



# QUEEN BOUDICA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## School Newsletter

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**EYFS**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another very busy week in school, with a focus on Safety Week for all year groups. The children have learnt how to greet unknown dogs safely, have had an assembly from the Transport Police, and have considered the impact of their comments on other people's social media posts and photos. The staff kindly volunteered to share some 'less than flattering' photos of themselves so that everyone could think about how to respond positively not negatively.

It was lovely to see so many families in Ash and Oak Classes for a Stay and Play session on Monday: thank you for making time to come in. This morning, despite the rain, we've welcomed Year 1 parents to a wonderful Toy Museum in the hall. Well done to all the children for their lovely work, especially the glove puppets which have some very careful sewing and fantastic expressions!

Thank you to everyone who attended Parent Consultations this week: we greatly value the opportunity to talk together about your child's progress. If you weren't able to attend but would still like to make an appointment for after half term, please do speak to your child's teacher so that we can arrange a mutually convenient time.

We all wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

*Clare Woodward*

Ms Clare Woodward  
Head Teacher

This week in EYFS we have been crazy about capacity. We have explored water, sand, sawdust, pasta and other small objects and how much a container can hold. We have learnt the vocabulary: more, less, full, empty, 1/2 full/empty, nearly full/empty. The children have all really enjoyed writing about their upcoming 'Blast Off Into Space' topic which we will start after half term. They have come up with some great ideas of what they would like to learn and what they already know!

On Tuesday it was Internet Safety Day so this week we have read stories about being safe on the internet and using various devices. The children were very knowledgeable about the devices they and also recognised the logos of different apps. We have gently linked ideas about what to do if they are worried about anything and that they can always talk to a grown up they trust at home or school. We would recommend that all parents are aware of what their children are able to access online.

We were really happy to welcome so many of you to our Stay and Play session on Monday. The children always get very excited to have you in school, so thank you to those of you who were able to attend. Thank you too for your comments about your child's learning which we have been able to include in their Learning Journeys.

It is great to see that some children are now coming in through the gate on their own in the mornings and we will be having some encouraging stickers ready after half term to encourage more children to do this and become increasingly more independent.

Enjoy your half term break together!

### Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor


Attendance for this Week: **95.41%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR	Oak YrR	Elm Yr1	Beech Yr1	Birch Yr2	Hazel Yr2
	96.19%	89.09%	97.27%	95.17%	95.86%	97.42%
Absences	8	24	8	14	12	8
Lateness			4			3

Gold = 98 -100%, Green = 95 - 97.9%, Grey = 91 - 94.9%, Blue = 85 - 90.9%, Red = <84.9%

### \*\*\*KS2\*\*\* Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **96.06%**

	Maple Yr3	Rowan Yr3	Holly Yr4	Willow Yr4	Hawthorn Yr5	Sycamore Yr5	Chestnut Yr6	Aspen Yr6
	97.55%	95.67%	96%	93.45%	97.86%	96%	96.67%	95.41%
Absences	7	13	12	19	6	12	10	14
Lateness	2	1	1	7	4	6	3	

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# SCHOOL DIARY

Half Term – 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Back to School – Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> March  
World Book Day  
5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March

Group 1 & 2 Bikeability Courses (Yr5)

19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Group 3 & 4 Bikeability Courses (Yr5)

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Children's University Graduation

26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Group 5 Bikeability Course (Yr5)

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Year 4 Swimming Lessons Begin

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> to Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 5 Residential Trip

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
FAFA Summer BBQ

## This week's Golden Dustpan

### Award Goes To...



## Chestnut Class

This Week's  
Presentation Awards go

to...



Josh – Holly Class  
Jamie – Hazel Class

## Year 2 Colchester Zoo Trip

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Gold cards **MUST** be brought into school by 10am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to give staff time to prepare for the trip. Thank you.



To this week's Head Teacher  
Award Winners:

Charlie – Ash Class  
Robin – Oak Class  
Matthew – Elm Class  
Kieyra – Beech Class  
Chloe – Birch Class  
Violet – Hazel Class  
Esther – Maple Class  
Hannah – Rowan Class  
Jamie – Holly Class  
Hayden – Willow Class  
Anna – Hawthorn Class  
Eli – Sycamore Class  
Adi – Aspen Class  
Holly – Chestnut Class



Parish of Myland  
St. Michael's Church



## Children's Easter Service & Treasure Hunt

A great afternoon of fun. After the short Easter service, you follow the trail, look for landmarks and collect treasure. At the end of the treasure hunt, we return to Myland Parish Halls for refreshments and every child receives an Easter egg.

**Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3.00pm**

*Ticket only event for children up to school year 6  
(children must be accompanied by an adult)*

**Ticket Price £3.50**

*On sale until 29 March*

*Tickets available from:*

**Church Office (open Mon – Fri, 9am – 1pm)**

**Myland School – Suzanne Price**

**Queen Boudica School – School Office**

**Braiswick School – School Office**



**DEAR  
PARENTS**

### Correspondence Sent Out This Week

Missed letters can be download from the school's website or requested from the school office.

- Elm Class – Mrs Flynn's Maternity Cover
- Drama Club Production (paper only)
- Whole School – Photographic Permissions, Data Check

### Year 5 FREE

#### Bikeability Courses

If you have yet to do so please return your child's permission letter to the school office ASAP so that we can begin to allocate places. Paper copies are available from the office or downloadable from the schools website.

# Year 1's Toy Museum

Year 1 enjoyed a busy morning today showing parents and carers the Toy Museum that they had been busy creating. This was a culmination of several weeks work learning about the history of toys, creating our own hand puppets, visiting Hollytrees museum and writing information texts. It was great to see so many adults coming to look at the toys - and the rest of the school also enjoyed the opportunity to have a look at all that we had been up to!



## World Book Day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**Bedtime Stories Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 5:30pm – 6pm**    **School Book Fair Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and would like to invite all children to come into school dressed up as a book character. Please encourage your child to be creative and to use something that they already have in their wardrobe if possible.

On the evening of World Book Day our teachers will be turning their classrooms into giant storytelling dens. We hope that your child will be able to join us at 5:30pm for a selection of age appropriate bedtime stories and a warming cup of hot chocolate.

Finally, we are very excited to be welcoming back the book fair which will be held in the school hall from 8:30 – 9:00 am and from 3:00 – 3:30pm each day from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Your child will be given a leaflet after half term to bring home which gives them some examples of the books that should be available at the time. Nearer the time, each child will be given their £1 World Book Day voucher which can also be used at the fair.

As well as the book fair being a very enjoyable event for the pupils, the school also earns valuable commission and we use this so that we can continue to add new titles to our school library.

We are looking forward to a successful run of readings events and appreciate your continued support,