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We we are all Maths writers ...



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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.

UNICEF RIGHTS ASSEMBLY

Our UNICEF Ambassadors held a wonderful assembly at Town site this week. They explained all about the UNICEF Rights and the work that UNICEF do. They also produced and shared a play, acting out a scenario whereby refugees needed shelter and kindness. Well done to all of the ambassadors and to Mrs Malhotra who supported them so well.

If you would like to know how to earn the Bronze, Silver Gold or Platinum UNICEF badges, please find Mrs Malhotra at Town site.



Please remember that the closing date for Reception Admissions is 15th January 2024.

ARCHERY

On Tuesday, four children from Year 3 and 4 took part in an archery tournament at Thurstable against other local schools. Although we didn't place in the top three, the children were a fantastic team and did the school proud.

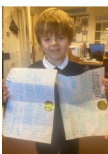


WORKING AT HOME

We love it when children do work at home. It is wonderful to see the children bringing in their home learning. Dahlia, Delphine, Loki and Oakley have impressed us with their remembrance work,



eco-activities and times tables.



Danbury: The 2nd Danbury Payment of £25 for the Year 4 residential is due by Friday 24th November.



A huge thank you to everyone who sent in items for our Christmas Fair today. You really are very generous.

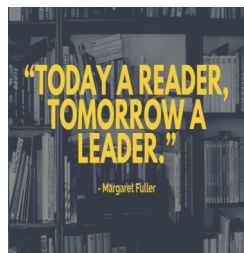


Awards

- STAR— Laurence (RR), CHARIOT— Emilia (MM), JUMBO—Adamah (MLM).
- EAGLES— Tommy(MM), ROSES—Wyatt (RROX), CIRCUS— Sabeer (MM).
- MERCURY— Aiza (MM), CLAUDIUS— Blakeley (RR), ROMANS— Isaac D(MM).
- DUTCH— Josie (MM), ICENI— Tessie (RR), PAXMAN— Ronnie (RREX).
- CASTLE— Auliya (MLM), GARRISON— Rupert (MLM), CAVALIER— Ethan (CC).
- OYSTERS— Scarlett D (RREX), RAEDWALD— Martha (MLM), MAGNETS— Aryan (RREX).
- TRINOVALES— William (CC), CYMBELLINE— Lenny (MM), LATHES— Sureshna (MLM).
- ATTENDANCE— Oysters and Garrison



The schools is full of cheer and singing at the moment. EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are busy practising their songs for their Christmas performances. Prepare to be dazzled nearer to Christmas!



Xmas cards/products from Class Fundraising - orders will be distributed to pupils during next week.



Just a reminder that parents should be signing their children in to Breakfast Club at AF and T. Many Thanks.

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.

Assembly Theme for WB: 27/11/2023- ADVENT

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Celebrating Difference

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.

IMPORTANT —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.

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.

One Square Mile

So much is going on with our One Square Mile project. This week, our teachers and support staff, had a training session with one of the project supports, Nicola Burrell. Nicola is an artist who will be working with all classes, to build structures to represent some of the key landmarks within the one mile radius of SJG Town site. We had a lot of fun with cardboard and scissors. Some of us were more competitive than others and someone went rogue, and created a cardboard dog...mentioning no names (Mr Billings).

Lilly Gisby our SLSA in Year 5, has been busy working with children, parents and members of the public, recording oral histories and memories of SJG. Next week, she will support the oral historian children with recording past and present staff members of the school.

Our History Club is going from strength to strength with the children planning for an assembly, to share with the rest of the school. Thank you to Miss Gisby, Mrs Randall, Mr Kelly and Mr Bromley who have all been involved so far.

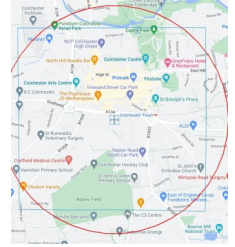


PLEASE COULD WE REMIND PARENTS AND CHILDREN, THAT SCOOTERS AND BIKES SHOULD NOT BE RIDDEN ON EITHER SITES, IN THE PLAYGROUNDS.

MANY THANKS.



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



St John's Green (Balkerne Gate)

Did you Know?

- Colchester has the earliest, best preserved and one of the longest Roman town walls in Britain. Its construction began in the period AD 65 to 80 following the destruction of the town during the revolt by Queen Boudica against Roman rule. The entire wall circuit is 2,800 metres, or $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles, in length and it once stood nearly 6 metres high.
- In the Roman period the wall had six gates located at regular intervals. Of these only two survive above ground today: Balkerne Gate and Duncan's Gate. The Balkerne Gate was the original main entrance to the town. It was upgraded to a Triumphal Arch celebrating the conquest of Britannia by the Roman Emperor Claudius. The remains of a Roman Guardroom can be found next to the Balkerne Gate. Originally, it would have been the gate.
- It is the largest surviving gateway in Roman Britain and was built where the Roman road from Londinium intersected the town wall of Camulodunum.
- Although it is the best-preserved Roman gateway in the country, it only survives in part. The remaining gateway is the south-side arched footway; however, the remains of a guard tower are also visible. The rest of the gateway has been overbuilt by the 18th-century Hole in the Wall public house, which is also a listed building.
- The gate probably dates to the 2nd century AD. It appears to have incorporated an existing monumental arch from the 1st century.
- Roman town gates sometimes had as many as three entrances but were usually limited to one or two. The Balkerne Gate, however, had four gates, and unusually wide carriageways.
- There are no other quadruple gates in Britain but there are a few elsewhere in Europe.

