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Weekly Newsletter

Date: 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing way to end our first half term with a brilliant Black History month celebration - 'Proud to be!' Our Year 5 pupils showcased their learning through drama, song and dance. We are extremely proud of our pupils.

We would also like to thank all parents for your support with your children's learning this half-term and attending parents' evening.

All children have been given homework tasks to complete during the holidays. Please make time to do this with your child as it forms an important part of their education.

As it is getting darker earlier, please remind your children to keep safe and be careful when crossing the road.

We wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing all the children back at school on the **1st November 2021**.

Important Information

- Half term holiday: **Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2021**
- The PE team has organised the half term holiday club for pupils. A letter has been sent out.
- School is closed on **Thursday 4th November 2021** for Diwali.
- **Black History Month Exhibition viewing for parents Friday 5th November 2:00 - 3:00pm and 3.30 - 4.30pm KS2 Hall** (entrance via Y5/6 gates on Sheridan Road)
- School is closed on **Friday 19th November 2021** for Guru Nanak's birthday.

School Uniform

Please be reminded that your child must be wearing a smart, clean school uniform to school daily.

Please do not send your child into school if they have the following symptoms:

- high temperature - A high temperature is usually considered to be 38C or above.
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- diarrhoea

If your child shows any of the above symptoms, please take your child for a PCR covid test and inform the school immediately.



Our Week at Essex Primary School

'Supporting Your Child in Maths' Course

The first session of our 'Supporting Your Child in Maths' course took place on Wednesday 20th October 2021. The aim of the course is to demonstrate the Maths strategies that are used in school, so that parents feel better equipped to support their children at home. The class was led by Mrs Asghar and Mrs Khanom and delivered to the parents of pupils from years 2 to 4. The parents were shown the importance of place value as well as the strategies and vocabulary to teach addition and subtraction. A concrete, pictorial and abstract approach was used and modelled step-by-step to parents. Once the parents had learned and practised the strategies themselves, their children joined the class, so that their parents could carry out the different tasks with them.



Pupils were very excited to work with their parents and the parents were thoroughly pleased to be given the opportunity to gain a valuable insight into how maths is taught at school.

We look forward to session 2 of the course in Autumn 2, which will focus on multiplication, division and solving word problems. If you receive an invitation to attend via School Ping, please do respond quickly to secure your place. You will be taking a positive step forward in helping your child to become a secure and confident mathematician!



School Council

All classes appointed their school council representatives in September and have had their first couple of meetings now. Top of the list was a special job: to decide how they wanted to spend some money allocated to them by the school Governing board. All of the members were very excited and asked their classes for suggestions, trying to remember that whatever they chose must benefit as many pupils as possible. Ideas were flying around, with suggestions of "trampolines" and "swings" for the playground. The final suggestions were regarding improving the outdoor space in making it look more attractive and appealing, for example painting the fencing, adding more seating or shelters, planting flowers and improving the grassed area next to the MUGA in KS2 playground. Pupils were keen to make the playgrounds more colourful, bright and interactive, for example by making a sensory garden, reading areas, including a vegetable garden for the kitchen to use the produce or having games areas. Some amazing ideas were raised! These ideas have been shared with Mrs Mojzes to be shared with the Governing board.

Music Project

This year's Black History Month theme is '*Proud to be*'. At Essex Primary School we invited children to share what they are proud to be. We took the audience on a journey by telling stories from the four corners of Africa (Egypt, South Africa, Kenya and Nigeria) whilst looking at various heroic influential African individuals and their life journey.

The music project 2021 focused on the lives of Mohammed Salah, Lupita Nyong'o, Chimamanda Aadichie, and Nelson Mandela, and their influence and impact on the world we live in today.

The children showcased living in an inclusive community and wider world, celebrated different cultures that enhanced peace and unity and remembered that they had the power within themselves to influence change.

"The music project was not just about black and white people, it was also about people using their voices freely, being resilient and no matter what anyone says, anything is possible, you can achieve your dreams."
- 5R (Ijlal, Abrar, Iniyaa, Harshana and Giulia)



Black History Month Exhibition

Across the school, pupils have been participating in special art projects in celebration of Black History Month. This year, we are delighted to be able to invite parents to see the exhibition of pupils' work on Friday 5th November between 2-3pm and after pick-up from 3.30-4.30pm. Entry to the exhibition will be via the Y5/6 gates on Sheridan Road.



Star of the week (KS1)

KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Ashley Vilveswaran 2K	Tahsin Islam 2M	Khadiza Ahmad 2A	Lavinia Chiorescu 2N
Rida Fatima 1A	Khadija Karim 1K	Khadijah Aqeel 1J	Sara Gulma 1B

Walk to School

Classes with highest percentage walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	4I	1st	NT pm, 3H, 3M, 5H, 6Q, 6B (100%)
2nd	NN am	2nd	4A, 4I, 5R
3rd	NN pm	3rd	NN am



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	92.9	1A	83.3	3A	98.3	5M	96.9
NNpm	79.4	1J	90.0	3H	97.9	5P	94.3
NTam	85.3	1K	91.4	3M	96.3	5R	91.1
NTpm	84.0	1B	96.9	3J	96.4	5H	99.3
RM	93.9	2K	92.7	4A	94.6	6I	97.6
RD	94.0	2A	88.1	4I	85.0	6Q	99.3
RF	93.6	2N	91.1	4P	91.4	6H	88.9
RT	91.4	2M	83.7	4H	98.9	6B	93.1
Whole School			92.7%				

School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><u>Before School Club</u> 8:00-8:45 Year 1: Athletics Year 5: Handball</p> <p><u>After School Club</u> 3:30-4:30 Year 2: Athletics Year 5: Football</p>	<p><u>Before School Club</u> 8:00-8:45 Year 6: Handball</p> <p><u>After School Club</u> 3:30-4:30 Year 1: Gymnastics Year 6: Football</p>	<p><u>Before School Club</u> 8:00-8:45 Year 2: Gymnastics Year 3: Handball</p> <p><u>After School Club</u> 3:30-4:30 Year 2: Football Year 3: Football</p> <p><u>3:00- 3:30</u> Year 3 & 4 : Police Cadets</p> <p><u>3:30 - 4:30</u> Year 5& 6: Police Cadets</p>	<p><u>Before School Club</u> 8:00-8:45 Year 1: Handball Year 4: Handball</p> <p><u>After School Club</u> 3:30-4:30 Year 1: Gym Club Year 4: Football</p> <p><u>3:30 - 4:30</u> KS2 Guitar Club</p>	<p><u>Before School Club</u> 8:00-8:45 Year 2: Athletics</p> <p><u>After School Club</u> 3:30-4:30 Year 2: Handball Year 3: Netball</p>

Mrs Cecilia Mojzes
Executive Head Teacher

Mr Rick Probett
Chair of Governors

Mrs Amber Ilyas
Associate Head Teacher

5 STEPS FOR COVID-19 WELLBEING

<p>STAY SAFE</p>  <p>Do the basics</p>	<p>BE KIND</p>  <p>Look after yourself & those around you</p>	<p>STAY HOME</p>  <p>If you have symptoms, or test positive</p>	<p>GET TESTED</p>  <p>Know your Covid-19 status</p>	<p>GET VACCINATED</p>  <p>Protect yourself and others</p>
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