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Newsletter

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Purple Pinkie Day !

Thank you for supporting the End Polio Now campaign by wearing purple / pink, colouring your face or hair, or both! The school was exceptionally colourful today! Most of all, thank you for bringing a £1—your £1 will provide vaccines for 15 children to stop them from contracting polio. Each £1 buys 5 vaccines, and the Bill Gates Foundation double match funds to give 15 vaccines. Here are some photos of the best 'purplies', chosen by Ian McMeekan (the finger puppet man from Rotary). TOTAL for the day so far is £567.31.



Football Match V Prettygate

Last week, our football team were again away on their travels. This time facing Prettygate. With Mrs Cook and Miss Wiggins at the helm and aided and abetted by some of our knowledgeable footballing parents—it would appear we are a force to be reckoned with this season as we romped home to a 8-0 victory. Obviously an excellent result, so well done all.

I wouldn't be surprised if at some point Colchester United come knocking for our management team and players as they very rarely win, often opting instead to concede...with Tuesday night being a classic example.



E-safety Parent Workshop, 'The 2 Johns'

On page 2 of the newsletter, there is information about a free parent workshop on e-safety.

This is a virtual event so you can enjoy it from the comfort of your own homes.

E-safety and lack of children being monitored causes us significant problems in the school and yet ironically many parents still worry more about 'a man in a van' than they do about what their children are doing, saying, playing and interacting with on-line.

Many of our parents came and listened to the 2 Johns when we had them in school and I would heartily recommend you booking a place for this virtual event—it is only an hour and a half of your time and it will, I promise you be eye opening, with regards to what our children are exposed to in your homes.

Please don't forget about the Tendring Show School's Competition—Designing a front cover. Entries need to be handed into the school by Monday 7th March. All the details are on the 'Welcome Page' of the school website.

Awards

STAR—Boyd (RROX), JUMBO— Sebastian (RREX), CHAR-IOT— Isabella (MM).

EAGLES— Niranjan (MM), CIRCUS- Daisy (MM), ROSES—Ayesha (MM).

MERCURY— Emilie (MM), CLAUDIUS- Keira (RROX), ROMANS- Ivy-Rose (MM).

DUTCH— Hugo (MM), ICENI— Sophie (MM), PAXMAN— Isabelle (RREX)

CASTLE— Ivy (MM), CAVALIER— Lenny (RROX), GARRISON— Sophia (RREX)

OYSTERS- Mia (RROX), MAGNETS - Alice (MM), RAEDWALD - Harry (RREX)

CYMBELINE— Bella (RREX), TRINOVALES— Beanie (RREX), LATHES- Annalise (MM).

ATTENDANCE— Romans

The Big Question for this Assessment Period— Who is Responsible for the World?

Our Jigsaw Theme for Half Term—Dreams and Goals

Our Assembly Theme for next week is:

Reading—How is Book Bingo going?

Watch this space—we are starting a new Parent & Toddler drop in and play session after half term. Details in next week's newsletter!

Firstsite—Colchester

Please take a look at the welcome page of the school's website for free Half Term activities at Firstsite. These include: Creative Art, Sport and food (to eat!)

New Librarians

Exciting times in school this week, as Mr Payne (our school librarian) held interviews for our Year 5 librarians. The children were invited to apply for the role and then they had interviews at the beginning of the week. Mr Payne was very impressed with how seriously the children took the process and these are our newly appointed Year 5 librarians. There were other candidates who deserved the roles as well, so they will be considered for Summer Term.



Parking

A further reminder please to parents who park along Flagstaff Road and/or Londinium Road. We have had several concerns raised by both parents and residents with regards to inappropriate and selfish parking along the two roads mentioned.

As always, I appreciate the need to collect your children from school but parking shouldn't be done that puts others lives at risk. Ideally, as a local school, we would advocate walking. But if this is not a possibility, please park sensibly and be aware of not parking on corners, blocking of residents access and be especially mindful of children—who both do and will appear suddenly at all times. Please do not be the parent that is involved in a fatality with one of our children. The extra minute you save is not worth a child's life.

Breakfast Club and/or MDA Vacancy

The school still has a vacancy for a Breakfast Club Assistant.

Daily hours: 1 hour and 15 minutes Monday - Friday

Hourly rate of pay: £9.43

Annual salary: £2,552.81

Term Dates

Spring Half Term. Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February.

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

First day of Summer Term—Tuesday 19th April

Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th February— EYFS Height and Weight checks

Tuesday 8th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February—Women in Science Day

Monday 21st February. 7.30p.m.—9.00p.m.—PTA Committee Meeting @ AF. All parents are invited to come along.

GET OUT THERE AND WALK !



This week's walk is the Wivenhoe Trail. Sadly I could only find a PDF that started at Wivenhoe—so just go backwards. Although to be fair, very difficult to get lost and remember to pop into Wivenhoe Woods—some excellent climbing trees in here.

A Rainbow Promise

Well done Scarlett and Ripley who made their 'rainbow' promise on Wednesday night. Rainbows has 6 different themes that run through all sections of Girl Guiding. They are: Be Well, Know Myself, Skills for My Future, Have Adventures, Express Yourself and Take Action.



The Rainbow Promise is: I promise that I will do my best, to think about my beliefs and to be kind and helpful.

Well done to both girls and to all other children we have in the school who are members of a uniformed organisation.

Children's Mental Health Week—Next Week

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, we are participating in a Walk & Talk activity. Each year group will go outside for a walk and a talk. It's as simple as that. No phones, no gadgets, no distractions, just fresh air, walking and talking.

We hope that, as parents, you will encourage more of this wellbeing activity. It is Priority 7 of our school priorities, and specifically chosen by our governors due to some of the static nature of lockdowns over the past two years. Don't forget as well each week we post a local walk on our website. The mighty Colchester United are away tomorrow afternoon, so a walk would be perfect to wile away a few hours.

PRIORITY 7. 100% of pupils and staff can talk about a physical or outdoor activity they enjoy regularly outside of school and make at least one journey a week by foot, bike, scooter or bus.
Governors' Priority

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.





Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe?

**The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents
Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with**



eSafetyTraining
'The 2 Johns'

Tuesday 15th February 2022

or

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

8.00pm – 9.30pm

*These **free** parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.*

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021



To book your place now please call us on **0300 247 0013**
Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

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