

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 22nd March 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of a busy spring term, the learning never stops here at Essex. Two year groups were fortunate enough to visit some exciting places to participate in enrichment activities linked to their English, History and R.E. curriculum. Read on to find out what they learned!

#### Year 1 visit to the V&A Museum of Childhood



Year 1 had a wonderful time at the V&A Museum of Childhood this week. Pupils explored a range of old and new toys and used their knowledge from English and History lessons to identify how toys were the same and how they differed. It was amazing to see pupils recall what they have learned and apply this knowledge in real life. Pupils had the opportunity to see a variety of artefacts around the museum as well as participating in an engaging, immersive workshop. During the workshop, pupils became investigators and examined their fingerprints. Maryam from Bumblebee class commented *"I found out that everyone has a different fingerprint and all of our fingers are unique."* Pupils practised the art skill of printing and created super pictures using their fingerprints. It was a memorable experience for the children and they look forward to writing their recounts about it next week!



### Year 4 visit to Forest Gate Church

This week, Year 4 visited Woodgrange Baptist Church as part of our Easter learning. We shared our own experiences of Easter, as well as learning about the experience of Jesus during the Holy Week. Pupils took part in many activities including painting stained glass windows, role-playing The Last Supper and creating an Easter garden to represent new life. They even got to sing and dance to some popular gospel songs which Christians listen to and enjoy at Easter time! The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the visit and came away with newfound knowledge that they can apply to their school work back in class.



### Commonwealth Events: St Paul's KnightsBridge and Spencer House



Children from Years 5 and 6 attended two Commonwealth Events this week in the heart of London. On Wednesday, the children attended a dress rehearsal at the very prestigious St. Paul's Knightsbridge Church. The actual performance was held at Spencer House, one of the Royal Houses situated in close proximity to Buckingham Palace and the magnificent grounds of Green Park. The children rehearsed and performed with a double string quartet where

they further enhanced their listening and performance skills. In addition, they cultivated and harmonised the interrelated dimensions of music with specific emphasis on tempo, dynamics, tone, duration, and rhythm. What an absolute magical sound!



The spectacular performance on Thursday evening at Spencer House, was performed in the presence of 'The Princess Royal' (Princess Anne) as well as members of the local and school communities. What an amazing opportunity and experience for our children; memories to be cherished forever!

One child commented, "I am so proud that Princess Anne was clapping, and she smiled at me. It was lovely to sing in such a wonderful place that had magnificent paintings on the walls and ceilings."

Another expressed her view that after the first song had finished, Princess Anne said with a face showing delight and happiness, 'Pretty good, pretty good', and then she started clapping. It was an honour to be one of the chosen few who sang in front of Princess Anne.

## Important Dates

| Date                                 | Event / Information  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Week beginning 25th March 2024       | All sports clubs both before and after school are now closed for the term. |
| Thursday 28th March at <b>1.30pm</b> | School closes for the Easter Holiday                                       |
| Monday 15th April 2024               | School re-opens for the Summer term  |



### Star of the week (KS1)

KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

|                     |                 |                           |                   |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Ayat (Bumblebee)    | Joseph (Beetle) | Alreem (Butterfly)        | Evania (Moth)     |
| Mattilda (Anaconda) | Ryan (Gecko)    | Mohamed Fahim (Crocodile) | Jameel (Tortoise) |



### Green leaves (KS2)

KS2 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

|                           |                   |                          |                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Amima (Lamprey)           | Jasmine (Bluefin) | Reyhaan (Halibut)        | Rukayat (Vendace)   |
| Ionut (Puffin)            | Zayn (Kiwi)       | Dawood (Grebe)           | Umar (Nightingale)  |
| Haider (Baobab)           | Sofia (Chestnut)  | Abdullah (Maidenhair)    | Kevin (Redwood)     |
| All of the class (Orchid) | Azaan (Clary)     | Abdul Wasi (Helleborine) | Amira (Wintergreen) |

### Walk to School

| Classes with the highest percentage of walking: |                          | Classes that have been the most active: |   |
|---|--------------------------|---|---|
| 1st   | Maidenhair, Clary (100%) | 1st                                     | Gecko, Tortoise, Maidenhair, Clary (100%) |
| 2nd   | Orchid, Lamprey (97%)    | 2nd                                     | Lamprey, Orchid, Redwood (99%)            |
| 3rd   | Tortoise (96%)           | 3rd                                     | Halibut, Kiwi (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)   | 91.7 | Year 1 Bumblebee | 82.8         | Year 3 Lamprey     | 96.0 | Year 5 Baobab      | 100.0 |
| Nursery Rhino(am)   | 96.9 | Year 1 Butterfly | 82.8         | Year 3 Halibut     | 97.8 | Year 5 Redwood     | 94.8  |
| Nursery Tiger(pm)   | 85.0 | Year 1 Beetle    | 93.3         | Year 3 Bluefin     | 98.2 | Year 5 Maidenhair  | 97.3  |
| Nursery Rhino(pm)   | 84.4 | Year 1 Moth      | 83.0         | Year 3 Vendace     | 94.6 | Year 5 Chestnut    | 92.1  |
| Reception Dolphin   | 89.3 | Year 2 Anaconda  | 77.0         | Year 4 Grebe       | 97.5 | Year 6 Orchid      | 99.2  |
| Reception Vaquita   | 88.9 | Year 2 Crocodile | 83.4         | Year 4 Puffin      | 95.7 | Year 6 Clary       | 99.6  |
| Reception Turtle    | 92.9 | Year 2 Gecko     | 83.2         | Year 4 Nightingale | 98.6 | Year 6 Helleborine | 98.6  |
| Reception Penguin   | 91.4 | Year 2 Tortoise  | 86.0         | Year 4 Kiwi        | 95.7 | Year 6 Wintergreen | 93.0  |
| <b>Whole School</b> |      |                  | <b>92.1%</b> |                    |      |                    |       |

### School Clubs (Week beginning 25th March 2024)

| Monday          | Tuesday         | Wednesday       | Thursday  | Friday                     |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| <b>No clubs</b> | <b>No clubs</b> | <b>No clubs</b> | <b>No clubs</b><br><b>School closes at 1:30pm</b> | <b>Spring Break Begins</b> |

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