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St John's Green Primary School

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We are all writers ...



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School Development Priorities

100% of staff and pupils can talk about how they feel safe at SJG and why that's important.

Year 2 History Walk

During yesterday, each of the Year 2 classes went on a local history walk, learning about the historical facts of Colchester. Miss Witzenfeld led the charge three times—I was exhausted after going once!



On the walk, the children looked at Jumbo (there's 1,200,000 bricks and the weather vane at the top includes an elephant), the Town Hall (it's 59m tall), Colchester Castle (the current castle was built in 1076). We also looked at examples of Victorian and Georgian housing and the site of The Temple of Claudius, (there's a mini example in Castle Park—(this I did not know until yesterday).



An excellent learning experience and a sage reminder of how surrounded by history we are in Colchester.

Beeswax Wraps

This week, Years 1,5 & 6 had their workshop making bees wax wraps. The bees wax which used to make these wraps is made from bee honey which is completely safe and environment friendly. Beeswax wraps are used for storing food and keeping it fresh. These wraps as a plastic-free alternative to cling film or sandwich bags. For example, it can be used to wrap sandwiches, cheese, cover leftovers, wrap greens, wrap bread to keep it fresh etc.



Please do not use it for any kind of hot food.

To clean, it can be rinsed with lukewarm soapy water, and it will be ready to use again.

To refresh the wraps, just pop them in a low temperature oven. The heat melts the beeswax again which lets it spread out.

Moreover, beeswax wraps are fully compostable. Next week, we'll be making them at Town. Huge thanks to Mrs. Malhotra and Mrs. Sharan who have been leading this, linked to our School Council work.

Awards

STAR— Jay (MM), JUMBO— Aubrey (MM), CHARIOT— Alice (MM).

EAGLES— Francesco (RREX), CIRCUS— Max (MLM), ROSES— Reuben (RROX).

MERCURY— Henley (CC), CLAUDIUS— Elyas (RROX), ROMANS— George (MM).

DUTCH— Alexa (RROX), ICENI— Carson (RROX), PAXMAN— Ivy (MLM).

CASTLE— Ariyan (RREX), CAVALIER— Darcie (RREX) & Rosie (CC), GARRISON— Nahide (MLM).

OYSTERS— Lola (CC), MAGNETS— Alan (MM), RAEDWALD— Adyan (MM).

CYMBELINE— George (MM), TRI-NOVANTES— Shaneil (MLM), LATHES— Jeahlyn (RREX)

ATTENDANCE— Claudius

Stunning Swimming

Really well done to Stanley who was representing Colchester Swimming Club a number of weeks ago. Colchester Swimming Club were victorious and Stanley got a special mention in the Gazette for winning his Butterfly swim. Well done Stanley.



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

Our Jigsaw Theme for Half Term—Healthy Me

Our Assembly Theme for next week is:

School is a Safe Place.



Every Wednesday (term time only) Abbey Field Site 9am – 10am

Come along for a chat and play.

Rising Fuel Prices - Help is Here!

Lots of parents have told us of their worries about heating their home after April when electricity and gas charges go up. We have invited Chris from Community Energy Colchester to give a 30min Fuel Poverty Workshop with many ideas of what you can do to bring those costs down. **The session is next Friday 18th March, 2.15-2.45pm at Abbey Field.**

Please come along and listen to the excellent ideas. Every household that attends will receive a free raffle ticket for a food steamer!



Term Dates	
Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April	
Monday 4th April—Monday 18th April, Easter Holiday	
First day of Summer Term—Tuesday 19th April	
Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term.	
Monday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term	
Diary Dates	
Wednesday 23rd March @ 5.00p.m. Year 4 Final Information meeting for Danbury Residential @ AF.	
Friday 25th March @ 3.00p.m. PTA EYFS/Year 1 Biscuit Decoration in EYFS learning garden.	
WB 28th March— Online Safety Week of Awareness	
WB 28th March—St John's Green—Science Week	
WB 28th March—PTA Easter Egg Competition	
29th March—AP2 Reports to Parents	
30th March—4.00p.m.—6.00p.m. Parents Evening (incidentally it's also my birthday)	
Tuesday 19th April—Friday 22nd April Year 4 Danbury Residential.	

GET OUT THERE AND WALK!

WALK This week's walk is 'Romaning Around.'

By far, I think, one of the best walks so far as it comes with history, pictures and details of those local sites that we walk past every day. This walk basically takes you through the history of Colchester.

The walk includes the underpass. Down here there are murals & a replica of the tombstone of Marcus Favonius Facilis, a Roman centurion. The original can be seen in the Castle. Others show a coin with an ear of corn (a sign of how wealthy the region was) and Jumbo. It's the largest remaining Victorian water tower in Britain - also known as 'Jumbo'.

The tower was completed in 1883 to supply clean water to the people of Colchester & was massively controversial. It initially didn't work properly & it wasn't until 1895 with the help of a new pumping station that things were finally resolved. It was finally taken out of action in the 1980's & still dominates the skyline today.

Why was it called 'Jumbo'? It was because the Rector of the nearby St Mary's Church protested it would block out the Church & called it 'Jumbo' after London Zoo's most famous elephant which was sold to PT Barnum (Think Greatest Showman).

As always, it's on the school website—under Colchester Walks.




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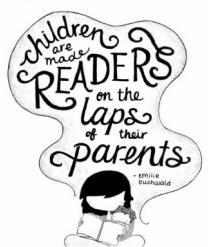
The Big GoReadathon

Please don't forget about the GoReadathon challenge—which basically just involves you as parents, logging your children's reads.

If any parent is having trouble with the 'GoRead' app, please let either School Office know.

The impact that parents make on their children is immeasurable, to coin a phrase **'children are made readers on the laps of their parents.'**

It is very easy to make an excuse to not read with your child or to not log it on the 'GoRead' app. We all, if we try, can come up with an excuse. However, we as parents made the decision to invest in our children, simply by having them, to mould and shape them to achieve bigger and better things. We do that primarily by investing in them. It's not about money, it is about time. Yes, as a school, we will support you where we can, but first and foremost it's about what we do as parents that shapes our children. We get it wrong sometimes, (even me—hard as it is to believe) but reading with and to your children every day is a constant that sets our children up for life.



Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

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Colchester Royal Grammar School Sci-Fest 2022

Saturday 19th of March

10am to 4pm

CRGS 6 Lexden Road CO3 3ND



MEET THE T-REX



VR IN SPACE



Experiment with chemistry

PHOTO COMPETITION

Submit a photo related to science and have it displayed at Sci-Fest!

Please include your age and a caption. All submissions to be sent to mrussell@crgs.co.uk by March 12th

MULTIPLE PRIZES AVAILABLE!



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Colchester Zoo
- Cosmic Chemistry
- Rocket Factory
- Mini Monsters
- Planetariums
- Space VR
- Maths Workshops
- Meet the T-Rex

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Smoothie Bikes
- Photo Booth
- Robotics
- Tech Hub
- Origami and Puzzles
- Forensic Lab
- Chemistry, Physics and Biology Labs

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