

Friday 24th March 2023

WHAT'S COMING UP

March

28th - TLC 3-7pm
29th - Open Door 2:30
30th - TLC 3-5pm
30th - Opera House Trip
31st - Celebration
Assembly 9:05am

April

3rd - 14th Easter Holidays

May

1st - Bank Holiday
8th - Kings Coronation
Bank Holiday
9th - 11th May Y6 SATS
26th - Non Pupil Day
29th - 2nd June Half Term

Stars of the Week

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

Lily L (YR)
Phoebe (Yr 1)
Ava (Yr 2)
Olivia H (Yr 3)
Teddy (Yr 4)
Summer-Leigh (Yr 5)
Whole Class! (Yr 6)

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - Me Time - Y1-Y6
Tue - Mindfulness - CANCELLED
Wed - SCS Football Y1-Y3
Thu - SCS Football Y4-Y6
Friday - KS2 Drama KS2
Friday - Miss Lemon
Drama Club
NEW CLUBS COMING SOON!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our year 6 children have returned from their residential at Mersea Outdoor centre. I had the privilege of joining them on their first day and evening for a mixture of High Ropes, Caving, Ariel Adventure and Climbing. I was so impressed by their resilience and their mindset to keep trying, some having to overcome their fears of heights and spiders! The teamwork and support shown by others in their group was quite amazing and you can really feel what a close knit group of children they are.

One of the areas in our School Improvement Plan this year is the following: Develop pupils' character, so that it informs their motivation and guides their conduct so that they reflect wisely, learn eagerly, behave with integrity and cooperate consistently well with others. I think our year 6 children have smashed this at their residential!

A big thank you must go to Mrs Champney, Mrs Reid and Mrs Milbank who volunteered their time to lead the trip, with Mrs Flack and a surprise visit from Mr Leonard on Thursday evening. It shows how committed our staff are that so many staff are able to give up their time to join in with the year 6 experience.

Experiences kept coming this week in school, with a Vet visiting the reception children as part of their curriculum learning on 'People Who Help Us' and a Story Teller visiting all classes today celebrating World Story Telling Day which was on the 20th March. The reception children had prepped lots of questions and they were very excited when their visitor arrived. Thank you to Mrs Juniper and Mr Doye, who is due to come in next week to talk to the children about being a Fireman!

Swimming for Year 5 starts next term. Please be aware that swimming is part of the statutory national curriculum (meaning that as a school we have to provide the children with swimming lessons). Learning to swim is a vital life skill and can keep your child's heart and lungs healthy, improve strength and flexibility, increase stamina and even improve balance and posture. It also provides challenges and rewards accomplishments, which helps children to become self-confident and believe in their abilities. Children are not able opt out of swimming lessons as it is part of the National Curriculum unless there is a medical reason from them to do so for that session. If you are concerned about swimming lessons, please speak to your class teacher.

We are unfortunately saying goodbye to Mrs Rennie this term, who had decided to take some time out of teaching. Mrs Kent will be teaching Year 3 on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with Mrs Flack overseeing the teaching on a Wednesday. Miss Giles and Miss Beard will be returning from their maternity leave and will take over the teaching of Year 3 as a job share as they return. We will be saying good bye to Mrs Rennie in our celebration assembly next Friday morning at 09:05.

Miss Smoothy has started as our new catering manager and has settled in well - she has already started to find out what meals the children and dislike ready for a new menu!

Online Safety TikTok Guardian's Guide

There have been quite a few updates to TikTok over recent months, this updated guide for parents includes family paring, digital wellbeing, privacy and more. You can find the updated guide [HERE](#).

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cagney



AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

Year 2 - Jake A, Zachary, Maxwell, Tyler, Sonny, Ella-Rose, Albie, Hector, Linda

Year 3 - Skylah, Thomas, Katy

Quiz Scores 90%+

Year 4 - Indie,

Year 5 - Amelia-Lily

Year 6 - Alfie

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners - **Brunel House - Year 4**

Year 2 - Albie

Year 3 - Stanley

Year 4 - Arham

Year 5 - Connor

Year 6 - Sam

Attendance

This week's class attendance:

EYFS: 93%

Year 1: 96%

Year 2: 98%

Year 3: 99%

Year 4: 90%

Year 5: 95%

Year 6: 96%

Target Attendance 95%

Notices

- Only plain navy or black tracksuits for PE. Children will be asked to wear a spare school top.

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a great week learning about mountains during our Geography work. This week we linked our mountains to our art work and have produced some beautiful collage work. We used different watercolour techniques to create our own paper which we then tore carefully to make mountain ranges. The torn edges looked just like snow on the mountain tops. We then layered our torn paper to create perspective. We are really proud of how hard we persevered to create our final pictures.



YEAR 4

In Year 4, we have finished our persuasive adverts and have written them in our best handwriting. The children enjoyed using their imagination to create their own product to sell: we had robots that would do your homework, splash parks, mega cities and even an ice cream that could make you fly! In Maths, we have continued our learning on fractions with a focus on equivalent fractions. Today we used fraction walls to explore the different fractions that were equivalent to each other. The children were good at spotting patterns and could see how our times tables would help us find the answer. In topic, the children have been finding out about the different climates and biomes in North and South America. We thought about what we would pack in our suitcase if we visited the different locations.

YEAR 5

This week the children have been investigating perimeter and area of shapes. We have worked both independently and collaboratively to solve a range of questions. Many of the children managed to complete the extension challenge questions this week! Fantastic work Year 5!

YEAR 6

This week saw Year 6 go on their residential to Essex Outdoors, Mersea. We return today after a fantastic three days of aerial adventure, caving, pedal karts, archery and beach visits - to name just a few. The children were fantastic and really showed their core values all week. We are very proud of them. Rosie said, "It was a great experience and enabled me to step out my comfort zone." Also, Merissa said, "It helped us to conquer some fears." We look forward to sharing our experiences in our Travelogue assembly.

