

Attendance, Attention and Achievement

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term has ended with record breaking, warm sunshine, and the joy of being reunited with family and friends, as we are now allowed to meet with one other household or in a group of six, outdoors only. We strongly encourage families to follow these guidelines, throughout this holiday season, so that we may all return safely on Monday 19th April.

Autism Awareness Day

The week began with a special assembly raising awareness of Autism. Did you know, one in 100 children are autistic and without the right support, school can be a confusing and difficult place? Sadly, 80% of young people with autism experience mental health issues which is why we think it is so important for us to help our pupils understand and not be frightened by this condition.



During the assembly, one of our parents spoke to the children of her hopes for her autistic son to make friends and enjoy a happy school life at Essex.

Pupils from across the school shared what they had learnt about autism through having a member of their class with this condition.



Then on Tuesday, we dressed in blue to celebrate the differences that make Essex such a vibrant, positive, exciting and tolerant community. During the week, children took part in activities in their classrooms and explored the idea of difference: how we are all different, but, at the same time, there is much that makes us the same. Through the discussions and activities, children developed an understanding of differing needs and how their understanding and kindness can make a difference to another child.

Following the unit Valuing Differences, Mumina in 6I reminds us:

“Every person has their own dreams to achieve. We should be supportive of this no matter what.”



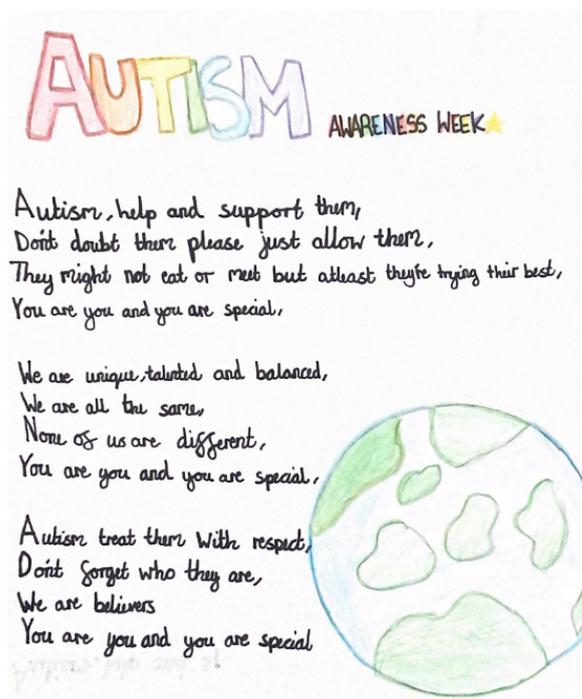
To consolidate pupils' understanding of valuing differences, pupils created these stunning pieces of work.



Jarin in 5P created this wonderful poster exemplifying Essex's commitment to valuing all people.



Year 6 children were creating poetry to raise awareness of autism.



In year 4 children made autism jigsaw puzzles.



In Reception, the children discussed how we are all different. Some children were able to say what they thought autism was. 'It's when you can't say what you want' said Pavitt 'Sometimes children can't sit at carpet time' said Arobi. 'I see some children rocking' said Aspen. Everyone is different and it's good to have lots of different children in our school. 'It makes it fun,' said Suha. 'We must respect each other' said Esa

The children made Easter eggs and decorated them. Each one was different to represent the colourful diversity around our entire school.

Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship Status

We are very proud to announce that Essex Primary School has maintained its Flagship status following a recent assessment visit to validate our outstanding inclusive practice in all aspects of school life. This means we are one of only 100 schools across the country that have sustained this achievement over three years, showing we play a strong role in developing inclusion best practice.

Easter

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the New Testament of the Bible, the event is said to have occurred three days after Jesus was crucified by the Romans and died. This weekend Christians across the world will celebrate Easter. We would like to wish all families who celebrate Easter a Happy Easter!

Ramadan

Ramadan will begin anytime between 12th and 13th April 2021. I am appealing to all parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils to encourage their children to fast during the holidays and weekends this year due to Covid 19. Pupils will not be sent home for home dinners to help reduce the transmission of the Covid -19 virus. The school does not have the space or capacity, as we are operating in class bubbles, to cater separately for children who will be fasting.

