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# Newsletter

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Please remember that next week is Half Term and the school is closed. The second half of the Summer Term starts on Monday 6th June.

### FGB Meeting—Wednesday 24th June

The Full Governing Body met on Wednesday 24th May. Despite what has been a very challenging period for the school, the meeting was positive and covered a wide range of subjects.

Non-pupil days for the 2023-24 academic year were agreed as Monday 4th September 2023, Monday 30th October 2023 and Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2024. There is still one Non Pupil Day to be confirmed.

It was noted that the impact of the restructuring has been challenging on the staff and it is expected to be so for the foreseeable future. However, maintaining the levels of teaching and support to the children remains the top priority.

The Ofsted Inspection was discussed. It was clear that this was a tough inspection and very stressful event for the staff. However, the subject leaders, in particular, dealt with this in a very effective manner and responded to the challenges very well. Special praise was given to the children that met the inspector and provided beautiful eloquent answers to the questions.

The key facts data was discussed and some of the interventions that are in place to help to develop the players were discussed.

Governors will be undertaking some external training on Safeguarding and exclusion procedures (along with how to put mobile phones on silent during meetings!). The learning never stops even for the governors!

It was great to hear the progress on the 125th anniversary 'One Square Mile' project. There was a launch event last week and there is to be an open night with Wine and Nibbles on 14th June. It would be great to see as many as possible there.

As part of the project, there will be a whole school photograph on the first day of the autumn term in September.

Other events that are coming up include:

Year 5 to attend a D-Day event at the Barracks and will get to go in a Dakota aircraft.

Heritage Open Day 9th September

It was reported that the PTA had provided medals, cakes and bunting for the coronation picnics; assisted with the running of the quiz night and are currently organising the Tropical themed summer fair with fun, games, bouncy castles, hula skirts and a Tiki Bar for mocktails.

The PTA have also donated £3000 to the school to support the costs of swimming lessons. So a huge thanks to Stef, Emma, Caroline, Jan, Neveen, Lizzy and all the PTA for their support to the school. They are always looking for creative people to help them generate money to support the school.

The Year 4 Danbury trip went very well and plans are getting into place for next year already.

### Geography Assembly

On Tuesday, some of our Year 5/6 children took centre stage and led an assembly on different countries they represented or had links to.

Mrs. Malhotra was at the helm guiding them—whilst the children waxed lyrical about the work they had done and things they either knew or had learnt.

Nigeria, Brazil, Poland, Lithuania, Cyprus, Memphis, St Vincent, France, India, Moldova, Japan, Australia—were some of the countries the children talked about.

Brilliantly well done to them all.



Assembly Theme for WB: 5/6/2023 - What do we mean by Equality?

### Term Dates

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

Wednesday 14th June @ 7.00p.m. Town Wall Exhibition Event @ T site—7.00p.m.  
Thursday 15th June @ 9.00a.m.—PTA Coffee Morning @ AF.  
Friday 23rd June—Non Uniform Day for Summer Fair  
Friday 30th June—PTA Summer fair @ AF—5.00p.m.—7.00p.m.

**Please remember that EYFS Forest School Sessions are every Wednesday until the end of Term.**

**Please note dates and times for Sports Days are on the school's calendar on the website—WB 3/7/2023**

The **Big** Question for the Summer Term Assessment Period — How do I Make Good Decisions?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Changing Me

### Rights Respecting Schools

**Article 14** (freedom of thought, belief and religion) Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

## Colchester Police Station Open Day

Try on uniform  
See the cells  
Police Motorbikes  
Partner Agencies  
Police Cars  
Recruitment  
Police dogs

Firearms  
Fire Service  
Marine Unit  
Ambulance  
Fingerprint taking  
Plus much more!!  
Red Man

**ESSEX COLCHESTER POLICE**

Saturday 3rd June 2023  
11am-4pm  
Colchester Police Station,  
Southway,  
CO3 3BU  
We will be using the blue gate entrance on Butt Road.

Three stops on your get the police open

### Awards

STAR— Georgie (MM), CHARIOT— Alexander (RROX), JUMBO— Charlie (MLM).

EAGLES— Preston (RROX), ROSES— Sebastian (MM) & Max (MM), CIRCUS— Ralph (MM).

MERCURY— Emma-Chloe (MM), CLAUDIUS— Francesco (RREX), ROMANS— Austin (RROX).

DUTCH— Harrison (RREX), ICENI— Kyra (MM), PAXMAN— Thomas (RREX).

CASTLE— Ronnie (MM), GARRISON— Sophie & Jayden (RREX), CAVALIER— Summer (MM) & Amber (CC).

OYSTERS— Ava (RROX), MAGNETS— Ellion (CC), RAEDWALD— Mabel (CC).

TRINOVANTES— Blake (MM), CYMBELINE— Jessie (RREX), LATHES— Samuel (RROX).

ATTENDANCE— Garrison

### St John's Green Colchester School's Consortium Journey's Art Project

Please take a look at two videos we have recently uploaded to Youtube which show just some of the amazing art work our children have been doing in school.

They are on the school website—Curriculum Subject Information\* and then scroll down to 'Art'

Huge thanks as well to Miss. Kerr who brought it all together so brilliantly.

[https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/curriculum\\_subject\\_information/648427](https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/curriculum_subject_information/648427)



### Goodbye Mr. Cooper

Very sadly we say goodbye to Mr. Cooper today, who is moving to work at Hamilton Primary School. Our loss is their gain and we thank him for all his hard work for us and wish him the very best for the future.

