



QUEEN BOUDICA
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School Newsletter

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EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been getting ready for our Nativity performances next week. We do hope you will be able to come along to one of the performances!

Nativity dates

**Wed 6th at 9.30 am or
Thursday 7th at 2.00 pm. Pre-schoolers are welcome to come, but please note that if they require a seat, they will need a ticket.**

We have also been exploring money and 'buying' items in a shop. We have looked at different coins and discussed the 'value' of each, using fingers, cubes etc to emphasise that some are worth more than others and can therefore be used to buy things that cost more. We also found that we could combine coins to pay for things.

Our story this week has been 'Rumble in the Jungle' so we have been looking at different animals and also exploring the rhyming words in the story. We also tried holding different animal poses in our yoga session.

Please can we remind you that children do not need to bring their own snacks in to school - the children are provided with fruit and vegetable snacks to eat.

Have a lovely weekend!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've all been really excited by last night's snow flurry, and are hoping to see more of it over the next few weeks! It's been great that the children have come to school wrapped up warmly - thank you for that, as it's helped them to enjoy being outside in this chilly weather.

We are starting our last two weeks of term with a very busy schedule, and look forward to seeing you at our festive events. From next Monday, there will be a Christmas post box in the central foyer: if your child would like to post their Christmas cards in it, then our Head Boy and Head Girl are organising a team of Year 6 elves to deliver them. Please could you help your child to put their friend's full name and class on the envelopes, so that the delivery can be successful: thank you.

I will be talking to pupils in assembly on Monday and sending further information home to you, but we are introducing a 'house' reward system in school from January. Part of our last few days this term will contain a Festive House Challenge activity so that pupils become familiar with their house team and have an opportunity to form links with new friends across the whole school. In keeping with our Queen Boudica origin, we are using Celtic tribal names for our houses, and we're looking forward to sharing them with you next week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Clare Woodward

Ms Clare Woodward - Head Teacher

Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **95.42%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 98.64%	Oak YrR 100%	Elm Yr1 92.88%	Beech Yr1 96.21%	Birch Yr2 89.31%	Hazel Yr2 97.42%
Absences	3		21	11	31	8
Lateness		3		6	1	1

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

Nativity Performances – EYFS & Years 1 & 2 * Tickets bookable via SIMS Agora NOW**
Pre-schoolers are welcome to come along, but please note that if they require a seat, they will need a ticket. If your little one does get a little vocal, please do be considerate to other parents and our performers and take your child out for a few moments so as not to disrupt the performance.

Thank you for your understanding.

KS2 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **95.50%**

	Maple Yr3 95%	Rowan Yr3 91.03%	Holly Yr4 99.33%	Willow Yr4 97%	Hawthorn Yr5 88.97%	Sycamore Yr5 96.21%	Chestnut Yr6 99.33%	Aspen Yr6 96.77%
Absences	15	26	2	9	32	11	2	10
Lateness	1	1	4	4	3	4	5	2

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Kidz Camp Essex cater for children between the ages of 4 - 12 and are Ofsted Registered so accept Childcare Vouchers too.

With lengthy opening hours of 7:30am - 6:00pm and a Free lunch, the activity camps are perfect for parents looking to keep their children entertained in the school holidays.

For more information, to book your child and to sign up to their mailing list, simply follow the link below:

www.kidzcampessex.co.uk



This Weeks Character Counts Award was presented to:
Olivia C
Rowan Class

For: Being caring and thoughtful towards others; she is incredibly supportive of her friends. She always follows the Purple Promises and brightens up the room with her lovely smile. She gives 100% in all aspects of her learning.

SCHOOL DIARY

- Wed 6th Dec – 9.30am**
EYFS Nativity Performance
- Wed 6th Dec – 2pm**
EYFS Sept 18 Intake - Show-around
- Thur 7th Dec – 9.15am**
Yr3/4 carol concert rehearsal at St. Michaels
- Thur 7th Dec – 2pm**
EYFS Nativity Performance
- Thur 7th Dec – 6pm**
Year 3/4 Carol Concert at St. Michaels Church
- Tue 12th Dec – 1.45pm**
KS1 Nativity Performance
- Wed 13th Dec – 9.30am**
KS1 Nativity Performance
- Wed 13th Dec – 5.30 to 8pm**
FAFA – Gingerbread House Event (Adults Only)
- Thur 14th Dec – 1.45pm**
KS1 Nativity Performance
- Thurs 14th – 2pm**
Vicar visiting Yr5 and Yr6 to make Christingles
- Fri 15th Dec**
Whole School Christmas Lunch
- Fri 15th Dec**
Christmas Jumper Day
(Save the Children - £1 donation)
- 21st Dec to 1st Jan**
Festive Break
- Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd Jan**
Non-Pupil Days
- Tue 9th Jan – 9.30am**
EYFS Sept 18 Intake - Show-around

