

Attendance, Attention and Achievement

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week where the value of a high quality education in shaping a progressive, successful Britain in the future has been brought into sharper focus through the strike action of teachers. They are campaigning for better funding for schools, working conditions and pay. Whilst Wednesday's strike action impacted on many pupils and families, many also understood the importance of the issues raised and that the disruption was focussed on government policies; it was not action against the school. Together, all staff at Essex remain dedicated to ensuring the very best learning outcomes for our pupils. We would like to thank families for attending their zoom lessons and completing the home learning set to a very high standard.

Menu Tasting

Article 12 of the UN convention of the rights of children states that pupils should have the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them and to

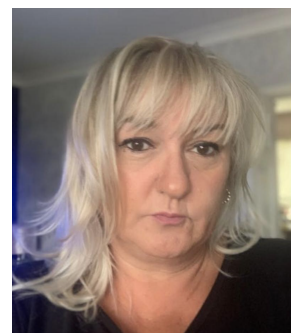


have these taken seriously. Therefore, on Tuesday 31st of January 2023, members of our school council participated in an exciting lunch menu tasting event. An array of new scrumptious dishes were excitedly consumed, which were prepared by Juniper, our catering supplier. Pupils were given the honour of rating the food prepared and a consensus will be gauged based on their honest opinions. Their thoughts, in conjunction with other schools' feedback, will be used to create the forthcoming menu in April. Pupils were very brave to try new things and respectfully truthful when giving their feedback and ratings. A deliciously tasty day for all that participated!



A Special Farewell

At the end of this term, Essex Primary School will bid farewell to Mrs Montgomery. Mrs Montgomery has been at the school for over 18 years and sadly leaves Essex to join Newham Council. Sue Montgomery has been a valuable member of our team who over the years has supported pupils, parents and colleagues. She has brought much fun and laughter to the school and her infectious enthusiasm will be missed. I know that the Year 6 pupils will miss Mrs Montgomery this year as she has always worked with the year 6 team for the end of year performance. I'm sure that Mrs Montgomery will be back to visit us at the end of the academic year to see how much we have learnt from her and applied to our own practice.



We would like to place on record our sincere thanks and appreciation for her dedication and commitment to Essex Primary School. She will definitely be missed, however, we wish her every success in her new job as the Attendance Management Advisor and Welfare Officer for Newham Council.

PS. Mrs Montgomery will still be checking your attendance.

Rail Safety

Trespassing on the railway tracks by young people in our local area is still an issue unfortunately. Therefore, we would like you to watch the video on the link below that is appropriate to your child's age. Please discuss the points raised in the video/videos to help keep your child safe in and around the railway tracks. Remember 15 minutes can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people.

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/>

People Who Help Us

Our reception pupils had a special visit from our local firefighters on Monday. They came with their fire engine and showed our pupils all the equipment they use to battle fires and save lives. They also discussed how to recognise fire indicators and how to keep themselves safe at home. Pupils were so excited to look around the fire truck and even tried on some of the firefighter's gear! This was a fantastic chance to learn about the crucial work that the emergency services do. We thank the firefighters for taking the time to visit our school. "Sometimes, when mummy cooks food, the fire alarm goes off." *Milka* "The lights flash when the fire engine is driving fast." *Taihan* "You can use the big hammer to smash down doors." *Mohammed Zain* "They use the hose to shoot water at the fire." *Harshini*



Important Notices

- Staff training - 8th February 2023. Please collect your child at 3pm.
- Assessment Week (Spring term) for Years 2 & 6 will take place the week beginning 6th February.
- Swimming in year 4 will commence the week beginning 6th March. A parent meeting is arranged for Tuesday, 21st February 2023 at 9am in KS2 Hall.

Star of the week (KS1)

KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.



Ganesh 1R	Haroon 1A	Aaizah 1B	Sofia 1S
Yeshua 2K	Ruwaizah 2A	Mustafa 2N	Muniza 2C

Celebrating Success (KS2)

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



Asad 3A	Hassan 3R	Ayet 3L	Rafee 3S
Ibrahim 4M	Amara 4B	Shujana 4H	Abubacarr 4F
Mahrosh 5A	Yashika 5Q	Huzkeel 5H	Anisha 5M
Yahya 6C	Taslina 6H	Miruna 6B	Saira 6P

Walk to School

Classes with the highest percentage walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	4B (100%)	1st	NN pm, 3S, 4M, 4B & 6H (100%)
2nd	5Q (97%)	2nd	5A & 6B (99%)
3rd	NN pm (96%)	3rd	1B, 2A & 5M (98%)



School Clubs (Week beginning 6th February 2023)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 1&2: Football <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Gymnastics Year 3&4: Tag rugby Year 5&6: Girls Football	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 1&2: Dodgeball <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Tag rugby Year 3&4: Athletics KS2: Dance Year 4, 5 & 6: Mini Mermaid club Year 6: Debate Mate Year 4&5: Mayors Maths Challenge Year 5&6: Science Club KS2: Choir club Year 3: Magical Mystery Bus Club Kickstart Club <u>3:30 - 4:15pm</u> Year 1: Book Club Year 1: Phonics Club	School finishes at 2:55pm. No clubs	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 5&6: Football <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Dance Year 3&4: Girls Football	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 5&6: Competition training Years 5&6: Badminton Year 5 & 6: Early Risers Maths <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Girls Football KS2: Gymnastics Year 5&6: Tag Rugby Year 4&5: Knitting and crochet club



Attendance Matters!

The school's attendance target is 95%. Our whole school attendance is 92.3 % for this week. It is your statutory duty to bring your child to school every day!

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
NNam	89.3	1R	93.1	3R	92.7	5A	93.3
NNpm	97.1	1A	95.0	3A	94.4	5M	97.3
NSam	88.1	1B	93.5	3L	92.1	5Q	94.8
NSpm	92.5	1S	88.9	3S	94.6	5H	95.7
RM	83.6	2K	86.9	4M	98.0	6H	95.7
RF	92.3	2C	90.7	4H	91.6	6B	94.0
RT	85.1	2A	96.5	4B	92.7	6P	97.3
RR	83.9	2N	85.7	4F	96.8	6C	94.1
Whole School			92.3%				

Mrs Cecilia Mojzes
Executive Head Teacher

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Chair of Governors

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