

Attendance, Attention and Achievement

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 15th December 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing week pupils have had this week! The year 4 pupils were very fortunate to have the opportunity of visiting the Victoria and Albert Museum to consolidate their learning about early Islamic civilisations and Islamic art. Some pupils and their families have been learning about how to stay active in order to maintain good physical and mental health. Many of you visited our Winter Bazaar and revelled in all the activities that staff had prepared for you. As always, Santa was a big hit and the products made by our pupils were appreciated by all the parents. We were so pleased that so many parents were able to come. If you were not able to attend and would like to buy your child's product, please send the money to your child's class teacher.

Please remember to collect your child promptly at **1:30pm** on the last day of term, which is **Wednesday 20th December**.

Winter Bazaar

Our Annual Winter Bazaar took place on Wednesday afternoon and was a great success! The pupils at Essex worked hard to put their creative skills into practise by designing, making, sculpting, painting, sewing, cutting and glueing to create their Christmas-themed products. Every child created a product to sell at the bazaar. They were very successful in using their persuasive skills to sell their products to their family and friends. It was great to see huge crowds gathered at every stall. Pupils enjoyed taking part in all the activities which included the raffles, lucky dips, tombola and, most importantly, Santa's Grotto where the queue was never-ending! We would like to thank all the pupils for their hard work and parents/carers for supporting the event and making this year's Winter Bazaar a huge success!

Raffle Draw

Congratulations to the 10 lucky raffle winners. The raffle draw took place at our Whole School Assembly. The parents of these pupils will be telephoned today to come into school on Monday, 18th December 2023, with their raffle tickets to collect their prizes. Please note that prizes will not be sent home with pupils.



Year 4 visit to Victoria and Albert Museum

This week the year 4 classes visited the Victoria and Albert museum as part of their History unit on Islamic civilisations. They explored the Islamic Art section, taking inspiration from art pieces which included tiles, patterns, calligraphy, geometry, symmetry, logos, symbols and signs.



During a practical workshop, they had the opportunity to apply their learning by creating their own piece of work, making symmetric tiles using square pieces of paper. They put the squares down against the mirrored walls and the results were beautiful!



Healthy Schools Active Club

On Tuesday, 12th December 2023, parents and their children attended their final Healthy Schools Active Club session. Some hard-fought games took place and the parents were even more competitive than the children! Each family received a participation certificate for all of their hard work. We thank everyone for taking part this term and we encourage everyone to continue on with their healthy, active journey together.



Star of the week (KS1)



KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Umer (Bumblebee)	Ayaan Butterfly)	Prathilan (Beetle)	Anwar (Moth)
Abida (Anaconda)	Ramzy (Crocodile)	Ismail (Gecko)	Sritiya (Tortoise)



Green leaves (KS2)

KS2 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Octavio (Vendace)	Musa (Lamprey)	Minha & Sirajunissa (Halibut)	Sarah (Bluefin)
All of Kiwi class	Zakira (Grebe)	All of Nightingale class	Casian (Puffin)
Halimah (Baobab)	Zeide (Chestnut)	Akmam (Maidenhair)	Nabeeha (Redwood)
Eeman and Araf (Orchid)	Anusha (Clary)	Daniyal (Helleborine)	Abdur (Wintergreen)

Walk to School

Classes with the highest percentage of walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	Clary (100%)	1st	Rhino pm, Tortoise, Vendace, Maidenhair, Baobab, Calry, Wintergreen (100%)
2nd	Maidenhair (99%)	2nd	Kiwi (99%)
3rd	Rhino pm (98%)	3rd	Lamprey (98%)



Important Dates

Date	Event / Information
Monday 18th December 2023 (afternoon session)	Class Party
Monday 18th December 2023 (10am)	Reception Nativity performance (Reception Parents Only)
Wednesday 20th December 2023	School closes at 1:30pm

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)	79.1	Year 1 Bumblebee	94.7	Year 3 Lamprey	93.1	Year 5 Baobab	83.0
Nursery Rhino(am)	92.7	Year 1 Butterfly	88.3	Year 3 Halibut	82.5	Year 5 Redwood	81.4
Nursery Tiger(pm)	72.2	Year 1 Beetle	85.3	Year 3 Bluefin	85.7	Year 5 Maidenhair	84.0
Nursery Rhino(pm)	78.7	Year 1 Moth	92.1	Year 3 Vendace	83.8	Year 5 Chestnut	85.3
Reception Dolphin	83.4	Year 2 Anaconda	97.3	Year 4 Grebe	92.1	Year 6 Orchid	95.4
Reception Vaquita	71.4	Year 2 Crocodile	86.9	Year 4 Puffin	94.7	Year 6 Clary	89.0
Reception Turtle	73.0	Year 2 Gecko	92.7	Year 4 Nightingale	96.7	Year 6 Helleborine	97.6
Reception Penguin	72.8	Year 2 Tortoise	87.2	Year 4 Kiwi	91.4	Year 6 Wintergreen	94.8
Whole School			87.4%				

School Clubs (Week beginning 18th December)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School Clubs	Before School Clubs	Before School Clubs		
<u>No sports clubs</u>	<u>No sports clubs</u>	<u>No sports clubs</u>		
		<u>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1:30pm</u>		

Mrs Cecilia Mojzes
Executive Head Teacher

Mr Rick Probett
Chair of Governors

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