

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

Date: 27th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a great week! Children have participated in different clubs led by the PE coaches and the teachers and have responded positively. The children have shown great progress in our sports club as they have improved their 'Sportsmanship qualities'. PE clubs are an awesome way for children to enjoy themselves, especially in the current climate. Teachers have also led groups in the morning which have enhanced the children's skills in maths and phonics. Pupils are happy to come in the morning to practice their skills.

Moreover, parents were able to attend a SEND workshop, where they were provided with strategies to enhance their child's learning experience at home.

Just a reminder, to make sure that your child brings an appropriate warm winter coat, gloves, scarf and hat. However, we kindly ask you to label your child's clothes with their name and class. It would be great if the children could wear their fleeces, as this will keep them warm during the school day.



### Online Safety

We would like to encourage you to be mindful about online safety. It is important to monitor the sites and apps that your children use in their spare time. During the school day, we remind pupils about the benefits and dangers of using the worldwide web, especially when technology is developing so rapidly. Therefore, we have provided some information that you can use to ensure that your child is being safe online.

Please look at the following websites to support your children at home.



- S SAFE** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.
- M MEETING** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.
- T TELL** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

## **RSHE Parent's Consultation**

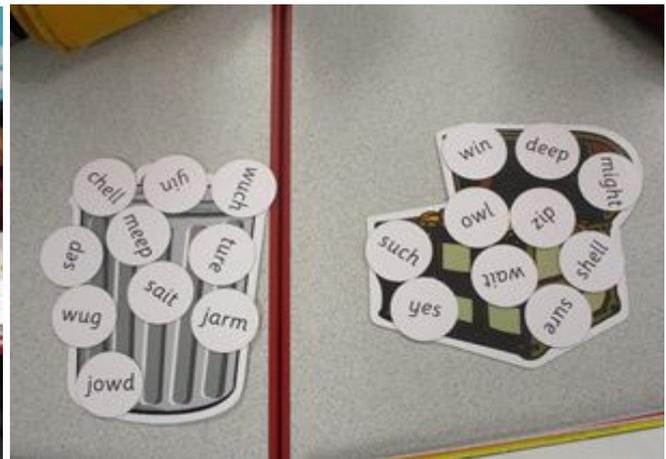
Just a reminder that our consultation process is underway, with parents' meetings starting next week. Please check your PING messages for details of the meetings.

## **Clubs at Essex Primary**

As mentioned above, our teachers have led clubs. Here is some information about '[Phonics Club and Early Risers Maths Club](#)'.

### **Year 1 Phonics Club**

In phonics club, the year 1 children have been practising to segment and blend phonemes. This helps them to read and write. Today, the children played buried treasure. They segmented and blended the words on the coins and placed the real words in the treasure chest and the fake words in the bin.



*" I enjoy phonics club because learning is fun" Poonisha, 1J*

*" I enjoy phonics club because we get to play games" Aniyah, 1J*

### **Early Risers Maths Club.**

Early Risers Maths Club resumed on Wednesday 4th November after the Half Term break. Sessions take place every Wednesday and Friday at 7:55 to 8:45 in 6Q and will continue until after the SAT in May 2021.

The club is designed to cater for children who have that flair for mathematics and would love to be challenged further into solving and investigating Key stage 2 Mastery and Greater Depth mathematical problems, individually and collaboratively. After the SATs, the club will focus mainly on Key Stage 3 mathematics. The children are always punctual and are enjoying every session. Our aim is to prepare them for secondary school. At the moment, club membership is limited to Year 6 children only, following the established risk assessment for the different year group and teaching bubbles.

### **Creativity at Essex Primary School**

This week has been an amazing experience for the children. There are so many creative activities to encourage our pupils to think independently. Here are a few activities that we have participated in during the week.

## Learning Through Music

In Reception we have been lucky to have a music specialist join our team to help our children develop a love for music through our learning topics. The children have learnt about rhythm, pace and pitch; they have explored music in a variety of ways. This week they worked with a track called 'March past of the Kitchen Utensils'.

RT used this track to explore the jungle. They used their senses to describe the jungle and create body movements to replicate how the jungle animals move. Simon said, '1 stomp, 2 stomp, 3 stomp he goes,' whilst marching his jungle animal to the music playing.

