

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 11th February 2022**

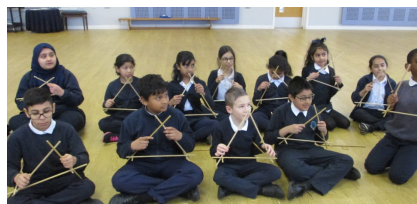
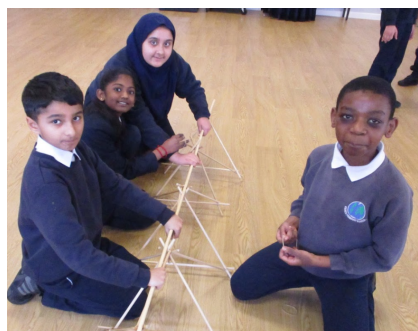
Dear Parents and Carers,

Another half term has whizzed past, with a huge amount of learning taking place across the school. Like every term, Essex Primary School life is jam packed with learning opportunities. We are lucky to have such amazing pupils that want to make the most of what school has to offer. It is so lovely to see how pupils support and encourage each other in everything they do. This just shows how we truly are one big family at Essex Primary School.

Next half term there will be lots more exciting projects and activities coming our way, with Shakespeare week, World Book day and a music project for pupils in KS1. Half term holiday homework has been set for all pupils to prepare them for the new term ahead.

As the days become longer and we move further into Spring, hopefully the weather will improve. Exercise is so important in order for us to stay healthy, therefore this is a perfect opportunity to stop off at the park and make the most of our outdoor spaces. As a Rights Respecting School, noting Article 31 of the UN Convention of the Rights of a child: Every child has the right to rest, relax, play and to take part in cultural and creative activities. Just make sure everyone remains safe whilst out and about, particularly during the half term break.

### Architecture Workshop



Throughout Spring 1, pupils in Year 5 have been exploring the topic of famous inventors, examining their impact on our world today. One of the inventors they have studied is Isambard Kingdom Brunel, who is most famous for creating the Clifton Suspension Bridge. In keeping with this topic, as well as developing their geometry skills, their design and appraisal skills, the pupils participated in an architecture workshop - building bridges! The workshop was hosted by Vivienne, who guided the pupils through the building process. She challenged the pupils by making sure they encountered problems to enable them to

demonstrate their considerable resilience in overcoming them. Pupils showed phenomenal communication skills and team work to come through with a fully formed suspension bridge made of poles and rubber bands. 5P has offered to hold it while Mr Pasha tries walking across it.

### **Eco Workshop**

Year 3 took part in an important “Eco” workshop today. They understood the importance of preserving and maintaining natural resources on planet earth. ‘Choice’ was the key word during the workshop. Pupils were challenged to think hard about their choices and the impact it has on our planet. They learned that they can make a difference and it starts from everyday things like reusing bags, buying from local businesses and eating seasonal foods - all to reduce our carbon footprint. Year 3 have taken a pledge to make the right choices for our planet and pass on their message to others. Join year 3 and take a pledge for your family to make a change!



### **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week 7th - 13th Feb**



This week has been Children's Mental Health week where we have been focusing on the importance of promoting good mental health and wellbeing for children and young people. The theme was Growing Together.

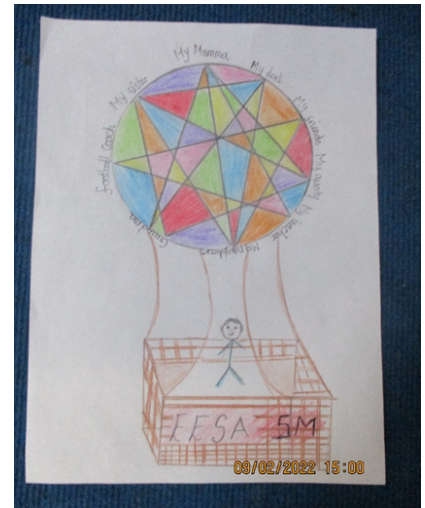
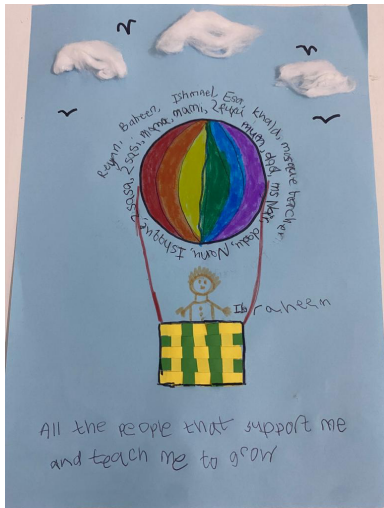
Classes watched a virtual assembly put together by Place2Be and shared ideas of how they could improve their own mental health. One activity was where pupils enjoyed drawing balloons and discussing who is within their support network. They looked at psychological wellbeing, which can affect a person's mood, sharing their thoughts of how this can sometimes dictate their behaviour. Pupils loved drawing their colourful balloons and discussing how they are supported by friends and family. They liked having people around them that they can rely on.

