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We we are all
Maths writers ...



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PTA BINGO Night (Cancelled)

Very sadly (I was ready), the decision has been taken to cancel the Bingo night tonight. We will look to get this rescheduled for another time—but we just hadn't sold enough tickets to make it viable.

Until the next time...



Town Train

If you've been to T site recently, you will have seen that we now have the addition of a new play train for the children.

Huge thanks to the PTA who bought this for the school and to Mr. Bromley and Mr. Skinner who put it up—with Mr Kelly aiding and abetting!

PTA Updates

The PTA will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Tuesday 5th December at 2.15 p.m. at the Abbey Field Site.

Nominations for any of the positions and to go onto the Committee will be welcome. Any parents are welcome to come along and join in with this meeting. Please ask at either school office for any information.

Xmas Card orders - Last date to order your child's Xmas Cards is the very latest on Monday 13th November. The company will not take any further orders after this date!

The PTA have supplied a green wheelie bin at each school site for donations of School Uniform. The wheelie bin has replaced the uniform boxes in the reception area at each site.

If any parent requires certain items of school uniform, please let the school office know and the PTA will do their best to provide the school uniform required.



Rotary Young Artist Competition

Going out electronically with the newsletter today is information about the Rotary's 'Young Artist Competition.'

The theme this year is 'Rebuilding' and all the information you need, including the entry form, is in the e-mail as an attachment.

You do have a bit of time as the closing date for entries to be returned to the school is not until February!



Amira, who is in EYFS, has achieved her L6 in trampolining!



Macie in Year 2 has just got her first gymnastics award, having started just a few weeks ago.



Quinn in Year 5 has been conducting some science experiments, testing alkali and acid.

Assembly Theme for WB: 13/11/2023—What Makes us Unique?

Term Dates

Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term
Thursday 4th January—First Day of Spring Term
Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February—Half Term
Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Break.

Diary Dates

Saturday 2nd December. PTA Christmas Fair @ AF. 12.00-2.00p.m.

Tuesday 5th December—PTA AGM @ AF @ 2.15p.m.

Please keep your eye on the school's website calendar for other dates/information—including Christmas Production Times. EYFS and Year 2 Production dates are on e-schools.

The **Big** Question for the Autumn Term Assessment Period — Where are my Roots?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Celebrating Dif-

Rights Respecting Schools

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.

One Square Mile—History Club

This week, our History Club went where very few children have ever been before. Guided by Mr. Bromley and Mr. Kelly, they ascended to the very top of the school and into its very depths. No hammer and nails for the builders back in Victorian times—everything was done by hand which is testament to why the school is still standing and will probably still be standing long after our Abbey Fields expansion.

Building standards aside—a real treat for our child historians.

TTRS

It's early days, but St John's Green have now entered the top 10 of local schools for our average studio speed. This basically means that we're the 10th fastest school at answering questions, multiplication facts to 12x12 and associated division facts. Mr Gilbranch and Mrs Havell are very excited!

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Awards

STAR—Ember (MLM), CHARIOT—Maisie & Seb (CC), JUMBO—Tanner (RREX).

EAGLES—Ruby (RREX), ROSES—Sophie (RROX), CIRCUS—Eve (MLM).

MERCURY—Maria (RREX), CLAUDIUS—Loki (CC), ROMANS—Munachi (MM).

DUTCH—Fatema (RROXY) ICENI—Felipe (RREX), PAXMAN—Rocky (MM).

CASTLE—Ivy (MM), GARRISON—Lily (MM), CAVALIER—Natalie (MM).

OYSTERS—Lexi (RREX), RAEDWALD—Kejda (CC), MAGNETS—Joshua (RREX).

TRINOVANTES—Kian (MLM), CYMBELLINE—Sebastian (MLM), LATHES—Ela (MLM).

ATTENDANCE—Magnets

Cross Country

Really well done to our Year 5 Cross Country team who took part in an inter-schools competition at the Northern Gateway this week.

A special mention to Jackson and Dhalia who both came third in their groups.



As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 Thursday 16th November 2023. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Children can play in any game-mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

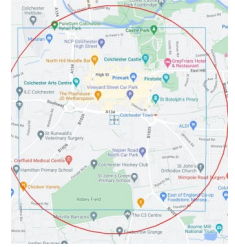
To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 and 19:30 GMT on Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf, but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

England Rocks.



HISTORY ON OUR DOOR-STEP... ONE SQUARE MILE.



Town Hall

Did you Know?

- The Town Hall site has been the focus of civic duties for more than 800 years.
- Colchester's first Town Hall, called the Moot Hall was built in 1160. The second Town Hall was built in 1844 and was a three-storey structure with a stone faced front.
- The building design is Baroque and the 162ft Victorian tower was presented by industrialist James Paxman with a statue at the top of St Helena, Colchester's patron saint.
- The tower also features four allegorical figures by L. J. Watts representing engineering, military defence, agriculture and fishery
- The Council Chamber has a glorious painted ceiling showing a classical description of the twelve months of the year and the two stained glass windows depicting the Roman history of the Borough.
- A 192 feet (59 m) tower, funded by a donation from James Noah Paxman, the founder of local engineers, Davey, Paxman & Co, was erected at the east end of the building to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.
- A chiming clock with five bells was placed in the tower, with another 15th-century bell which is thought to have hung in the original moot hall. The clock is known locally as Charlie, after Charles Hawkins, who paid for it.
- The main facade of the town hall featured six life-sized statues, depicting famous people connected with Colchester: on the south elevation, Eudo Dapifer, Lord Audley, William Gilbert and Samuel Harsnett, and on the east, Edward the Elder and Boudica.
- Queen Elizabeth II visited the town hall and had lunch with civic leaders before waving to the crowds from the balcony on 20 May 1985.