RM explored pace with this soundtrack. They used musical instruments to practice the musical vocabulary slow, fast, loud and quiet. Wahida was the class lead and explored pace with the children. She said, 'Fast and loud, slow and quiet,' modelling to the children in her class how to do it.

RA used this piece of music to explore different materials used to build the London bridge. They used musical instruments to replicate the sounds of materials such as steel, wood and gold and silver. Umarah said, 'Wow, look at the bridge, it makes creaky noise'.

RS created a musical kitchen using different everyday utensils and practiced the rhythm of the song. They demonstrated high levels of engagement, whilst using the cutlery; they also talked about their own experiences after seeing the kitchen utensils. Zoya said, 'I know what that is, it's a sieve!'



## Year 4 Ukulele Lessons

The children in Year 4 have been learning to play Ukuleles and they continue to be fully engaged during these sessions. They demonstrate great understanding and use a range of musical elements which include tempo, dynamics and pitch. The pupils have learnt a variety of chords, placing fingers appropriately in order to both pluck and strum the strings. Furthermore, they have practised a number of songs which include 'The Sunken Sailor'. Alongside this, the children have cultivated their rhythm skills through teacher/pupil response games. It has been a real pleasure to see them flourish and they are now becoming more confident at performance, listening and appraisal skills.



## 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	%
NKam	91.3	1A	90.3	3A	93.8	5B	95.0
NAam	95.0	1N	98.3	3B	92.1	5A	96.6
NKpm	97.6	1B	97.5	3H	96.2	5P	95.7
NApm	93.9	1J	97.8	3M	96.2	5S	98.6
RA	87.9	2A	93.6	4A	99.3	6H	97.9
RM	99.3	2R	98.5	4I	98.7	6I	98.5
RT	94.8	2K	95.0	4M	96.6	6R	92.5
RS	97.2	2N	90.4	4P	94.1	6Q	92.3
<b>Whole School</b>			<b>95.5</b>				

### Year Group PE Days

Please remember that children need to be wear their PE kits on the day they have PE, please see below table showing PE days for the individual Year Groups:

Year Group	Indoor / Outdoor PE days	
Reception	RT – Monday RA - Tuesday	RM – Wednesday RS - Thursday
Year 1	1A & 1N – Tuesday & Wednesday	1B & 1J– Monday & Wednesday
Year 2	2K & 2N – Tuesday & Thursday	2A & 2R – Thursday & Friday
Year 3	Monday	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 5	Monday	Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday

## Diary Dates: Week beginning: 30th November 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Before School Club</u> 8:00-8:45	<u>Before School Club</u> 8:00-8:45	<u>Before School Club</u> 8:00-8:45	<u>Before School Club</u> 8:00-8:45	<u>Before School Club</u> 8:00-8:45
Year 1: Sports Hall Athletics	Year 6: Sports Hall Athletics	Year 2: Handball	Year 1: Cricket Team	Year 2: Table Tennis
Year 5: Football	8:30-9:00: SATs Year 6, Reading club (Mrs Mukadam)	Year 3: Football	Year 4: Competition Club	7:55-8:45: Early Risers Maths Club (6Q - Mr Quist)
<u>After School Club</u> 3:30-4:30	<u>After School Club</u> 3:30-4:30	7:55-8:45: Early Risers Maths Club (6Q - Mr Quist)	<u>After School Club</u> 3:30-4:30	8:30-9:00: SATs Year 6, Reading club (Mrs Mukadam)
Year 2: Football	Year 1: Gymnastics	<u>After School Club</u> 3:30-4:30	Year 1: Competition Club	<u>After School Club</u> 3:30-4:30
Year 5: Athletics	Year 6: Dodgeball	Year 2: Sports Club Athletics	Year 4: Girls Football	Year 2: Boys Football
		Year 3: Football Team Training		Year 3: Handball
		Year 4: Guitar		

## Health Information for Parents

Information for parents on schools and Covid-19 (including the booklet that was issued in September) is available here: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/backtoschool>

We would like to encourage all families to continue to follow all the lockdown rules and public health guidance to help maintain the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Remember:

- Don't meet indoors with anybody outside your household support bubble
- Keep your distance and wear a face covering when out in public
- Wash hands regularly
- Reduce the number of journeys you take, to work from home where possible
- Self-isolate and seek a test if you experience any Covid-19 symptoms



OR

Have a safe weekend. Remember to: "Wash Hands, Cover Face, Make Space!"

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*Mr Rick Probett*  
Chair of Governors

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