This week's Golden Dustpan

Award Goes To...



Beech Class



To this week's Head Teacher Award Winners:

- Niamh – Ash
Sabih – Oak
Emma D – Elm
Emma SB – Beech
Isaac – Birch
Ayla – Hazel
Fennton – Maple
Archie – Rowan
Natalia – Holly
Faith – Willow
Elyzeh – Hawthorn
Liam – Sycamore
Samuel – Aspen
Ryan S – Aspen
Sanchay – Chestnut

This Week's Presentation Awards go to...



- Marika Z – Beech
Jessica F – Hazel
Nive P – Hawthorn



DEAR PARENTS

Correspondence Sent Out This Week

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

- Lunch Menu
- Parent Governor Election – (emailed to all – paper copies still to go out to Chestnut, Aspen, Birch, Hazel, Holly, Hawthorn)
- Nativity Letter – EYFS
- Nativity Letter - Year 1 & Year 2
- Asda Visit – Year 2

Santa's Sleigh Ride Routes - 19th December

Santa will be visiting the children of Mile End on the evening of 19th December. All monies raised will go to the Colchester Food Bank and Colchester Children's Charity.

Mile End (1), 5pm to 5.45pm

Meet and greet Olympic Blvd opposite Podium Close at 5pm

Then on to:

Endeavour Way,
Fortuis Mews,
Flame Way,
Courage Drive,
Venture Chase,
Courage Drive,
Altius Chase,
Endeavour Way,
Spirit Drive,
Olympic Blvd,
Mill Road. (5.45pm)



Mile End (2), 5.45pm to 7.30pm

Bedford Road (go to bottom then return back to),

Mill Road,
Turner Road,
Stanford Road,
Kettle Street,
Cowper Crescent,
McCluskeys Street,
Stanford Road,
Holden Road,
Thornton Drive,
Peto Ave,
Turner Road,
Northern Approach,
Wallace Road,
Hakewill Way,
Dickenson Road,
Northern Approach,

Meet and greet Santa on the green opposite Defoe Crescent 7.15pm to 7.30pm.

Mile End (3), 7.45pm to 10pm

Mile End Road,
Bergholt Road,
Tufnell Way,
Aerofoil Grove,
Propelair Way,
Axial Drive,
Turbine Road,
Apprentice Drive,
Fan Ave,
Axial Drive,
Vortex Road,

Finish with a meet and greet Santa by the green at Axial Drive/Apprentice Drive at 9pm.

Gardening Club



Gardening Club are very grateful to everyone who visited their stall at the Christmas Bazaar last Friday. The 'How many beans in the jar' competition was won by Sheyi in Sycamore class, with 889 beans. Well done Sheyi!

Queen Boudica Friends & Family
would like to say a



to everyone who came to the Christmas Bazaar last Friday. Everyone really enjoyed the games, Christmas activities, Secret Santa Room, Kimmy's Zoo, The Band, the food, the raffle and Father Christmas. We raised a great sum of money towards the development of the school library. Our final total was £1200.

We would like to say a few thank you's,
to the staff for giving up their Friday evening.

To our parents who baked cakes, they were a huge hit and to those parents/carers who came and helped source raffle prizes, donated to the Secret Santa Room and helped set up, put away and run a stall for the evening,

Helen Dryburgh, Laura O'Connor, Hannah Bradder, Marina De Smith, Gemma Parrot, Emma Kittle, Sam Briggs, Toni, Keeley Swords, Louise Jobson, Nikki Emrich, Rachael Boorman, Thomas Koreman, Maralyn Ball, you were all amazing.

Last but not least the Friends and Family Team for putting on a great Christmas Event.