

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 21st October 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Celebrating Black History Month made for a joyous finale to this Autumn half term with year 5 pupils performing their spectacular music project "We are Heroes". Earlier in the week, pupils across the school enjoyed immersive workshops exploring the positive power of drumming. We would like to wish all families celebrating Diwali, during the half term, a blessed time together; we hope that everyone has a peaceful and enjoyable holiday.

#### Djembe Drumming Workshops

Pupils were introduced to African Djembe rhythms learning that they were once used to communicate, celebrate, worship and mourn. "We learnt how people in Africa once communicated with each other, especially when villages were in danger ... It's important to learn about Africa in the olden days, some people weren't treated very well, so we learn to treat people fairly." *Adyan 3L*. "We've been learning about 'identity', the drummer was sharing a little bit of his ...I think he wanted to share that we live in a good world, treated well by everyone." *Dawood 3L*. "Drumming was good for our well being, we could be active, play our own rhythms and be joyful." *Arooj 3L*. Some pupils also learnt African dance steps. Even our most vulnerable pupils with Special Educational Needs enjoyed using the drums. All participants loved (literally) trying their hands at it.



#### Year 5 Music Project



The year 5 sensational music project 'We are all Heroes' celebrated Black History Month. It focused on past and contemporary black heroes who have made an impact on our world. Class presentations featured the contribution to rebuilding modern Britain by the Windrush generation; the fight for justice and equality by Stephen Laurence's mother, Doreen; poetry by Amanda Gorman and the story of sporting hero, Ade Adepitan, one of Britain's most celebrated Paralympians. They reminded us of the courage, resilience and determination of these true heroes who have made a difference to our world. We are extremely proud of our pupils for composing their own song, 'Superheroes Don't Always Wear Capes'. "It feels nice to show people what has happened and thank them, it also feels sad because they didn't deserve that kind of treatment, everyone deserves to have equality." *Marake 5M*

### Year 1 Local Area Walk

This week, Year 1 went on a local area walk to find the physical and human features they had been learning about in geography lessons. Pupils were able to identify different buildings and explain why they had been built. Also, they were able to make comments on where they live and what they do in their local area. They were perfect ambassadors for Essex Primary School and are to be commended for their excellent behaviour.

### Diary Dates

Please make a note of the dates below.

Date	Event
24th - 28th October	School closed for half term
7th November	Community Science Show by invitation only
8th November	School closed for Pupils (Guru Nanak's birthday celebration) Staff INSET day

### Star of the week (KS1)

KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

1R Rihanna	All of 1A	1S Myra	1B Sritiya
2K	2A Rithya	2C Musa	2N Tirth



### Celebrating Success (KS2)

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

3A Tahsin	3S Oprica	3R Mahveen	3L Saraah
4B Hana	4H Rivers	4M Zainab	4F Uriel
All of the year 5 pupils for their sensational music project - bravo!			
6H Eesa	6C Immanuel	6P Hawa	6B Mariam



### Walk to School

Classes with highest percentage walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	4B (98%)	1st	3S, 4M, 4H, 4B, 6C & 6B (100%)
2nd	4M & 5Q (97%)	2nd	5A (99%)
3rd	4F (92%)	3rd	5Q (98%)



### School Clubs (Week beginning 31st October)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2: Football Year 3&4: Table Tennis  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: 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: Netball Year 3&4: Handball  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Hockey Year 3&4: Multi-skills KS2: Dance	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 3&4: Netball Year 5&6: Handball  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Multi-skills Year 3&4: Football Year 5&6: Netball  <b><u>3:30 - 4:00pm</u></b> Year 3&4: Cadets  <b><u>3:30 - 4:15pm</u></b> Year 5&6: Cadets	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Years 1&2: Handball Year 5&6: Football  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Dance Year 3&4: Girls Football Year 5&6: Multi-skills	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 5&6: Table Tennis Years 5&6: Competition Football Year 5 & 6: Early Risers Maths <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Girls Football KS2: Gymnastics Year 5&6: Hockey

### Attendance Matters!



The school's attendance target is 95%. Our whole school attendance is 93.7%

It is your statutory duty to bring your child to school everyday!

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
NNam	88.6	1R	95.7	3R	94.7	5A	98.6
NNpm	95.6	1A	98.3	3A	91.3	5M	97.4
NSam	88.9	1B	96.0	3L	93.6	5Q	92.9
NSpm	88.6	1S	95.2	3S	96.6	5H	97.8
RM	82.0	2K	93.7	4M	95.9	6H	99.3
RF	89.3	2C	93.1	4H	98.3	6B	94.5
RT	87.6	2A	94.8	4B	89.7	6P	94.5
RR	79.3	2N	88.7	4F	93.7	6C	91.4
Whole School			93.1%				

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