

Attendance, Attention and Achievement

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Like most weeks, we have had another busy but productive week in the life of Essex Primary School: Year 6 have been carrying out some practice tests in preparation for SATs; we had an external assessor for the IQM (Inclusion Quality Mark) to evaluate whether we are sustaining our Flagship status; professional musicians have been working with years 1 and 2 as part of "International Mother Tongue Day"; the final week of the Shakespeare workshops have been taking place with EYFS and to top it all off, the weather has been glorious with the sun shining. Spring is here at long last!



Erasmus visit to Spain



This week, Mrs Ilyas, Mrs Bensadok and four year 6 pupils from Essex Primary had a fantastic opportunity to take part in the Erasmus project 'Unblocking Limits Together' by visiting Doctor Calatayud School in Aspe, Spain. They left on Sunday 20th March, attending the school in Spain throughout the week and taking part in a variety of activities. The pupils have had an exceptional experience, which you can see from some of their comments below:



"The flight was very comfortable. After our arrival, we took a cab to our hotel. At the hotel we were introduced to our rooms, these were well furnished and spacious. We tried some different Spanish cuisine at some of Aspe's brilliant restaurants. One thing different from people in the UK was that Spanish people eat very late, their dinner time starts at 8pm. We enjoyed mingling with pupils from Greece, Romania and Ireland as we stayed in the same hotel." (Keith - 6H)



"We explored the local bakery near town square called 'Raul'. We received our own aprons and hats, and got on with baking. This activity was very relaxing, we were all so engrossed in making our own bread. We made a traditional bread called 'Mona', this is a sweet, fluffy bread with a boiled egg in the centre. The Headteacher from the Spanish school gathered us around for a group photo outside the bakery and finally we ate this delicious bread." (Farheen - 6Q)



"On Tuesday 22nd March, we went to a place called Street Jump which was like Flip Out, but in Spain. We played basketball and dodgeball. It was absolutely amazing! Language was not a barrier amongst us; as a group we worked and played together. The most important aspect was that we made new friends." (Muadh - 6I)





“For our day out we visited the city of Valencia. There we experienced a beautiful site of a variety of species in the Oceanographic aquarium. We saw many sea life and rare animals native to the area, including many common ones too. There were many interesting facts that we learned and names of many different species of whom we had never heard of before. We saw whales, crocodiles, fish and penguins. This whole visit has been one of a kind.” (Maria - 6B)

Computational Thinking Project (EYFS)

Last week Mrs Shaikh and Ms McKenzie visited Finland to present Essex Primary’s EYFS project on ‘Computational Thinking’. By taking part in this project, teachers were given an introduction to theories behind computational thinking, hands-on activities, shared ideas and best practices from five other European countries.

In mixed-country groups, educators evaluated Learnathon 4, which focuses on the skill of ‘Coding’. They also had the opportunity to visit a school in the city of Tampere. The school is set in a truly glorious outdoor space. It was very inspiring to see how the children are using coding in their forest school. This visit opened up even more possibilities of screen-free computational thinking. As part of Learnathon 4, pupils at Essex used different stories and Scratch Junior when learning coding. Pupils have learnt how to give instructions, use algorithms and develop their debugging skills. Using the ideas taken from the conference in Finland, many other strategies and projects will be coming to Essex in the future.



EYFS Shakespeare Workshop

This week, all pupils in Nursery and Reception have been busy showcasing their drama skills and being expressive during a Shakespeare workshop, bringing the work of William Shakespeare to life. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed acting out Macbeth, a play by William Shakespeare and working collaboratively to bring out the key scenes from the play. The children transformed themselves into evil witches, brave soldiers and mighty kings. They used strategies such as freeze frame and hot seating to find expressive language to describe how the characters were feeling. The children also learnt key phrases and rhymes from the play! All the children had so much fun. Watch out for future Oscar winners.

Nursery



Reception



'I will be king!' shouted Ibrahim 'Double, double toil and trouble' said Nazila in her scariest witches voice.