Please make careful note of the following if your child should choose to fast during Ramadan:

- Pupils must inform their class teacher each morning.
- There will be no home dinners unless only 10 pupils are fasting.
- All pupils who are fasting will be taken to the playground (during play time and lunch time) with their classes where they can sit quietly in the garden areas.
- All pupils will be taken into the dinner hall (during lunch times) and sit away from the dinner tables.
- The school is not adapted for ablution/wudu facilities so children will not be able wash prior to praying. I am aware that as school finishes at 3:00pm/3:15pm, children will not miss their prayer times.
- If pupils feel ill or lack concentration during lessons, parents will be called immediately to provide children with a drink or food.

We would like to wish all families who are fasting Ramadan Mubarak!

And Finally, Daffodils in Spring!

In Nursery, the pupils have been learning about the changes that they see happening in Spring. They did observational paintings of daffodils, where they were encouraged to look closely at the details of the object in front of them. They also rose to the challenge of concentrating on their fine motor skills to create very accurate representations. We hope that you enjoy their beautiful work!



Holiday Homework

Holiday homework has been set for all classes and we expect children to spend some of the break completing their projects. You will find this online in your child's Google Classroom or on our website:

<https://essex.newham.sch.uk/learning/learning-at-home/>

Diary dates

Please make a note of the dates below.

| Date | Event |
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| Friday 2nd - Friday 16th April 2021 | School closed for Spring / Easter Break |
| Tuesday 6th April 2021 | Year 6 transition classes (selected pupils) |
| Monday 19th April 2021 | School will reopen after Spring/ Easter break |
| Monday 12th April 2021 | Easter Holiday Sports Club (selected pupils) |
| Monday 19th April 2021 | All clubs start from Monday Any child who applied for a Sports Club has a confirmation letter in their bag today. |
| Saturday 23rd April 2021 | Saturday School begins |

Keeping safe

Please follow the government guidelines for keeping safe and notify the school immediately if your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the Easter break using our email address: covid@essex.newham.sch.uk This inbox will be checked daily.

Home testing Kits

You can order kits to test your household, childcare bubble or support bubble if at least one member:

- is a school, nursery or college pupil
- works in a school, nursery or college (this includes temporary workers or volunteers)
- works in an [occupation related to a school, nursery or college](#)

A test kit contains 7 tests. You can order one test kit per household. A flatshare or house share counts as a household.

Who is this service for?

You can only use this service if:

- you are 18 or older
- you live in England
- you do not have coronavirus symptoms
- you have not been told to self-isolate
- you or someone in your household, childcare or support bubble attends a primary school, a nursery, a secondary school, a sixth form, a college, or works at one
- you cannot get tests from a test site or your work

Ordering for someone else

If you're ordering for someone else, for example a relative in your bubble, you should:

- do it separately from your household order
- use their contact details
- [Schools, nurseries and colleges testing: order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

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 | % |
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| NKam | 89.5 | 1A | 89.7 | 3A | 95.9 | 5B | 91.0 |
| NAam | 94.9 | 1N | 94.0 | 3B | 88.2 | 5A | 94.4 |
| NKpm | 90.0 | 1B | 97.2 | 3H | 98.5 | 5P | 99.3 |
| NApm | 92.0 | 1J | 94.4 | 3M | 99.6 | 5S | 98.0 |
| RA | 95.3 | 2A | 90.3 | 4A | 96.4 | 6H | 97.2 |
| RM | 95.3 | 2R | 97.3 | 4I | 98.7 | 6I | 97.9 |
| RT | 98.0 | 2K | 88.6 | 4M | 94.9 | 6R | 92.7 |
| RS | 99.3 | 2N | 96.6 | 4P | 99.0 | 6Q | 89.3 |
| Whole School | | | 95.0 | | | | |

We wish you a safe and enjoyable Easter holiday. Remember to: " Wash Hands, Cover Face, Make Space!"

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Mr Rick Probett
Chair of Governors

Mrs Amber Ilyas
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