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Explore

World Book Day

We really enjoyed World Book Day today, seeing everyone with their favourite books and discussing them. The children made bunting by recreating artwork and images from their book, showing us all the amazing finished product during our morning assembly.



Excite

Ofsted

We were really pleased to be able to share with you the report from our recent Ofsted inspection earlier this week, with the Lead Inspector recognising that our school continues to be GOOD, and praising the atmosphere and ethos permeating the school, stating:

'...leaders are deeply committed to the school and have high aspirations for pupils and staff'

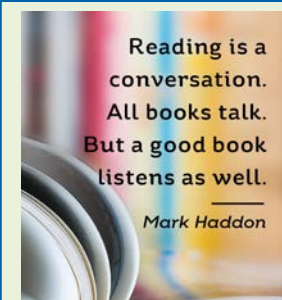
there is 'an ethos where **the well-being of pupils and families is paramount**...staff are determined to ensure that **pupils respect each other and can flourish within a safe and positive climate for learning**'

'a dedicated team of staff who work productively together to improve the progress of every pupil in the school'

'the confidence and skill demonstrated by pupils ... is leading to good progress over time'

Governors ... 'are confident to hold leaders to account for the improvements they are making in the school'

Excel



Foundation Stage have been looking at insects this week. They were amazed by the amount of wildlife in our outdoor garden.

Orange Class taste tested soup this week in their technology lesson. They were thinking about tastes and textures to help them evaluate each one and choose their favourites.

Year 2 read the story Gorilla by Anthony Browne. They had a very thought provoking discussion about the themes in the story and then recorded their own thoughts.

Year 3 have been improving their fitness skills by completing a series of circuits during PE. They have been collecting data, and are impressed by their progress

Children in Year 4 thought about The Eatwell Plate this week. They used their knowledge to plan a healthy, balanced meal and talk about the different food groups.

Year 5 have been learning about metaphors this week in English. They have also worked on adding and subtracting fractions using numbers with decimals.

Year 6 have continued their work on the poem The Lady of Shallott this week. They have been learning about the poet Tennyson and the inspiration for his work.



If you had a gift of free time, what would you do with it?
Question by Kaitlyn in Year 5

Winning KS1 Answer by Ava in Year 2

I'd give it to someone who doesn't get free time.

KS2 Winning Answer by Emily in Year 5

I would save it because you never know what is going to happen in the future and you might need it.

Head Teachers Awards

Holly, Blake, Archie, and Sofia in Year 2; Riley T, Liberty and Jack in Year 3, Rian, Paige and Sophia in Year 4; Steven and Hayden in Year 5



Whole school attendance this week: 96.66%

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Percentage	95.16%	98.21%	99.17%	98.08%	95.69%	93.33%	97.32%
Absences	12	4	2	4	10	16	6
Lateness	0	1	1	1	2	2	2

Well Done Olive!

A huge congratulations from all of us to Olive in Foundation class, who came first in the Colchester Gymnastics Club competition for 4-5 year olds. What an amazing achievement Olive, well done!



Red Nose Day

Next Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day, and we would like to invite children to come to school wearing their home clothes, with a contribution to the charity. They are welcome to bring with them Red Nose Day themed accessories if they choose, however next year we would like to explore more ecological options, and welcome your thoughts!

Academic Success...

We were pleased to hear last week that Jack R has earned himself a place at Colchester Royal Grammar School for Boys in September 2019. His parents (and us) are very proud of his achievements. Well Done Jack we know you worked hard to achieve your goal.

Support Our Karen

One of our amazing parents, and instrumental member of the PTA, is doing another incredible thing for charity this year by running the London Marathon in April to raise awareness and funds for DKMS, a Blood Cancer charity. She would like as many people as possible to register to be a Stem Cell Donor, which you can do by copying and pasting the following link into your browser. (It takes just 2 minutes!):

<https://www.dkms.org.uk/en/register-now>

If you would like to support Karen by donating, please follow this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/KarenClarkDKMS>

Secondary Place Offers

Secondary school places were offered to Year 6 students last Friday. This year the offer process is complicated by the fact that places for the new school Paxman Academy have been offered outside the usual Essex process. This means that some Year 6 students have been offered a place at Paxman Academy and another local school.

We know that there are a number of Year 6s who have been offered a place at both Paxman Academy and another local school, and we urge parents, in particular those intending to take up a place at Paxman Academy, to confirm that place as soon as possible and decline the offer in the other school. This means that any vacancies can be offered to students on the waiting list of the other schools.

Please call Nelly if you have any concerns or queries.

Clean Air Heroes

We are doing something slightly different from Eco Race this year, called **Clean Air Heroes**. It's EASIER and FAIRER than Eco Race and it involves **donations from Colchester Zoo** to Save the Rhino conservation project every time we hit a target.....

- It is **NOT a competition**: we set our own targets to achieve.
- It is **NOT a sponsored event**...quite the opposite. Colchester Zoo donates set amounts to Save the Rhino on our school's behalf if our targets are reached
- It encourages healthy and environmentally sustainable forms of travel!

In short: **the higher the number of pupils walking, scooting and/or cycling to school, the better the chance to hit the target which would trigger a donation FROM Colchester Zoo TO Save the Rhino conservation project.**

Win-win....help reduce traffic/pollution while raising awareness of endangered species...and potentially help protect them **WITHOUT** raising any funds.

Walk, Cycle, Scoot, or Bus to school every day from Monday 18th March until the end of term to help protect rhinos, and we'll do the rest!

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday Years 5 and 6 went to St Lawrence Church to celebrate Ash Wednesday, with the remaining pupils staying at school for a service. Those who chose to, received the ash cross. Thank you so much to the Church for organising the morning and welcoming us.



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