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School Newsletter

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EYFS

This week we have been talking about Easter and Spring despite the weather; Hopefully the snow will stay away!

On Wednesday the children all had a great deal of fun exploring science. We started the day by making plasticine aliens and observing their shadows with torches, and how to change them. There were also some very wet sleeves as the children explored objects that floated and sunk. They predicted first explaining their reasons before testing what happened. They children went on to try and solve a challenge to make plasticine float! In the afternoon we all went off to our tribes and had fun with the older children/siblings making observations and asking questions.

It was lovely to see the children bringing in their decorated eggs and rockets this week; their imagination and creative skills are awesome!

Just a reminder that when we come back to school it will be Oak Class visiting the woods on the 17th April. We will be sending home a letter with updated dates for when the classes visit at the beginning of next term. There will also be a letter about a forthcoming school trip so keep an eye out.

We all hope you have a wonderful holiday and rest and looking forward to seeing the children's smiling faces next term. 😊

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all so much for your incredible support to last week's Sport Relief challenge. We are really proud to have raised the grand total of £2264 which is amazing. Thank you very much for enabling this to happen: the money will all be used to support extremely worthy causes. Thank you also to Miss Birbeck for her hard work to organise this very successful event.

We've been discussing Autism Awareness Week in school this week: autism is a condition which affects many of us either directly or indirectly, and we've had some really interesting discussions in class and in assembly to raise our levels of awareness and understanding.

Yesterday we held a very successful Science Day, with some wonderful practical investigative activities taking place throughout the morning and then work in our Tribes during this afternoon. It was a pleasure to see the children working together to support their peers and siblings, and we were very impressed by the high level scientific discussions taking place. Well done and many congratulations to the Ordovices for their winning answers.

Another highlight of this week for me has been the decorated eggs competition. The entries were absolutely outstanding - choosing a winner from each year group was a very difficult job. We were so pleased to welcome Mr. Over back to school to make the final decisions. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who entered: it was an egg-cellent achievement! Thank you to Mrs. Evans for organising this activity which has been a really nice way to end the term.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish you and your families a very relaxing Easter holiday, with hopefully some sunshine and the start of the Spring weather. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 16th April for the start of the Summer Term. Happy Holidays everyone!

Clare Woodward

Ms Clare Woodward
Head Teacher

Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **94.79%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 94.77%	Oak YrR 96.74%	Elm Yr1 97.03%	Beech Yr1 91.81%	Birch Yr2 94.83%	Hazel Yr2 93.95%
Absences	9	6	7	19	12	15
Lateness	0	4	0	3	2	0

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: **97.4%**

	Maple Yr3 99.09%	Rowan Yr3 93.33%	Holly Yr4 99.17%	Willow Yr4 100%	Hawthorn Yr5 98.21%	Sycamore Yr5 95.83%	Chestnut Yr6 97.5%	Aspen Yr6 96.39%
Absences	2	16	2	0	4	10	6	9
Lateness	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	0

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SCHOOL DIARY

Thur 19th April

Class Group and Yr6 Leavers Photographs

Mon 23rd April

Year 4 Swimming Lessons Begin

Mon 23rd April

Yr6 Parents Residential Meeting

Tues 1st May

EYFS – Library Trip

Mon 4th to Wed 6th May

Year 6 Residential Trip

Mon 14th to Thur 17th May

SATS Week

Mon 21st & Tue 22nd May

Height & Weight – Years 6 and R

Sat 23rd June

FABA Summer BBQ

SMILEY TROOP REMINDER



Please notify either the School Office or Smiley Troop, if your child is unable to attend a pre-booked session.

Thank you

This week's Golden Dustpan

Award Goes To...



Rowan Class



To this week's Head Teacher

Award Winners:

Esme – Ash Class

Megan – Oak Class

Rose – Elm Class

Osamagbe – Beech Class

Tilly-Rose – Birch Class

Emily – Hazel Class

Natalia – Maple Class

Jay – Rowan Class

Eloise – Holly Class

Charlie – Willow Class

Max – Hawthorn Class

Lauren – Sycamore Class

Dolce-Mae – Aspen Class

Carlee – Chestnut Class

School Uniform Sizing advice and guidance

Following comments regarding uniform sizing please see the table below for further guidance. Our supplier confirms that items are sized 'to fit'. If your child usually wears a High Street 8/9 (for example) then you would order the 32". The table offers you a comparative guide as different children/parents like a different fit. Some prefer more fitted, some more roomy. Anglia School Wear are always happy to advise individually via the contact link on their website.

