

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

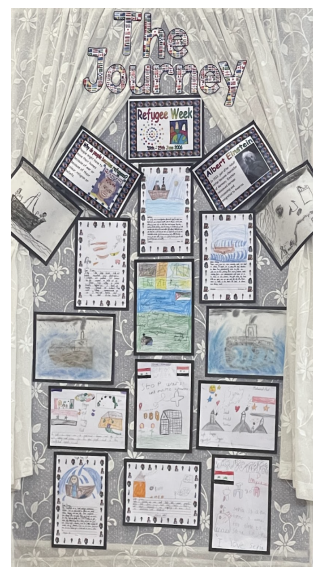
**Date: 23rd June 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Essex Primary School, pupils have been focussing on Refugee Week. 'Compassion' is the theme for the 25th Anniversary of Refugee Week and pupils have been exploring this concept in assemblies, PSHCE, through their writing and class discussions. They have shown great empathy and understanding of what it means to be a refugee.

#### Year 3 Music Performance for Refugee Week

For their music project, pupils in year 3 have been working with specialist musicians, drama and dance coaches to create their own creative interpretation of what *compassion* looks like. They have explored how the rights of many adults and children are impacted when their own countries face war, disaster, famine and poverty or when they face persecution and discrimination.



Compassion is a theme close to all of us as the last few years have been challenging in so many ways because of Covid, the cost of living rises and war in Ukraine. All of us have shown or benefited by compassion in our lives.

We all possess the humanity to show compassion not just to those in our immediate family and community but to all people across our one shared home, planet Earth.

The year 3 project 'The Journey' follows a Syrian family coming to terms with having to make the decision to leave war-torn Syria, their home and make the perilous journey across frontiers and oceans to a safer country where they cannot speak the language and do not understand the rules.

Compassion is seen at the end of the production with the family's journey to the UK where they reach safety. The local community reaches out and shows them the way, helping them find food,



shelter and warmth. There is a happy ending; the family settle in Uk and then exchange letters with their grandparents who made the difficult decision to stay in Syria because they were too old, frail and ill to take this journey.

Today, the year 3 pupils showcased their amazing performance and singing talents which presented the theme fantastically well, making us all very proud. Their parents and the entire audience were mesmerised by what they witnessed and it has been a wonderful experience, which will be remembered by all. Thank you to the teachers, support team, musicians, and performance production team.



### Manor Park League

Year 5 & 6 pupils played their first Manor Park league game against Salisbury Primary on Thursday 22nd June. After qualifying for the Manor Park cup final they have demonstrated their skill set and ability to win by taking another victory with a score of 7-2. They have shown great sportsmanship and desire to win.

### NEU Teacher's Strike days (Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July)

Please note:

- The school will only be open for pupils in Years 1, 3 and 5 (on both days Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July).
- It will also be open for vulnerable pupils and those pupils whose parents work in certain sectors as stated in the letter sent to parents on Tuesday 20th June.
- The school will be open as normal for all pupils on **Thursday 6th July**.
- Year 1 visit to Colchester zoo on Friday 7th July will go ahead as normal.

### Important Dates:

Date	Event / Information
Wednesday 28th June 2023	School is open to all pupils as normal
Monday 10th - Friday 14th July 2023	Sports week
Wednesday 12th July 2023	Summer Bazaar (2:00 - 5:00pm)
Tuesday 18th July 2023	Year 6 Performances (afternoon and evening)



### **Star of the week (KS1)**

KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

1R Mayra	1A Shafeeah	1B Selma	1S AbuBakr
2K Adam	2C Abdullah	2N Tharun	2A Baheen

### **Celebrating Success (KS2)**

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



All of year 3 for their fantastic music performance to mark Refugee Week

4H Sanjana	4B Eesa	4F Uriel	4M Diya, Joby and Sirvanya
5M Kaustubha	5H Iram	5A Ayman	5Q Olivia
6H Rohan	6C Mustafa	6P Mujtaba	6B Ridwan

### **Walk to School**



Classes with the highest percentage of walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	4B (98%)	1st	3S, 4M, 5M & 6B (100%)
2nd	5H & 5M (97%)	2nd	NNpm, 2K, 3R, 4H & 6C (99%)
3rd	1S & 2A (93%)	3rd	4B & 6H (98%)

### **School Clubs (Week beginning 23rd June 2023)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2 Football Year 3&4 Badminton (KS2 Hall) <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Gymnastics Year 3&4: G&T Multi-skills Year 5&6 Girls Football	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 2: Multi-skills Year 3 Dodgeball <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: G&T Multi-skills Year 3&4: Rounders Year 5&6: Dance KS2: Choir Club Kickstart Club KS2: Mini-mermaid Running Club	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 5&6 Dodgeball <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Rounders Year 3&4: Football Year 5&6: Cricket Kickstart Club  <b><u>3:30 - 4:00 pm</u></b> Year 3&4: Panda Cadets  <b><u>3:30 - 4:15 pm</u></b> Year 5&6: Junior Cadets	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2: Dodgeball Year 5&6: Football <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Dance Year 5&6: Athletics KS2: Girl's Football	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 5&6: Rounders Year 5&6: Early Risers Maths <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Girl's Football Year 5&6: G&T Competition Football Year 3&4: Gymnastics KS2: Knitting Club



### Attendance Matters!

It is your statutory duty to bring your child to school every day! The school's attendance target is 95%. Our whole school attendance is 95.3% for this week.

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
NNam	92.4	1R	92.4	3R	98.7	5A	99.3
NNpm	89.5	1A	100.0	3A	97.9	5M	87.9
NSam	85.9	1B	95.9	3L	97.2	5Q	99.3
NSpm	91.5	1S	93.3	3S	97.9	5H	95.5
RM	91.5	2K	93.2	4M	98.0	6H	96.8
RF	90.0	2C	98.6	4H	98.6	6B	85.9
RT	99.0	2A	93.3	4B	98.3	6P	96.9
RR	98.0	2N	88.5	4F	98.9	6C	98.5
Whole School			95.3%				

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