

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 15th May 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you, your families and your friends are safe and well. You will have seen the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday regarding the phased return of some year groups to their schools, starting from 1st of June, subject to the government's conditions being met. Here at Essex, the leadership team have begun detailed planning and risk assessment for this, in consultation with our staff and governors as well as a range of expertise and advice from across the borough. We can reassure you that, until we are confident that we can provide substantial protection to mitigate the risks of Covid 19 to our staff and children, the school will continue to offer the current provision. However, we will continue to update you with further news about the careful plans we are making, once they are completed.

#### **HALF TERM: 25th May 2020 to 29th May 2020**

We will be open during the half term for vulnerable children and children of Critical Workers. This list of critical workers can be found below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Please email the school at: [info@essex.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@essex.newham.sch.uk) if you would like your child to have a place during the half term by Wednesday, 20th May 2020 so that the school can make the necessary arrangements. Please note that if your child will be attending school during the half term, they must bring their own pack lunches.



#### **Zoom Assemblies**

This week's Zoom Assemblies marked the start of Mental Health Awareness Week by following the theme of "Kindness". Children and staff celebrated their acts of kindness using suggestions from the "Kindness Calendars" shared in their google classrooms. It made us very proud to hear about some of the things children have been doing to support their families. Next week we will be celebrating Eid.

We will be sending dates and times for next week's Zoom assemblies through School Ping. Looking forward to seeing all pupils during the Zoom assembly next week!

Please see dates and times below:

Date	Time	Year Group
Monday 18th May	10:30 am	Years 1&2
Tuesday 19th May	11:30 am	Years 5&6
Wednesday 20th May	1:00 pm	Years 3&4

## Online Safety

Children and young people's lives have changed dramatically because of the coronavirus and they will be spending more time online, seeing or hearing material others in the house are watching. This can bring risks. Now more than ever, it's important to talk to your child about staying safe online and about the apps and sites they're using. Visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> for advice about staying safe when using a phone tablet or computer.

## Thank a Teacher Day



Across the UK, the nation will be thanking teachers for their professionalism, passion and commitment. If you or your family would like to say thank you to your STAR teacher, we're sure this will raise a big smile and brighten up their day. Your teachers may be able to share some during next week's assembly. If you'd like more information or resources to help you, please visit the website <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher-day>

**I would like to encourage you to create a card, write a poem or a message for your teachers and upload on Google Classroom.**

## The 75th Anniversary of VE Day



Last week, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day, some children at Essex Primary took part in commemorative activities. Due to lockdown, they had to celebrate this historically significant milestone at home.

Children created newspaper articles, made and performed victory speeches and some even had parties inspired by VE Day. There were lots of examples of bunting sent in, allowing children to show off their artistic skills. Some children created a bomb

shelter based on the materials that would have been used at the time.

We would like to thank children and parents for the hard work and ingenuity that went into these activities. We hope you had fun learning about the significance of VE Day. Now, lots of children know why this is such an important event.



## KS1 Stars of the Week



KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements during the lockdown. We understand that it has been a challenging time for both parents and pupils. However, they have strived to maintain their academic success through online learning. In light of this, the teachers have awarded some of the pupils with the star of the week. This will be a weekly occurrence.

Zia Iqbal	1R
Eesa Ali	1K
Umar Yusuf	1N
Clemency Adu Gyamfi	1A
Eesa Islam	2D
Isa Uddin	2A
Zayd Patel	2N
Ahyan Patel	2K

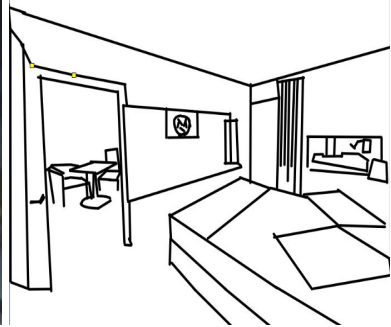
## Y5 & 6 Bank Holiday Competition Winners

Children from both years 5 and 6 were tasked with a fun competition to try different types of activities ranging from story writing to baking.