PRIMARY SCHOOL JUMPER

To Fit Chest in Inches	Size Guide
24"	3/4 Years
26"	5/6 Years
28"	6/7 Years
30"	7/8 Years
32"	9/10 Years
34"	11/12 Years
36"	X5



All measurements are in inches and subject to a 1" tolerance. ©Anglia School Wear & Schoolwear Ltd



DEAR PARENTS

Correspondence Sent Out This Week

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

- Height & Weight Check Letters to EYFS & Year6
- EYFS – Colchester Library Trip

NEW

School Uniform Supplier



www.yourschoolwear.co.uk



SHOW CHOIR 2-DAY WORKSHOP for 10 – 18 year olds



Date and time Thu 5 April 2018 / 9.45am - 3.00pm
Fri 6 April 2018 / 10.00am - 3.00pm
Price £10 per day
Venue Brentwood Theatre, 15 Shenfield Road,
Brentwood CM15 8AG

This two-day event is open to singers aged 10-18 of all abilities who live or are educated in Essex.

You will receive the full show choir experience from singing and dancing to performing full routines, within a range of musical styles. This course is excellent value at just £10 per day!

Registration – 9:45am

Important information

- There will be plenty of breaks throughout the day including time for lunch
- Please make sure you bring lunch/snacks and plenty of water with you along with any medication you may need.
- Please wear comfortable clothing (if wearing trainers please make sure they are not super muddy!)
- No prior experience or ability to read music is necessary.

The courses will end with a free informal showcase for family and friends to attend at approximately 2:30pm on Friday 6th April

If you would like more information on any of our workshops please contact us on 03330 139362 or for information on joining any ensembles email ensembles@essex.gov.uk

Firstsite

FREE Family Activities This Easter



Community Bronze Age

Every day 10am – 5pm
From Sat 17 Mar – Sun 28 Oct
FREE design

Free family activity for Easter Holidays 2018. Our current exhibition 'BRONZE AGE C. 3500 BC – AD 2018' includes a display board of local talent. Design your own coin and add to the presentation.

Suitable for all ages.



Little Britain

Fri 30 Mar – Sun 15 Apr 10am – 5pm
FREE design

Free family activity for Easter Holidays 2018. Take inspiration from our current exhibition 'The Britishness Project' and draw people, places and buildings to help build a Little Britain.

Suitable for all ages

We are pleased to confirm that **Year 4 Swimming Lessons** will now go ahead next term. Thank you to everyone for returning your forms and making your payments.



Free Easter Holiday Workshops

at Colchester Library, Trinity Square, Colchester, CO1 1JB



Animation Workshop

Make your own mini movie with our art materials and animation software. Devise a story, cut out your characters and animate.

Tue 10 April, 10am to 12.30, 8 to 11yrs.

Digital Workshops

Use scratch software to create mini games and animations, a great introduction to creative video game making.

Wed 11 April, 10am to 12.30, 8 to 11yrs.
Wed 11 April, 2pm to 4.30, 11 to 13yrs.

To find out more or to book a place visit www.signals.org.uk or call 01206 560255 or email info@signals.org.uk

To take part in these free workshops you will need an Essex Library card. You can join at any library or online at www.essex.gov.uk/libraries. Please bring your Essex Library card with you to the workshop.



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QB Gardening Club



Now spring is here, the children in Gardening Club are keen to develop their gardening skills and get on with planting.

We are looking for some equipment to help us on our way. If you have any of the following equipment that is in good condition and is no longer required then Gardening Club would love to have it. Please see Mrs Harrington or Mrs Parry for further information.

Hand tools, wheel barrow, spade, fork, trug, seed trays, watering cans.



Ladybird Stress Balls

After the Easter holidays, Gardening Club will be selling homemade ladybird stress balls at only 50p to raise money for this club. Further information on when they will be on sale after Easter.



Congratulations to Breakfast Clubs Easter Colouring Competition Winners...

EYFS – Joanne KS1 – Isla KS2 – Honey



Year 6 Residential Trip

Many payments remain overdue. It is important that you keep up to date with the agreed instalment plan to enable the school to make payments to Kingswood. Failure to do so may jeopardise the trip.

Instalments Dates:-

- 30th November 2017 - £32.50**
- 31st January 2018 - £32.50**
- 31st March 2018 - £32.50**
- 28th April 2018 - £32.50**

Please ensure that your child's payments are made up to date over the holiday, we will contact anyone in arrears w/c 16th April to discuss trip places.

Thank you.

Queen Boudica's Sports Relief Total... £2264.36!!!



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