

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 23rd February 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Essex Primary School is a Rights Respecting School; we place children's rights at the heart of everything we do. Article 29 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children states that education should be directed to the development of a child's personality, talents, mental and physical abilities to their fullest potential. This has been seen very evidently throughout our first week of the new term. Pupils have engaged with a range of enrichment opportunities within and beyond their classrooms: KS1 pupils began their music project celebrating UN Mother Language Day. Pupils also sang in the Commonwealth Choir for a prestigious event in central London, and participated in Newham's Junior RE conference, and the Langdon Partnership Athletics Competition. To support their learning in History, year 4 went on a virtual visit to the London Roman Mithraeum and their creative teachers opened a pop-up apothecary shop to spark pupils' enthusiasm for their new Take One Book text. All this above and beyond our daily exceptional learning provision in just one week! Pupils seemed delighted to be back and no wonder ...



#### Virtual Visit to the London Mithraeum

Year 4 travelled back in time for a virtual visit to Roman London, to support work on their topic theme, 'Invaders'. Led by expert historians from the London Mithraeum, pupils learned a vast amount of new information about how the Romans lived! Using a range of artefacts, pupils uncovered what tools and objects the Romans used in different settings such as - the Temple of Mithrae, an amphitheatre and a Roman bath house. We smelled scents of the bath house and Temple, and learned that the Romans cleaned themselves with a strigil (scraper), and wrote using a stylus and wax tablet. This exciting hook lesson really sparked pupils' curiosity about what the Roman Invaders were like and how they changed Britain and how their legacy still impacts on us today.

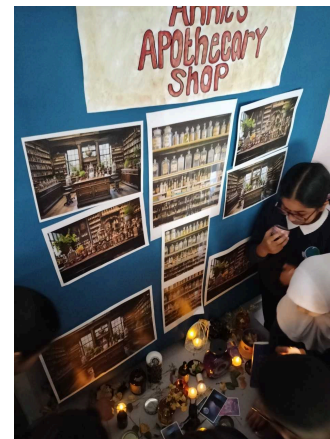
#### RE Conference

Six pupils from year 5 took part in the Junior RE Conference at Elmhurst Primary School. The aim of the session was to give pupils the opportunity to discuss spiritual and moral issues that are important to them. The conference included pupils from a range of cultures, differing faiths and secular backgrounds. Through a range of collaborative activities, pupils were encouraged to engage in dialogue and share experiences to promote better understanding of different perspectives. Pupils also took part in a series of Philosophy4Children debates; the final task was for them to complete a reflective artistic piece. It was very interesting to hear their viewpoints and see them work together so harmoniously with other schools.



### Year 4's Guided Reading - A Folktale Comes to life!

Year 4 immersed themselves into the tantalising setting of their new guided reading book by visiting 'Annie's Apothecary Shop' during their reading session. Their five senses dazzled with delight as they explored a range of remedial ointments, potions, smelling oils, herbs and spices. This sensory experience was designed to provide some contextual background, arouse curiosity, and invoke thought-provoking questions from our pupils. The meticulously created setting is reminiscent of the one that lays within the folktale that they will be reading this term. Pupils were overwhelmed with excitement to read the book after this spine-tingling visit!



### Important Dates

Date	Event / Information
Friday 1st March 2024	KS1 Music Project Performance (Year 1nd 2 parents only 2pm - KS2 gates open at 1:45pm)
Monday 4th March - Friday 15th March	Year 4 Swimming lessons
Thursday 7th March 2024	World Book Day dress up as your favourite book character.
Monday 18th March	Academic Review Day



### Star of the week (KS1)

KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Zakariyya (Bumblebee)	Amit (Beetle)	Aroush (Butterfly)	All of Moth
Krish (Anaconda)	Mansirat (Tortoise)	Aishah (Gecko)	All of Crocodile



### Green leaves (KS2)

KS2 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Maida (Lamprey)	Mujtaba (Bluefin)	Baheen (Halibut)	Khadija (Vendace)
Pritika (Puffin)	Ahsab (Kiwi)	Ismael (Grebe)	Hassan (Nightingale)
Jaidip (Baobab)	Abubacarr (Chestnut)	Anaya A (Maidenhair)	Anaf (Redwood)
Muminur (Orchid)	Amra (Clary)	Jamillah (Helleborine)	Shehzaan (Wintergreen)

### Walk to School

Classes with the highest percentage of walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	Maidenhair, Clary (100%)	1st	Gecko, Crocodile, Kiwi, Nightingale, Maiden Helleborine, Clary (100%)
2nd	Redwood (96%)	2nd	Wintergreen (99%)
3rd	Crocodile, Helleborine (97%)	3rd	Tortoise, Lamprey, Baobab (98%)



LET'S  
WALK TO  
SCHOOL



## 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)	83.2	Year 1 Bumblebee	93.8	Year 3 Lamprey	97.3	Year 5 Baobab	93.8
Nursery Rhino(am)	90.7	Year 1 Butterfly	98.6	Year 3 Halibut	95.6	Year 5 Redwood	97.0
Nursery Tiger(pm)	93.7	Year 1 Beetle	86.9	Year 3 Bluefin	91.4	Year 5 Maidenhair	96.7
Nursery Rhino(pm)	87.8	Year 1 Moth	95.5	Year 3 Vendace	97.1	Year 5 Chestnut	93.4
Reception Dolphin	94.0	Year 2 Anaconda	98.7	Year 4 Grebe	98.3	Year 6 Orchid	96.2
Reception Vaquita	92.1	Year 2 Crocodile	95.4	Year 4 Puffin	91.3	Year 6 Clary	97.1
Reception Turtle	98.3	Year 2 Gecko	99.3	Year 4 Nightingale	88.7	Year 6 Helleborine	100.0
Reception Penguin	90.3	Year 2 Tortoise	98.7	Year 4 Kiwi	91.3	Year 6 Wintergreen	96.3
Whole School			94.7%				

### School Clubs (Week beginning 26th February 2024)

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 5&6: Boys Football	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2: Dodgeball Year 5&6: Handball	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 3&4: Boys Football Year 5&6: Dodgeball	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Years 3&4: Handball Year 5&6: Basketball	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 3&4: Basketball Year 5&6: Table Tennis
<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Handball KS2: Dance Year 5&6: Athletics	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Gymnastics Year 3&4: Athletics KS2: Handball	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Athletics Year 3&4: Handball Year 5&6: Dodgeball Year 5&6 Girls Football Year 6: Debate Club KS2 WonderMaths Club KS2 Guitar Club <b><u>3:15 - 4:15</u></b> Year 3-6: Police Cadets	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Dance Year 3&4: Girls Football Year 1& 2 Ukulele Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 : Reading Gladiators  <b><u>3:30 - 4:20</u></b> Year 1: Reading Warriors	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Girls Football KS2: Gymnastics Year 5&6: Tag Rugby

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