The aim of the competition was to encourage pupils to take part in activities that help with wellbeing as during this uncertain time, children - just like adults - can experience anxiety which may have a detrimental effect on their health.



With examples of creative pieces from various teachers, children were certainly inspired to get involved with more creative activities than they may have previously attempted. Teachers were delighted to see the children's entries some of which have been included below - have a look!



The winner for year 5 was Zoya in 5B and the winner from year 6 was Kshamya in 6K - Very well done they look delicious!



Zoya's entry, 5B



Kshamya's entry, 6K

### Online Learning

A big thank you to all our parents and carers working hard to support their children to access their learning through google classroom or coming to school to collect homework packs.

Our teachers are continuing to upload work on Google Classroom and on the website. If you are finding it difficult to give your child access to a device, please call the school for a paper pack. We will organise one for you to collect.



A reminder of the benefits of using Google Classroom:

- Once the child has completed the work it is kept safe
- Teachers can access and give constructive feedback
- Children can ask questions via the comment box
- Children can comment and clarify learning concepts with their peers on a safe and monitored platform

We have tried hard to resolve all login and technical issues parents have been facing. If you are still facing any of these issues, you can email the school on [info@essex.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@essex.newham.sch.uk) or call the school.

If you're finding it difficult to share access to the family computer, please be aware that the BBC have launched BBC Bitesize Daily on your TV through BBC Red Button. Their schedules are constantly updated with new exciting content put together in consultation with teachers and education experts. If you've missed any content then online lessons will be available on the BBC Bitesize website and all programmes remain available on BBC iPlayer.



Simply press the **red button** on your remote control at any time. Sometimes you will be prompted to press the **red button** by an announcement in a programme or a **red button** logo appearing in the top right-hand corner of your TV screen. Here is the link to the schedule for next week's lessons.

[https://bam.files.bbc.co.uk/bam/live/content/zv9nf4j/pdf#sa-link\\_location=blocks&intlink\\_from\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.co.uk%2Fteach%2Fbitesize-daily-lessons-schedule%2Fzdtwjhv%3Fdm\\_t%3D0%2C0%2C0%2C0%2C0&intlink\\_ts=1588847889621-sa](https://bam.files.bbc.co.uk/bam/live/content/zv9nf4j/pdf#sa-link_location=blocks&intlink_from_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.co.uk%2Fteach%2Fbitesize-daily-lessons-schedule%2Fzdtwjhv%3Fdm_t%3D0%2C0%2C0%2C0%2C0&intlink_ts=1588847889621-sa)

Some other websites to support your child with home learning:

<https://readtheory.org/auth/login>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

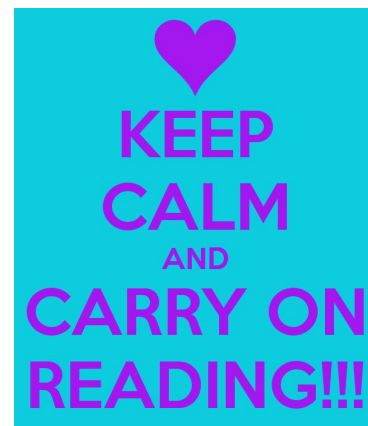
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>

<https://www.lgfl.net/learning-resources/gri>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.thenational.academy/>



### **Family Fun**

Pack up a sofa picnic and have **an online day in**, visiting one of London's finest landmarks and discover so much about British history with a **virtual tour** of the Tower of London

<https://www.youvisit.com/tour/meadk>



Or you may like to visit some other famous London landmarks and museums

The Natural History Museum <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/virtual-museum.html>

Buckingham Palace <https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace>

The Globe Theatre <https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/discover/about-us/virtual-tour/#maincontent> you can stream a play afterwards.

Yours faithfully,

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