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Maths writers ...



## Newsletter

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### Sponsored Walk

On Tuesday 26th March, the school's PTA and the school will be holding a sponsored walk. All the proceeds will go directly to the school's PTA—who in turn spend that money on the children in the school.

We sent out the sponsor form last week—so just a reminder really to gather some sponsorships ready for the walk on Tuesday afternoon.

### Colchester School's Music Festival

Yesterday evening, 20 of our Year 3 children joined children from schools all over Essex to take part in a Music Festival at Charter Hall.

The children had been practising in school for many weeks and yesterday, they spent the day at Charter hall fine honing their performance with the other schools ready for the main event in the evening.

Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Gaine have both said this morning how brilliant the children were and what a wonderful performance it was.

Really well done to the children who were lucky enough to go and my thanks to Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Gaine for all their effort, enthusiasm and time in making it all happen.

Year 3 parents please note as per a separate letter that has been sent to you—all the Year 3 children will be performing the songs they learnt for the Music Festival on Monday afternoon at 2.00p.m. @ AF. Please pop along if you can.



### Breakfast and Dinner Money Arrears

Please could I remind parents that school dinners and Breakfast Club should be paid for in advance. The School Offices are spending a lot of time chasing down parents for payment of school meals and Breakfast Club.

Most helpful would be if parents could go on-line and pay in advance when they know their child is having a school dinner.

Please could parents with any outstanding debt make payments to clear the arrears before the end of term.

Many thanks.

### Full Governing Body Meeting 20/3/2024

In the meeting we discussed and approved the 3 year budget, which thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Poole and Mrs. Worrall, was very clear and concise. As part of this, a significant improvement of ICT equipment was approved which will mean new laptops and tablets for the pupils in class.

We also discussed the new pupil assessment method. This means that with the school reports, parents will be receiving a letter including an explanation of the new ratings along with the reports. However, it is important to know that the level of material being taught has not changed.

Unfortunately, the governing body will be losing Manoj as a governor as he will be moving on to other things.

It was also very sadly Lynn's last meeting as a governor as her term has come to an end. Lynn has been involved in the school for a long time and her departure will be huge loss. We owe her a massive thanks for her time, enthusiasm and commitment to the education of the children and especially those with additional needs.

Wednesday was also international happiness day and as I walked between sites on my way to work I heard a pupil tell their parent the following joke:

*Why did the baker stop making doughnuts? Because he was tired of the hole business!*

*It made me smile... Mark Scaife*

### No Nuts

Please remember that parents **MUST NOT** be sending their children into school with any nut based products. This includes but is not exclusive to bars, that contain nuts, bags of nuts and peanut butter in sandwiches.



We do have a number of children in the school at both AF and T who have Nut Allergies and use Epipens.

### Football Match

Last Friday, our Football Team were on their travels as they took on Lexden Primary School in their second league match.

A very well rounded performance from the team saw them romp to victory with some beautifully crafted goals.

(I can't help thinking that the mighty Colchester United would benefit from seeing us play).



Really well done to the team on another very good victory.

Thank you for all your 'Blue/Green Efforts' as part of our 'Ocean Day' linked to Science Week. There's a little quiz on page 2 of the newsletter to finish the week off.

### Year 1 Roman Circus Visit

Last week, our Year 1 children

visited the Roman Circus.

Whilst there, the children learnt all about chariot racing and how popular it was. They were also taught a little bit about the history of Colchester and stood by part of the Roman Circus and tried to imagine what it was like to be a charioteer.



Assembly Theme for WB and Why? : What do we learn about in Jigsaw

### Term Dates

Thursday 28th March—Last day of Spring Term  
Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Break  
Monday 15th April—First Day of Summer Term  
Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday—The School is Closed  
Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May—Half Term  
Friday 19th July—Last Day of Summer Term

### Diary Dates

Year 4 Production—'The Wizard of Oz'

Monday 25th March @ 1.45p.m.

Tuesday 26th March @ 10.00a.m.

Wednesday 27th March @ 1.45p.m.