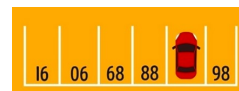
Mind you, gone but not forgotten as Mr. Cooper's daughter attends our school, so we will still be seeing him around.



### National Numeracy Day (answer)

Did you know that the 17th May was National Numeracy day—so a challenge for you—with the answer after half term.

What is the number of parking space covered by the car?



Didn't really need to overthink this one too much—the answer is '87' you just needed to turn the page upside down.

### Parent Invite - Town Wall Exhibition

Please look out for an email invite sent today to all parents regarding the very exciting exhibition we are hosting on behalf of Colchester Archaeological Trust on 14th June at 7pm. Tickets are free and available

here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/town-wall-paintings-exhibition-parent-viewing-town-site-tickets-633383235307>

The event is for adults only.

### Reminders

PTA Summer Fayre, Friday 30th June. Save the date.

Kingswood—Year 5 Children. Final payment of £70 is due Friday 26th May.

Please remember to send in children with named water bottles, so they can quench their thirst, now the weather is sort of warming up.



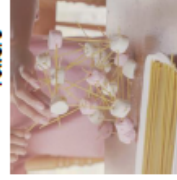
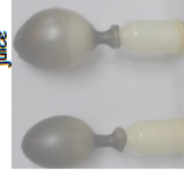




It has been wonderful to see the entries from the Home Science Challenges over the past two terms. To continue to inspire the curiosity of science, there are 6 more challenges for this term for the children to complete at home, should they wish to explore them. The challenges consist of your child working their way through each experiment and bringing back this letter, ticked off to acknowledge that they have completed each. All children who complete all 6 challenges will be rewarded at the end of this term. Therefore, the challenges will need to be completed before the Summer Holidays.

The past two terms we have had an amazing amount of photo entries sent in and written experiments brought into school. Entries can be sent into school via the office/class teachers and digital entries can be sent to the office email address, who will kindly pass these on.

Have fun exploring these experiments!

Miss Cook ©

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| <p><b>1. Habitat Hunt</b></p>  <p>My Forest Scavenger Hunt</p> | <p><b>2. Baking Soda Rocket</b></p>  | <p><b>3. Marshmallow Spaghetti Towers</b></p>  |
| <p><b>4. Inflate a balloon with lemon juice</b></p>            | <p><b>5. Solar Oven</b></p>          | <p><b>6. Baking Soda Volcano</b></p>           |

**Instructions to help you with some of the challenges:**

- Habitat Hunt** – Go for a walk and see how many different habitats you can find. Can you draw and label them?
- Baking Soda Rocket**  
You will need: Small 500ml bottle – empty, cork which fits tightly inside the neck of the bottle, half a piece of kitchen roll (paper towel), one tablespoon baking soda – bicarbonate of soda, vinegar or lemon juice, 3 straws, tape  
Follow instructions at: <https://www.science-sparks.com/baking-soda-rocket/>
- Marshmallow Spaghetti Tower**  
You will need: Spaghetti (uncooked!), marshmallows  
Follow instructions at: <https://www.science-sparks.com/looking-at-structures/>
- Inflate a balloon with lemon juice**  
You will need: A small bottle or jar, lemon juice, vinegar, bicarbonate of soda, balloons  
Follow instructions at: <https://www.science-sparks.com/blow-up-a-balloon-with-lemon-juice/>
- Solar Oven**  
You will need: Cardboard box – like a pizza box, aluminium foil, matte black paper or card, clingfilm, food – not raw meat – e.g. marshmallows, plate  
Follow instructions at: <https://www.science-sparks.com/make-easy-solar-oven/>
- Baking Soda Volcano**  
You will need: Volcano – sand, modroc, small jar or bottle, red food colouring, dish soap, baking soda, vinegar  
Follow instructions at: <https://www.science-sparks.com/how-to-make-a-baking-soda-volcano/>

Please ensure these challenges are completed with an adult.

**Year 4 – Fantastic**  
A huge well done to our Year 4 children who tripped the light fantastic this week and put on a dazzling performance for us over three days. I cannot praise the children enough for their hard work, effort and enthusiasm which brought the stage to life. And to the audiences, who joined in with verve and enthusiasm—although possibly a tad reluctantly during the encore of the final performance.  
Thankyou as well to the Year 4 staff—without whom it just could not have happened.  
Brilliant!  
Also please read this fantastic review written by Josh in Class Castle.

Munday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023  
I write a REVIEW of our Show for the school news

Peter Pan is a story written by JM Barrie during the Victorian period and has been known around the world for being a famous classic novel. I pondered whether an adapted version would come out, but I realised that St John's Green were putting on a production of pantastic with 60 child that have a speaking role. The enchanting world of Neverland Peter Pan and the lost kids alongside the brave natives and Hook and I fearsome Scalywags awaits the you.

My favorite scene is when Peter Pan and the kids are fighting with the natives about Tiger Lily and Wendy going missing. It is so convincing how their facial expressions changes when they go on stage. I feel like I'm actual in neverland.

My favorite characters are Hook, Izzy and Smee how they have such great chemistry together just like in the story. It is so amazing how good they are at acting.

My favorite song in the production is here in neverland it is very punchy and it describes the lost kids natives and pirates very well it is the best song in the play.

I hope you enjoy the play and it is worth that 1 hour and 15 minutes you have spent watching. Rate this play 5 out of 10.