils (Majid Ali and Eerum Rafiz) took part in the first heat of the East London Maths Bee 2017 competition at Elmhurst Primary School.

The competition was fierce and Essex Primary School battled through round after round against 12 other schools, with the top four schools qualifying for the final. The children were tested on arithmetic, problem solving and reasoning skills while working as a team to solve as many problems as possible, against the clock. The children did remarkably well and finished in 3rd place, qualifying for the final.



In the final on Wednesday 22nd February at Elmhurst Primary School the children worked fantastically well and although they did not win, they made the school extremely proud.

Poetry Recital

Children from KS1 (Years 1 & 2), performed a variety of poems they had been learning together in class.

Every class explored a unique theme from a poem. They went beyond simply understanding how to properly express their text in reading. They also hand-made an array of fantastic costume designs to give a wider perspective on their respective themes. The opportunity to learn their poems by heart and delve into their theme enabled them to advance their brilliant ability to utilise their expressive skills in order to make their poems come alive.

The event was very successful on the whole, but the greatest outcome for the children in particular was their heightened sense of confidence, a greater sense of pride in their work and their raised awareness of working together in unison to achieve amazing things. Thank you to all parents who attended the performance.

Year 5 Manor Park Library Visit

The Year 5 children were lucky to visit, and become members of, Manor Park Library in early February. They were introduced to the Dewey Decimal Classification System and learned about different genres and authors. They had the opportunity to browse and borrow books from the library's vast collection. They even had an opportunity to spend some quiet time reading their new selections in the cosy atmosphere of the local library.



This visit allowed the Year 5 children to experience the library in a new way and choose books that they may not have considered in the past. Everyone came away with a big smile, a bundle of books and the knowledge that you can never judge a book by its cover!

Essex Sporting Events

On Tuesday 24th January we took the year 5 and 6 Boys and Girls football teams to Kingsford School to fulfil 3 of their fixtures in this year's football league. The boys squared off against Calverton in their first fixture, but they were unable to find success and were on the end of a 5/0 defeat against a very good Calverton side, who are unbeaten so far this year. The boys then took on North Beckton in their second fixture, and they managed to get a 3/2 win. They played with much more freedom and fluency and we were all very happy with this result. We took on North Beckton again in our final game of the day, and buoyed by the confidence we gained from our previous win, we managed to seal a second win in quick succession against them. 6 points out of a possible 9 was a good return for us, especially after losing the first game of the day. The Girls also took on Calverton and North Beckton twice and unfortunately lost against Calverton, 5/0. Luck and performance levels rose massively in the next two fixtures against North Beckton and we managed to beat them 4/0 and 5/0 in the two fixtures, respectively. The girls also managed 6 points from a possible 9, which we are absolutely over the moon with. This was a very successful outing.

Two days later, on 26th January we took the year 5 and 6 athletics team to the Copper box stadium for a Tournament in Stratford. We had been invited to this as we are amongst the highest levels of schools competing in this event at the moment, so that in itself was an achievement. We had been practising hard for this event and we were happy with the outcome. We managed to finish a respectable 10th out of a competing 16 schools. Progress was very visible, as the level of competition was extremely high in this Borough event.

We then played another year 5 and 6 Football match, away at Shaftesbury school on the 8th February. The boys played first and were held to a 1/1 draw despite dominating large amounts of the game. It wasn't a bad result whatsoever, but we felt frustrated as we thought the game was there for us to win. The girls also got a solitary point after they themselves drew 0/0. Both the boys and girls played very well and we took a great deal of confidence from our best performances of the season so far, despite not winning the games.



Well done to all the children taking part in these games.

Year 1 Church Visit

On Thursday 26th January, Year 1 went to visit the local church, St. Marys in Manor Park. This educational visit is linked with the year 1 Art and RE curriculum. In RE, Year 1 has been learning about places of worship. The children learnt that Christians worship in churches. During this visit, the children were able to learn about why people go to church and the various artefacts that are sacred to Christians, e.g. the Bible is the sacred text to Christians.

In addition, during the visit children were able to see the stained glass windows that are traditional to churches. Children used this experience to draw and create their own pictures of stained glass windows back in class.

