

Attendance, Attention and Achievement

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the outstanding accomplishments of our pupils with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in this week's newsletter. We had the privilege of hosting visitors from another school who were keen to observe and learn from our inclusive practices. I am incredibly proud of how well our pupils showcased their commitment to learning and active engagement during this time. The visitors were impressed by the focus and dedication exhibited by our pupils in their various activities. This serves as a testament to the inclusive and supportive learning environment we strive to foster at Essex Primary School.

Year 6 Visit to Stratford Youth Zone

On Wednesday, year 6 attended the Stratford Youth Zone, to watch a theatre performance. There were conflicting views after watching the performance, which was called 'The Very Old Man with Enormous Wings'. It was an exciting experience which the pupils enjoyed due to the absurdity within the play. The use of a 'gopro' camera added an interesting element to the performance and created further surprises and expression. Surprisingly, the performance was carried out with just two actors on the stage, which some of the pupils found a little strange and unusual. "I liked how one of the two actors narrated the whole story; on the other hand the other actor was multi-tasking, being the old man as well as making sound effects," commented Aadil. However, not everyone enjoyed it, due to the fact that there were just two actors and the plot was difficult for some pupils to follow. "I found it comical when the male actor acted like a chicken," laughed Kaustubha. Overall, it was a good experience, being able to watch a performance in a theatre.



Introduction of KS1 Music Project

On Wednesday, to help prepare for next term's singing and dancing project KS1 were joined by some professional musicians. It was a very interactive day and the musicians asked the children about their voices and the different ways in which we use them. For example, we speak when we request something. We use our voices to sing wonderful words. Alternatively we use our voices to express our emotions: sadness, anger and excitement. We had lots of fun exchanging ideas and it was a brief warm up for next term's exciting project.

Punctuality

We would like to emphasise the importance of punctuality at our school. While we have implemented a soft start from 8:45 am to 9am, it is crucial that all pupils are in their classrooms and ready to begin learning by 9am. We have noticed that some pupils in Key Stage 2 enter through different gates, leading to delays in reaching their classes. To ensure a smooth start to the day, we kindly request that you ensure your child leaves early enough to allow ample time for a timely arrival. This will not only help your child settle into their routine but also contribute to a positive and focused learning environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation in fostering a culture of punctuality at our school.



Star of the week (KS1)

KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Mahir (Bumblebee)	Zarnish (Beetle)	Ruhi (Butterfly)	Ayaan (Moth)
Abida (Anaconda)	Zayyan (Tortoise)	Aleena (Gecko)	Sara (Crocodile)



Green leaves (KS2)

KS2 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Eisa (Lamprey)	Musa (Bluefin)	Alyaan (Halibut)	Khadija (Vendace)
Manha (Puffin)	Ismaeel (Kiwi)	Saad (Grebe)	Patrick (Nightingale)
Ubayd (Baobab)	Kavina (Chestnut)	The whole class (Maidenhair)	Jacob (Redwood)
Guhan (Orchid)	Maria (Clary)	Ankita (Helleborine)	Maria G (Wintergreen)

Walk to School

Classes with the highest percentage of walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	Maidenhair, Clary (100%)	1st	Rhino pm, Crocodile, Kiwi, Nightingale, Maide Helleborine, Clary, Wintergreen (100%)
2nd	Rhino pm (96%)	2nd	Halibut, Orchid (99%)
3rd	Chestnut (95%)	3rd	Lamprey (98%)



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)	91.0	Year 1 Bumblebee	94.0	Year 3 Lamprey	95.5	Year 5 Baobab	95.3
Nursery Rhino(am)	94.7	Year 1 Butterfly	95.9	Year 3 Halibut	92.9	Year 5 Redwood	94.8
Nursery Tiger(pm)	93.3	Year 1 Beetle	96.2	Year 3 Bluefin	95.0	Year 5 Maidenhair	94.0
Nursery Rhino(pm)	93.3	Year 1 Moth	87.0	Year 3 Vendace	91.4	Year 5 Chestnut	90.3
Reception Dolphin	96.7	Year 2 Anaconda	93.7	Year 4 Grebe	97.2	Year 6 Orchid	96.2
Reception Vaquita	92.8	Year 2 Crocodile	86.5	Year 4 Puffin	99.3	Year 6 Clary	91.7
Reception Turtle	99.3	Year 2 Gecko	99.3	Year 4 Nightingale	92.3	Year 6 Helleborine	95.2
Reception Penguin	90.3	Year 2 Tortoise	97.7	Year 4 Kiwi	92.4	Year 6 Wintergreen	95.9
Whole School		94.2%					

Important Dates

Date	Event / Information
Half term break	12th February 2024 to 16th February 2024
Monday 19th February	School reopens
KS1 Music Project (Years 1 & 2 parents only)	1st March 2024 (2pm)
Academic Review Day	15th March 2024 - Appointment bookings will be sent next week

School Clubs (Week beginning 5th February 2024)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 1&2: Football Year 5&6: Boys Football <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Handball KS2: Dance Year 5&6: Athletics	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 1&2: Dodgeball Year 5&6: Handball <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Gymnastics Year 3&4: Athletics KS2: Handball	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Year 3&4: Boys Football Year 5&6: Dodgeball <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Athletics Year 3&4: Handball Year 5&6: Dodgeball Year 5&6 Girls Football Year 6: Debate Club KS2 WonderMaths Club <u>3:15 - 4:15</u> Year 3-6: Police Cadets	<u>Before School Club</u> <u>8:00-8:45</u> Years 3&4: Handball Year 5&6: Basketball <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Dance Year 3&4: Girls Football 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 3&4: Basketball Year 5&6: Table Tennis <u>After School Club</u> <u>3:30-4:30</u> KS1: Girls Football KS2: Gymnastics Year 5&6: Tag Rugby

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