

WHAT'S COMING UP

April

7th - 21st - Half Term

May

5th - May Day Fair

22nd - Open Door at 2:45

23rd - Celebration

Assembly at 9:05

June

2nd/3rd - Y6 Bikeability

10th - Y3 Botanicals Trip

11th - KS2 House Athletics

Finals

24th - Y4 Colchester Zoo

July

3rd Sports Day - AM

KS1/PM KS2

9th - Summer Music

Concert 5pm

14th - School reports

22nd - Y6 Leavers

Assembly at 9am

22nd - Y6 Leavers Tea at

10am

22nd - PTSA Big Bounce

3:30-5pm

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - Choir

Tue - STEM

Wed - SCS Gymnastic

Thu - SCS Football

Fri - KS2 Taekwondo

Polite Reminder:
The school toilets are
closed for cleaning
from 3:20.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although this term is one of the shorter ones in the academic calendar, we have certainly packed lot into the term. The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) has been actively engaged within our school, providing invaluable support to both parents and children. We are hopeful to further develop this partnership and explore additional services that can be offered through their expertise. Alongside, the Christian Outreach service has been collaborating with our Year 5 class working on areas of the RE curriculum providing interactive sessions and hands on experiences, while our No Outsiders programme and assemblies continue to resonate positively with our pupils.

We recently celebrated National Girls Football Day, which coincided with World Book Day. This incidental clash resulted in an impressive sight of over 35 girls participating in football activities during lunch, some adorned in their dress up costumes! Our commitment to sports has been further exemplified through our involvement with the North West Essex Schools Sports Partnership. This collaboration has included events, such as a Tag Rugby festival for Years 2 and 3, hosted by Braintree Rugby and our SCS sports coaches hosted a Key Stage 1 sports festival at our school. Additionally, our boys' football team has started their pursuit of being winners in the Braintree league, while some of our Year 5 and 6 girls have participated in football tournaments at St Margaret's school.

In the realm of performing arts, our Year 5 pupils took part in the Braintree Sings festival, deriving great enjoyment from the experience. Our Year 6 pupils were treated to an exceptional performance of Beauty and the Beast at Gosfield Prep school, further enriching their cultural exposure. Not to forget the amazing IRock concert this morning.

The recent visit from our School Improvement Advisor returned positive feedback, which further evidenced the hard work our staff put in to making the curriculum as fun and as enriching as it can be. Parent Teacher Learning Conversations (TLCs) were notably successful, with our pupils demonstrating such pride in discussing their academic progress and showcasing their term's achievements.

I would also like to express my thanks to our PTSA for their tireless efforts in organising events that not only provide unique experiences for our pupils but also raise essential funds for the school. Their generous donations have enabled us to enhance our reading areas and will soon contribute to improvements in our EYFS outdoor space. The culmination of their efforts this term is evident in today's Easter Parade and Egg Hunt.

As we approach the school holidays, I urge parents to remain vigilant regarding online safety, particularly in relation to gaming. While gaming can offer numerous benefits, it is crucial to maintain a balanced approach. I recommend consulting the comprehensive guide provided by Internet Matters, accessible at <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/game-safe-guide-to-help-young-people-game-safely-online/>, which offers valuable insights into safe gaming practices.

Have a lovely Easter break and hopefully more good weather!

Mrs Cagney
Headteacher





STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Amelia

Year 1 - Charlie C

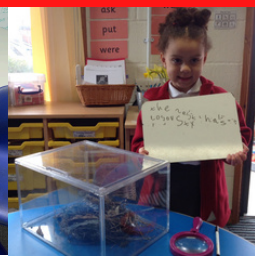
Year 2 - Kaiden

Year 3 - Rocco

Year 4 - Lola

Year 5 - Whole Class!

Year 6 - Tommy



CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR 3

This week Year 3 have blown us away and have truly embodied our mantra of 'do more, work harder and be neater'. They have worked creatively to write their own tricking the monster story. These have been published today, ready for us to send to the author of our class book, Emma Carroll. I'm sure that she will be as blown away as we were! In other news, today we released our worms back into the wild from their wormery so that they survive over Easter. We are very pleased to say that we released worms that were thriving in their new environment. On the wormery front, we have also been working hard to create our own eBook. This has involved recording the story and illustrating the pictures using photography and digital art. We are going to use this to pledge for £100 funding to purchase a large-scale wormery that can produce compost for Florentina's outdoor learning garden. Year 3, you have been a delight this half term- keep it up!

YEAR 4

This week in Year 4, we wrapped up our Doods music lessons with Miss Hathaway, where the children showcased their creativity and musical talents. They also completed their legend stories, which will soon be sent to Colchester Castle - a great way to connect with local history! In maths, we focused on decimals, diving into their concepts and applications. Our science lessons concluded with an exploration of food chains, where the children gained a deeper understanding of ecosystems and how energy flows through living organisms. It's been a week of learning and fun!

YEAR 5

What an end to half term! This week, year 5 have rounded off their English unit on persuasive writing, by writing leaflets about New Orleans, Brazil and California. They look brilliant! We will be taking them to the nearest travel agents - so keep an eye out! We have answered our enquiry question "Why do people visit the Americas?" and had fun immersing ourselves in the continents' culture (our line dancing was on point). We know lots of interesting facts about space, can tell you how to find the perimeter and area of shapes and can work out decimals/fractions and percentages too.



YEAR 6

In English, we have been writing a discussion text on Were soldiers the only heroes in World War II. In Maths, we have learning about percentages. In history, we made posters about VE Day and VJ Day. We have learned about progressive tense in our SPAG lessons by running up and down the field. We enjoyed making a poster in science about micro-organisms. We have been doing football in PE which has been fun.

Year 6 Learning Ambassadors: Daisy and Hugo

AR READERS

Year 2 - Demi, Livia, Ruby, Emilia, Alex, Poppy

Year 3 - Lily M, Arabella

Year 4 - Levi

Year 5 - James

ATTENDANCE

91%- Year EYFS

93% - Year 1

95% - Year 2

95% - Year 3

95% - Year 4

95% - Year 5

93% - Year 6

**Attendance target
95%**

Please can we remind you that only stud earrings are to be worn, and no other jewellery.