KS1 Music Project

Rehearsals for the Year 1 and 2 Music Project are in full swing! This year, to celebrate 'International Mother Tongue Day', pupils in year 1 and year 2 have been preparing to put on a magical show, as they retell their own version of the classic fairytale, 'Cinderella'. Pupils have been working extremely hard, learning songs in different languages and practicing their lines by getting into character! They have also been fortunate enough to have the support of professional musicians who have been helping them to learn some of the songs in a different mother tongue. Make sure you join year 1 and 2 as Cinderella embarks on a special journey!

Date of Performance: Thursday 31st March 2022

Year 1 Parents : Show starts promptly at 10am (gates will close at 9:55)

Year 2 Parents: Show starts promptly at 2pm (gates will close at 1:55)

All children in Year 1 and 2 have been given tickets, so please present your ticket at the gate!

No ticket, no entry.

Year 6 Visit to the Theatre Royal Stratford

Today, 6B had an exciting opportunity to visit Stratford's Theatre Royal to watch the play 'Marvin's Marvellous Binoculars'. Pupils were very eager and buzzing with enthusiasm, as it was the first trip they had been on since the pandemic started.

'Marvin's Marvellous Binoculars' is a play about a young boy named Martin, who is a naturalist. He explores wildlife in ponds, parks and woodlands, and there he discovers friendship. It touches on themes of racial prejudice, bereavement and self-belief. It is a highly engaging and vibrant show that intends to inspire children to explore the outdoors in their local green spaces.

Pupils really enjoyed this experience, and are very thankful to Stratford Theatre Royal for having us!



"We learnt a lot about nature and different birds, which we didn't expect! The play also taught us not to stereotype and make assumptions about people, based on appearances. We really enjoyed the show, and had a great laugh!" 6B

Reminders

Thursday 31st March	Mother Tongue Music performance for Yr 1 and 2
Friday 1st April	Academic Review Day - School closed for pupils.
Monday, 4th April 2022 to Monday 18th April 2022	Easter Break - School Closed
Tuesday, 19th April 2022	School Reopens

Star of the week (KS1)

KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Everyone (1A)	Everyone (1B)	Everyone (1J)	Everyone (1K)
AbdulRahman (2K)	Iaman (2N)	Zayn (2A)	Everyone (2M)

Celebrating Success (KS2)

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



Aditya (3A)	Humayra (3H)	Alia (3J)	RV (3M)
Aariz (4A)	Adeeb (4I)	Mahrosh (4H)	Malachi (4P)
Abhijot (5H)	Rifaydeen (5M)	Tanisha (5P)	5R (5R)
Nanthana (6H)	Ayesha (6B)	Smilte (6I)	Zain (6Q)

Walk to School

Classes with highest percentage walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	3A, 4P & 4I (93%)	1st	3H, 3M, 4H, 4P, 5P & 6B (100%)
2nd	5R (92%)	2nd	5H (99%)
3rd	3M (90%)	3rd	6H (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	90.0	1A	98.7	3A	94.5	5M	95.6
NNpm	89.3	1J	94.0	3H	93.8	5P	95.0
NTam	91.9	1K	97.2	3M	94.5	5R	99.6
NTpm	89.6	1B	96.0	3J	95.5	5H	93.0
RM	91.3	2K	90.7	4A	98.6	6I	99.3
RD	92.9	2A	98.6	4I	98.9	6Q	98.3
RF	91.0	2N	96.3	4P	98.2	6H	99.3
RT	95.7	2M	98.3	4H	98.6	6B	97.6
Whole School		95.6%					

School Clubs: Week beginning - 28th March 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 3&4: Athletics Year 5&6: Athletics <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> Year 1&2: Gymnastics Year 3 & 4: Hockey Year 5&6: Girls Football	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 1&2: Handball Year 3: Mini Mermaid Club <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> Year 1&2: Multi Skills Year 3 & 4: Gymnastics Year 5&6: Handball Year 5: Mayor's Maths Challenge Club	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 3&4: Football Year 5&6: Cricket <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> Year 1&2: Football Year 5&6: Gymnastics <u>3:00- 3:30</u> Year 3&4 : Police Cadets <u>3:30 - 4:30</u> Year 5&6: Police Cadets	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 1&2: Dodgeball Year 3&4: Handball <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> Year 1&2: Athletics Year 3&4: Cricket Year 5&6: Dodgeball KS2: Guitar Club	<u>ARD day</u> No clubs

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Executive Head Teacher

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