

Attendance, Attention and Achievement

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 20th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last week of term has been packed with a range of amazing activities celebrating Black History Month. It has been the climax to a wonderful term here at Essex where pupils have been challenged to achieve their very best both academically and in demonstrating their individual character strengths.

Black History Month Celebrations

Essex Primary school moves to the beat and feels the rhythms of African dance!

What an unforgettable experience we had as exceptional African dance artists came to our school to share their talents and culture with our pupils. The dance teacher led interactive workshops tailored to different age groups, allowing pupils to learn fundamental dance steps, experience the power of African rhythms and connect with the heart and soul of the dances. They learned that the movements from African dance stem from everyday activities such as planting seeds, stamping seeds into the ground, celebrating the harvest and watching birds fly, amongst other things. The benefits of this unique experience extend beyond the dance studio. By immersing themselves in African dance, our pupils will gain a deeper appreciation for diversity, cultural exchange and the universal language of music and movement. Moreover, it's a wonderful opportunity to foster teamwork, discipline and self-expression through the arts. The pupils and staff had a wonderful time.

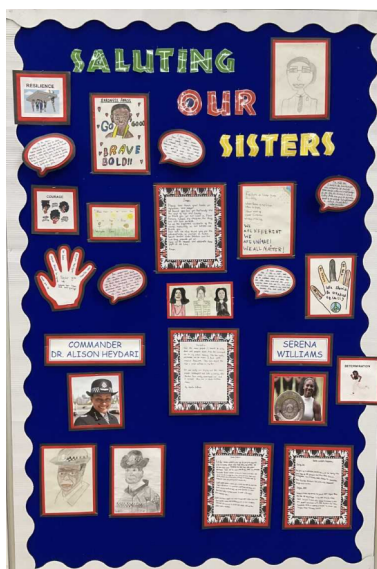


Year 5 Black History Month Music Project: Saluting Our Sisters.

Over the last two weeks, pupils in year 5 have taken part in a music project celebrating Black History Month. The theme this year is entitled 'Saluting Our Sisters'. The performance encompassed many of the arts such as dance, singing, poetry and drama. It has been a privilege to witness pupils' readiness to embrace this experience and they have all been fully engaged. Well done to them all! Through music and dance, they have enjoyed the opportunities to work alongside professional musicians and performers.

The show focused on four key women who have made significant advancements in the fields of science, politics, sport and policing: Dr. Margaret Aderin-Pocock, Baroness Amos, Serena Williams and Dr Alison Heydari respectively. The audience were treated to a variety of dances and a special finale song that was composed by the year 5 pupils. Pupils practised hard and did themselves proud! They succeeded in portraying the message that all females, no respective of their background, colour or religion, can achieve whatever they set their mind to as long as they believe in themselves and their abilities as well as working hard.

One pupil commented: *"I didn't know what it was at the start but as the days have gone on I have learnt more about black women and their achievements. I have enjoyed learning my lines as an interviewer as I've always wanted to be in a play. I have also enjoyed singing and dancing. It has been a fun two weeks!"*



Visit to the Discover Centre

On Thursday, the pupils of Hyacinth and Iris Rooms went by minibus to the Discover Centre in Stratford. There were lots of exciting things to look at, touch and play with. We walked around the centre, exploring the story-making stimuli that were all around us. There were slides, rockets, caves, robots, aeroplanes, bookshelves and many familiar characters from stories that we know. We loved being there and had great fun!



Raising Money for the Children of the Gaza Israeli Crisis

Essex Primary School is a Rights Respecting School. As duty bearers, we have responded to many situations where children's rights are impacted and in some instances, as a community, we have taken action to fundraise in order to support children's well being and survival.

Children have the right to be protected from war, safe from kidnap, have access to food, water and health care. Sadly in all wars, it is the children who suffer the most harm.

Therefore, we will be raising funds to support those children affected by the Gaza Israeli crisis. The money collected will be donated to UNICEF's appeal.

<https://www.unicef.org/emergencies/children-gaza-desperate-need-lifesaving-support>

The school will provide special peace cards and for a £1 donation, pupils are invited to create a prayer, message and/or a drawing for peace. These will be available from Monday 30th October. Please come throughout that week to visit and place your prayer messages in our special 'place of hope' which will be set aside in the MUGA.

Throughout the week from Tuesday 31st October 2023, families are invited to spend a quiet moment of reflection, praying for the protection of children and their rights during the afternoon pick up time.

Star of the week (KS1)



KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Lirihika (Bumblebee)	Ayesha (Butterfly)	Zavian (Beetle)	Zaynali (Moth)
Taseefa (Anaconda)	Rahbar (Crocodile)	Sebastian (Gecko)	Safiyah (Tortoise)



Green leaves (KS2)

KS2 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Henarcy (Vendace)	Jannat (Lamprey)	Hajrah (Halibut)	Haaniyah (Bluefin)
Ibrahim Sulten (Kiwi)	Amelia (Grebe)	Faryal (Nightingale)	Aaminah (Puffin)
All of Baobab	All of Chestnut	All of Maidenhair	All of Redwood
Sameya (Orchid)	Andrei (Clary)	Ankita (Helleborine)	Ayman (Wintergreen)

Walk to School



Classes with the highest percentage walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	Helleborine (98%)	1st	Orchid (100%)
2nd	Maidenhair (97%)	2nd	Clary and Crocodile (99%)
3rd	Clary (96%)	3rd	Maidenhair and Kiwi (98%)

Important Dates

Date	Event / Information
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023	School is closed for Half Term holiday.
Monday 30th October 2023	School reopens for pupils.
Wednesday 1st November 2023	Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)

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	%
Nursery Tiger(am)	90.0	Year 1 Bumblebee	96.6	Year 3 Lamprey	92.1	Year 5 Baobab	99.3
Nursery Rhino(am)	85.0	Year 1 Butterfly	97.9	Year 3 Halibut	91.0	Year 5 Redwood	97.5
Nursery Tiger(pm)	95.3	Year 1 Beetle	88.7	Year 3 Bluefin	95.0	Year 5 Maidenhair	97.7
Nursery Rhino(pm)	76.5	Year 1 Moth	97.1	Year 3 Vendace	91.1	Year 5 Chestnut	93.1
Reception Dolphin	85.5	Year 2 Anaconda	95.3	Year 4 Grebe	87.0	Year 6 Orchid	94.6
Reception Vaquita	75.9	Year 2 Crocodile	92.9	Year 4 Puffin	92.3	Year 6 Clary	98.6
Reception Turtle	97.0	Year 2 Gecko	90.7	Year 4 Nightingale	96.2	Year 6 Helleborine	98.0
Reception Penguin	91.0	Year 2 Tortoise	93.6	Year 4 Kiwi	96.6	Year 6 Wintergreen	100.00
Whole School			93.4%				

School Clubs (Week beginning 30th October)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 1&2: Football Year 3&4: Table Tennis <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Girls Football Year 3&4: Girls Football Year 5&6: Girls Football	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 1&2: Netball Year 3&4: Yoga <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Dance Year 3&4: Hockey Year 5&6: Hockey	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 3&4: Netball Year 5&6: Handball <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Gymnastics Year 3&4: Football Year 5&6: Netball <u>3:15 - 4:15</u> Year 3-6: Police Cadets	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Years 1&2: Handball Year 5&6: Football <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Multi-skills Year 3&4: Multi-skills Year 5&6 Multi-skills Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 : Reading Gladiators <u>3:30 - 4:20</u> Year 1: Reading Warriors	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 5&6: Table Tennis KS1: Multi-skills <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Hockey KS2: Gymnastics KS2: Dance

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