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our learning



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We we are all
Maths writers ...



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We Have Real Paintings!

The One Square Mile; Heritage on Our Doorstep project has had some unexpected gains. Town Site is adorned with 8 large framed paintings by local artist Charles Debenham, depicting the Siege of Colchester. This is a huge bonus for children studying local history as well as having real art to interrogate. Here is one of the paintings ... what questions can you come up with about the scene? Feel free on Open Evening next week to pop down to Town site and view the paintings which are displayed on the ground floor, and the top hall.



We will not be putting an explanation on each painting as the children will be researching each scene.

By the time of the next Open Evening we will be able to display the children's work alongside. The paintings are from the Colchester & Ipswich Museums collection and they now belong to the school.

Big Yellow Friday 31st March

Next Friday 31st will be a non-uniform day in aid of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation. Please bring a £1 donation and dress in a little, or a lot, of YELLOW. Let the sunshine next Friday as we raise funds together to support children with life long liver disease.

Every week in the UK, 20 children are diagnosed with a liver disease, leading to a lifetime of medical care.

You may already know that we have a pupil in our school that has had a liver transplant and we are asking you to help to raise awareness of this condition.

Science non uniform day has changed ...

Term Dates

Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April—Easter Break
 Monday 17th April—First day of Summer Term.
 Monday 1st May—May Day Bank Holiday—The School is Closed.
 Monday 8th May—King Charles Coronation—Public Holiday—The School is Closed.
 Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June—Half Term
 Wednesday 19th July—Monday 4th September—Summer Holiday
 Tuesday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 28th March—9.00a.m.—EYFS Parents—Phonics Session (Phase 3) AF Hall.
 Tuesday 28th March—Parents Evening for parents/children in class Mercury (Mrs. Minshall) only, AP2 Reports to parents on Monday
 Wednesday 29th March—AP2 Reports to Parents.
 Thursday 30th March—4.30p.m.—6.30p.m.—Open School/Parents Evening.
 Friday 31st March **Big Yellow Friday**, Non-Uniform Wear Some Yellow & donate £1 for Children's Liver Disease Foundation
 Friday 31st March—Last day of Spring Term.
 Friday 21st April—Non Uniform Day for those who have completed the Science Home Challenges

REMINDERS

Open Evenings Next Week, please do come and see your child's work and learning. You can sample our kitchen food and have a look round the school at the same time. Remember that your child leads the talk about their work and learning, if you would like a more indepth conversation with the class teacher then you are welcome to make an appointment through the school office for another time.

Tues 28th—Mercury only 3.30-5pm
Thurs 30th—Rest of school, 4.30-6.30pm

PTA Egg-stravaganza - hand your decorated egg in with £1 to the Small Hall at Abbey site, or the Y2 undercover area at Town site next Friday morning. Judging will take place during the day. Good Luck.

Purple Pinkie Day for the End Polio Now Campaign raised

£555.45!

Mr McMeekan and Colchester Rotary Club send their heartfelt Thanks.

Our school will benefit in funding if you meet the normal eligibility criteria for Free School Meals, so it is really important to us to make sure every child that meets the criteria is actually registered.

St John's Green is now able to check eligibility for Free School Meals using a simple, secure and confidential online process.

The criteria for eligibility is, if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

If you think you may be eligible, please ask for an application form at the school office.

SCIENCE HOME CHALLENGES



Albert has worked hard on his investigations, as have an increasing number of pupils (and parents!). The children will now have the Easter Holiday to complete these if they wish and the new date for the Non-Uniform will be on Friday 21st April.

The **Big** Question for the Spring Term Assessment Period — Who is Responsible for the World?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Healthy Me

Rights Respecting Schools

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.

Year 4, Multiplication Tables Check—What's It All About??

Did you know that all Year 4s are tested on their times tables up to 12x12 every year? Here is the link to a leaflet for parents <https://tinyurl.com/mtp8k5y5>, all Year 4 parents received a copy of the guide this week.

UNICEF Ambassadors at AF site led an assembly last week on women's rights. Children focussed on women's rights, how women get discriminated in our society, some examples of how a few women fought for their rights and succeeded in inspiring others plus what can we do to make sure women have equal status in society.



Start of Ramadan



Ramadan Assemblies were held this week. We explored what Ramadan is and children who are fasting talked about their experiences.

Mrs Nadim helped Mrs Smith to lead assembly on Abbey site, sharing the book Ramadan Moon.

Awards

STAR— Samuel (RREX), CHARIOT— Rose (MLM), JUMBO— Tami (MM).
 EAGLES— Hollie (MM), ROSES— Elise (MM), CIRCUS— Ben (RROX).
 MERCURY— Daniel (MM), CLAUDIUS— Nikola (RREX), ROMANS— Olaf (CC).
 DUTCH— Whole Class (CC), ICENI— Furkan (MM), PAXMAN— Whole Class (RREX).
 CASTLE— Fiyin (CC), CAVALIER— Alex (MM), GARRISON— Sophie (MM).
 OYSTERS— Rosie (RREX), MAGNETS— Abigail (MM), RAEDWALD— Bentley (MLM).
 TRINOVANTES— Jacoub (MM), CYMBELINE— Aryan (RREX), LATHES— Amber (MM).
 ATTENDANCE— Oysters Library— Salma & Awana (MM) Office— Leah (RREX).

Today we said farewell to 3 staff who are leaving for pastures new.

Miss Impy and Mrs Hoskins both known for their caring work in the school finance and admin offices.

And Mrs Parker-Nicholls who has worked at SJG for 14 years and supported numerous children in their speech and language development.

We thank them and send our very best wishes.