Saarah in 2N said, “Today we learnt about the well-being of others and yourself. To make myself feel better I will be thankful for everyone in my life and be kind to others.”

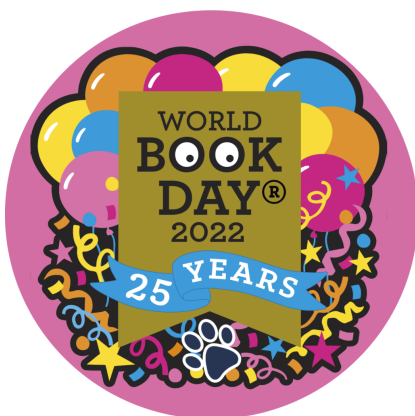
Here are some examples of some work carried out as part of Children's Mental Health week.







## Get Ready for World Book Day!



Just a reminder that World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. Use the half term to create your costume to dress up as your **favourite book character**. There are many characters to choose from, for example: Hungry Caterpillar, Matilda, Ms Trunchball, Oliver Twist, Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Gruffalo, Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Twits, Cinderella, Elmer the Elephant, Three little Pigs, Harry Potter, Little Red Riding Hood, Mildred - The Worst Witch, but we know Essex pupils always have better ideas than the staff. We very much look forward to seeing your amazing characters.

### Key Dates

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February 2022	Spring Half term Holiday
Thursday 3rd March 2022	World Book Day
Thursday 31st March 2022	Music Project Performance (KS1)
Friday 1st April 2022	Academic Review Day

### Star of the week (KS1)

KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.



1A Henarcy	1B Eshaal	1J Ahmad	1K Jannat
2K Ashleya	2N Bilal	2A All of 2A	2M Hamza

### Celebrating Success (KS2)

Well done to the children who have been awarded green leaves this week.



All of 3A	3M Eesa	3H Sanjana	3J Rayan
4A Muhammed	4I Azaan	4P Ryan	4H Aroush
Taslima 5M	5R Madasir	5H Mustafa	5P Saira
6H Kapilnath	6B Atul	6Q Kayce	All of 6I

### Walk to School



Classes with highest percentage walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	4I (99%)	1st	3H, 3M, 4A, 4P, 5H, 5P & 6Q (100%)
2nd	4P (96%)	2nd	4I (99%)
3rd	3M (95%)	3rd	2A (98%)





## Attendance Matters! Every Student, Every School, Every day

Here is our attendance chart. Thank you to all the parents who have sent their children to school during this time. Sending your child to school plays a vital role in your child's development.

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
NNam	91.5	1A	93.3	3A	96.6	5M	90.7
NNpm	88.4	1J	98.7	3H	94.3	5P	96.8
NTam	80.1	1K	91.7	3M	99.3	5R	94.6
NTpm	86.4	1B	97.3	3J	99.3	5H	95.3
RM	88.0	2K	89.7	4A	99.3	6I	97.2
RD	85.3	2A	98.2	4I	94.0	6Q	91.7
RF	99.0	2N	90.4	4P	98.5	6H	97.1
RT	93.3	2M	95.5	4H	99.3	6B	97.1
Whole School			94.3%				

### School Clubs: Week beginning - 21st February 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 3&4: Athletics Year 5&6: Athletics  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> Year 1&2: Gymnastics Year 3 & 4: Hockey Year 5&6: Girls Football	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2: Handball Year 3: Mini Mermaid Club  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> Year 1&2: Multi Skills Year 3 & 4: Gymnastics Year 5&6: Handball Year 6: Debate Mate Year 5: Mayor's Maths Challenge Club	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 3&4: Football Year 5&6: Cricket  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> Year 1&2: Football Year 5&6: Gymnastics  <b><u>3:00- 3:30</u></b> Year 3&4 : Police Cadets  <b><u>3:30 - 4:30</u></b> Year 5&6: Police Cadets	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2: Dodgeball Year 3&4: Handball  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> Year 1&2: Athletics Year 3&4: Cricket Year 5&6: Dodgeball KS2: Guitar Club	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 6: Early Riser's Maths Club Year 5&6: Table Tennis  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> Year 3&4: Dodgeball Year 5&6: Football

*Mrs Cecilia Mojzes*  
Executive Head Teacher

*Mr Rick Probett*  
Chair of Governors

*Mrs Amber Ilyas*  
Associate Head Teacher

## 5 STEPS FOR COVID-19 WELLBEING

STAY SAFE	BE KIND	STAY HOME	GET TESTED	GET VACCINATED
 Do the basics 2 METRES	 Look after yourself & those around	 If you have symptoms, or test positive	 Know your Covid-19 status	 Protect yourself and others