Tuesday 26th March—Sponsored Walk

Wednesday 27th March—Dental Checks for EYFS children

Wednesday 27th March—AP2 Reports to Parents.

(POSTPONED—Thursday 28th March—Year 1 Roman Dress up Day—THIS WILL NOW BE IN THE SUMMER TERM)

**Monday 22nd April—Thursday 25th April—Year 4 Residential—Danbury**

### Rights Respecting Schools

**Article 2** (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Healthy Me.

### Year 4 Danbury

Year 4 parents—please don't forget the final Danbury payment was due on Friday 22nd March.

Also—please don't forget to complete and return the medical forms.

Many thanks to all parents, friends, relatives that popped along to either of our book fairs last week and bought a book or two. The school received 55% of the takings which means we now have £706 to spend on books for our libraries.

### Zig Zag Lines

Just a reminder please to all parents that when dropping off and collecting children, please do not park on the yellow Zig Zag lines at the front of both schools.

These lines are there for the safety of the children and as such, at school start and finish times, are designated areas for no stopping—for whatever reason.

Many thanks.



### Awards

STAR— Mickey (RREX), CHARIOT— Emilia (MM), JUMBO— Maksim (MLM).

EAGLES— Scarlett (CC), ROSES— Tami (RROX), CIRCUS— Mia (MLM).

MERCURY— Taylor (CC), CLAUDIUS— Harrison (RROX), ROMANS— Ava (CC).

DUTCH— Olaf (MM), ICENI— Alyssa (MM), PAXMAN— Scarlett (MLM).

CASTLE— Whole Class (CC), GARRISON— Whole Class (CC), CAVALIER— Whole Class (CC).

OYSTERS— Connor (CC), RAEDWALD— Lilly-Rai (MM), MAGNETS— Harley (MM).

TRINOVANTES— Kai (MLM), CYMBELINE— Oscar (MLM), LATHES— Zachary (MM).

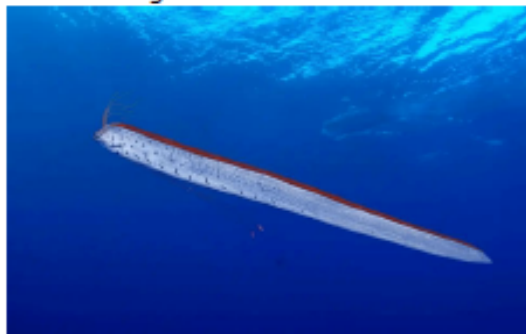
ATTENDANCE— Mercury

# Ocean Day 2024 Quiz!

*One thing's for shore, I otter-ly love the ocean!*



- How much of the Earth is covered by ocean?
  - 70%
  - 75%
  - 80%
  - 85%
- What is the biggest animal in the ocean?
  - Humpback whale
  - Oarfish
  - Giant squid
  - Blue whale
- There's a species of coral that can produce its own sun cream! What is its name?
  - Flower coral
  - Sun coral
  - Mushroom coral
  - Beach coral
- Name a shark that lives in UK waters. \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the deepest part of the ocean?
  - Survivors Trench
  - Challenger Deep
  - Kraken's Cavern
  - Brownson Deep
- What is the biggest jellyfish in the ocean?
  - Sea Nettle jellyfish
  - Portuguese Man o'War
  - Barrel jellyfish
  - Lion's Mane jellyfish
- True or false? There is a species of jellyfish that can live forever. \_\_\_\_\_
- True or false? There is a species of squid with elbows. \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the biggest fish in the ocean? \_\_\_\_\_
- Challenge!* Name this marine animal.



Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Home task challenge!

Think about what your favourite marine animal is, it can be a Bottle nose dolphin, a brittle star or even a sea slug. Draw a picture of your favourite marine animal and write as many facts as you can about it, like its favourite food or where it likes to live.

Show your teachers the next time you are in school, and tell them about what you have learnt about your favourite marine animal.



You are *Shrimp-ly*  
amazing!

