

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 26th May 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic way to end the half term with a tremendous amount of learning occurring across the school. Like every term, Essex Primary School life has been busy with many learning opportunities. We are lucky to have such exceptional pupils who want to make the most of what the school offers.

#### Queen's Jubilee Celebration Day

Today, we commemorated The Queen's 70 years reign as the head of the UK and the Commonwealth with celebrations in Essex Primary School. A lot of effort and planning has gone into creating this special day from all adults and students, who were very excited and produced some excellent and creative pieces of work.

The school set a cake competition for pupils to create their recipe to be baked in school for our Jubilee Lunch! We had some fantastic entries, and it was tough to choose, but the winner was Nilaa Mathavan in 5H. The cake was made proudly in school by our chef and decorated by Nilaa and members of the school council. It tasted as delicious as the recipe made it out to be! We are also proud to say that the rhubarb used for the cake was from the Nursery, so well done to our younger students from Nursery!



As the day was to celebrate the Queen's reign, our theme at Essex Primary was Kings/Queens and Princes/Princesses. The pupils were encouraged to come into school wearing their outfits from home, preferably the colours blue, red and white! The pupils came in eagerly to show off their outfits, which was pleasing to see.



The day began with a special assembly during which pupils stood respectfully for the National Anthem. This was then followed by a whole day of activities for all pupils across the school, with each year group focusing on a different decade of the Queen's historic 70 years as the longest ever reigning monarch. Pupils produced some superb pieces of work based on what their teachers had planned, which were showcased for parents to see.

Essex Primary was very proud to organise a dance performance of different steps from each of the decades of the Queen's reign, specially choreographed by professional dance tutor, Mrs Drummond who came in to teach in a series of special workshops. Pupils were chosen from each year group to perfect it for the special day! This dance was performed in front of parents who were lucky enough to be in the audience.



We finished the day in the lovely weather outside, as a school, with a picnic where pupils were provided snacks and drinks by the school and their families. Some were joined by their parents for family picnics in the grounds.

It really was a fantastic day, and we would like to say a big thank you to the parents who attended, and to all the adults and pupils who helped make the special day so successful!

### **Parliament Visit**

On Monday, 23rd of May, the school council had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament. When we got there, we were greeted by our tour guide. On entering through the sovereign's entrance, we firstly admired the Queen's robing room where she gets dressed, during her only visit when she opens Parliament. On the walls are portraits of previous monarchs. We were told that there was a secret room behind one of the walls. Leading from here was a smaller room with paintings of Henry VIII and his wives, just above the part of the cellars where Guy Fawkes tried to blow up Parliament, many hundreds of years ago.



The main house, we next entered, was the House of Lords with their red seats. The amazing golden throne was behind us, where the Queen would usually sit at the state opening.

Soon after, we explored the House of Commons with its green seats. This is where the laws are first discussed, and once they are voted on and agreed, they are then sent to the house of Lords to discuss and agree. The two chambers form the Palace of Westminster.

Then we came to the middle of Parliament in the central lobby, where we found out that there are 650 members of Parliament (MPs) that represent different areas across the United Kingdom. This is because the UK is broken up into 650 parts called constituencies. Eventually, we went to the 'courtroom' of Parliament called Westminster Hall. Barack Obama gave a speech here on the 18th March 2008. Did you know that JK Rowling took inspiration from Westminster Hall when creating Hogwarts?



On arriving back at the education centre, we took part in a debate about whether smoking should be banned, to try and pass our law as the MPs would. At the end, we were lucky enough to meet our MP,

Stephen Timms, who came and joined us at our session. We got to interview him about being an MP. Overall, it was an exciting day. Written by Sahej and Alisha 6I.

**Erasmus - visit to Greece**

As part of the Erasmus Project, four pupils from Year 6 joined other children from Greece, Ireland, Spain and Romania on an adventure to the sunny and hot island of Syros, which is off mainland Greece. Not only did the children burst through the clouds, they had a magical boat journey. The crossing was magnificent and they were able to view the vanishing Port of Piraeus, as the ship sped across the clear, blue waters. They also witnessed the undulating hills and mountains; then watched the sun rise to its full glory. Whilst in Syros, the children basked in temperatures which rose to a staggering 31 degrees, yes 31 degrees! Furthermore, they developed skills of integration through the combining of cultures, languages and experiences. Some of the activities involved the children designing puppets and bags, playing games and cultivating team building skills. In addition, they spent quality time sharing meals together, enhancing their historical knowledge and building new friendships; they even constructed sandcastles and paddled in the warm and tranquil sea! This unique opportunity will provide memories to enrich the children’s lives for years to come.



**Reminder**

Summer term 2 begins on Monday 6th June, please make sure your child arrives at school on time (8:45am) and brings in their PE kit and books ready to learn.

**Walk to School**

Classes with highest percentage walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	3M (98%)	1st	NNpm, 1J, 4H, 4P, 5R, 6H & 6B (100%)
2nd	5M (97%)	2nd	3H, 3M, 5M & 5P (99%)
3rd	3J, 4I, 5R (96%)	3rd	5H (97%)



## 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	93.3	1A	88.4	3A	95.3	5M	94.9
NNpm	89.6	1J	98.3	3H	94.8	5P	94.6
NTam	89.4	1K	96.3	3M	98.3	5R	95.4
NTpm	89.5	1B	92.9	3J	96.6	5H	98.3
RM	96.1	2K	96.4	4A	94.6	6I	96.6
RD	86.2	2A	94.0	4I	100.0	6Q	91.3
RF	92.1	2N	98.3	4P	92.9	6H	96.6
RT	94.2	2M	97.1	4H	97.8	6B	97.4
<b>Whole School</b>			<b>94.8%</b>				

### School Clubs: Week beginning - 6th June 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b>8:00-8:45</b> Year 3&4: Athletics Year 5&6: Athletics  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b>3:30-4:30</b> Year 1&2: Netball Year 3 & 4: Hockey Year 5&6: Girls Football	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b>8:00-8:45</b> Year 1&2: Handball KS2: Mini Mermaid Club  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b>3:30-4:30</b> Year 1&2: Multi Skills Year 3 & 4: Netball Year 5&6: Handball  <b>3:30 - 4:30</b> Year 5: Eco Warriors club	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b>8:00-8:45</b> Year 3&4: Football Year 5&6: Cricket  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b>3:30-4:30</b> Year 1&2: Football Year 5&6: Netball  <b>3:00- 3:30</b> Year 3&4 : Police Cadets  <b>3:30 - 4:30</b> Year 5&6: Police Cadets	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b>8:00-8:45</b> Year 1&2: Tennis/ Badminton Year 3&4: Handball  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b>3:30-4:30</b> Year 1&2: Athletics Year 3&4: Cricket Year 5&6: Tennis/ Badminton KS2: Guitar Club	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b>8:00-8:45</b> Year 6: Early Riser's Maths Club Year 5&6: Table Tennis  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b>3:30-4:30</b> Year 3&4: Tennis/ Badminton Year 5&6: Football

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