

Newsletter

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An Exceptional Place to Flourish

Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.
Job 8:7

Headteacher's message / notes

GoRead

We are piloting an exciting and innovative scheme for logging your child/ren's reading records: GoRead.

This is an online platform that can be accessed via a desktop, mobile phone, or tablet - by a teacher, child, and parent. The app also ensures that your child/ren's reading records are not lost and can be used as a source of reference to support and accelerate your child/ren's reading - throughout their primary educational journey. Currently, the app houses an extensive list of book titles, from a range of authors and publishers, but teachers, children and parents can add titles of any book that they read.

We have decided to initially trial GoRead with the children in Indigo-Violet class, and they have been equipped with the necessary tools to access the app; the early indications have been extremely positive!

The app will be made available to all children from Reception to Year 6 after October half term. Each child - and parent/carer - will have their own unique access code and log in details, which will be provided by the class teacher.

Look out for further information and posters!

Pupil individual photos

These will be taken on 10th November.

Our school attendance target is:

96%

Attendance this week:

Reception	93.48%
Year 1	93.22%
Year 2	88.37%
Year 3	86.79%
Year 4	86.87%
Year 5	94.65%
Year 6	90.37%
Whole school	91.33%

Winning year groups:

Gold – 1 st	Year 5
Silver – 2 nd	Reception
Bronze – 3 rd	Year 1

Achievers of the week:

		Reader of the week	Writer of the week	Mathematician of the week	Scientist of the week	Star of the week
Reception		-	-	-	-	-
Year 1	Year 2	Teddy C-G	Amber P	Alice C	Joey F	Maci M
Year 3	Year 4	Barney	Tillie W	Ralph B	Teddie T	Max S
Year 5	Year 6	Charlie M	Harrison P	Riley K	Chloe G	Freddy G



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Value this half-term



Big questions of the week:

Reception	Year 1	Are the rich people better than the poor?
Year 2		What if television had never been invented?
Year 3		Should all adults have to work?
Year 4		Do you think animals 'talk' to each other?
Year 5		Do you think we all see colours in the same way?
Year 6		What do you think might happen if people could read each other's thoughts?

Year 6 Prefects

Congratulation to the following pupils who have put themselves forward to be on the Student Council (Prefects). The next phase will be an election of our Head Leaders. Mrs Dean will co-ordinate the Student Council this year.

- Evie-Rose T
- Ayla-May
- John C
- Laila B
- Riley K
- Thomas T
- Woody K

Free School Meals (FSM)

Did you know the government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to **Free School Meals (FSM)**? Schools use this money to obtain additional staff and resources that help improve the quality of education.

To find out whether your child qualifies for **Free School Meals (FSM)**, and hence whether their school would receive additional funding, please complete the eligibility checker on the **LONDON GRID FOR LEARNING** website: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

This will give you an instant answer and a certificate should you be eligible. The certificate must be emailed or handed into the school office as soon as possible.

Attendance:

Please be aware that the school cannot authorise holiday requests during term time.

Authorised absences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are morning or afternoon sessions away from school for a genuine reason such as illness. • You may be asked to provide medical evidence (e.g. medical or dental appointments which unavoidably fall in school time, emergencies or other unavoidable cause) for your child before this can be authorised. • This includes all absences of 5 days or more, or where patterns of absences emerge.
Unauthorised absences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been given. • This type of absence can lead to the Local Authority using sanctions and/or legal proceedings which may include issuing each parent with a Penalty Notice for £120, reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days or referring the matter to the Magistrates Court whereby each parent may receive a fine up to £2500 and/or up to 3 months in prison. • If you are found guilty in court you will receive a criminal conviction.



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- Unauthorised absence includes, however is not exhaustive:
 - Parents/carers keeping children off school unnecessarily e.g. because they had a late night or for non-infectious illness or injury that would not affect their ability to learn.
 - Absences which have never been properly explained
 - Children who arrive at school after the close of registration are marked using a 'U'. This indicates that they are in school for safeguarding purposes however is recorded as an absence for the session.
 - Shopping trips.
 - Looking after other children or children accompanying siblings or parents to medical appointments.
 - Their own or family birthdays.
 - Holidays taken during term time without leave, not deemed 'for exceptional purposes' by the headteacher- may result in school applying to the local authority to issue a penalty notice or if you have previously been issued a Penalty Notice, the school may request a direct prosecution by the local authority.
 - Day trips.
 - Other leave of absence in term time which has not been agreed.

Presentation expectation in exercise books:



English

For my presentation to be outstanding:

- I will paste in the **Learning Intention(s)** and **Success Criteria** in underneath the ruled off work. This will include the **long date**.
- I will always use my best and neatest handwriting.
- I will use a sharp pencil to write with, unless having received a pen license.
- I will use joined handwriting, once shown.
- I will use a ruler to draw any lines.
- I will draw a left-hand margin, using a ruler.
- I will put bullet points and numbers in the margin.
- I will write in sentences and use paragraphs.
- I will write on the lines.
- I will cross out mistakes using a single horizontal line and **not** scribble out mistakes.
- I will rule off each piece of work and start the next piece underneath.
- I will not leave blank pages in my book.
- I will make sure that worksheets are not sticking out of my book.
- I will respond to marking in **GREEN** pen.
- I will colour in neatly, using sharpened colouring pencils.
- I will keep my book free of graffiti.



Maths

For my presentation to be outstanding:

- I will paste in the **Learning Intention(s)** and **Success Criteria** in underneath the ruled off work. This will include the **short date**.
- I will always use the correct and neat number formation.
- I will use a sharp pencil to show my calculations and workings out.
- I will use one square for each digit.
- I will use a ruler to draw any lines.
- I will draw a left-hand margin, using a ruler.
- I will put bullet points and numbers in the margin.
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Bible Verse of the Week

Genesis 2:15

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Headteacher's message / notes continues...

A kind reminder that pupils need to be wearing the appropriate PE kit to showcase our school's pride in uniform. We appreciate that the supplier is struggling to provide all of the appropriate school uniform. This will be monitored. Pupils wearing studs in their ears, need to have these removed prior to the lesson as they are a health and safety hazard.

A kind request to refer queries to the class teacher in the first instance before asking the Office staff to speak to the Headteacher.

We have signed up to The Daily Mile, please see Get To Know Essex Maps on our school website.

Communication survey – Please complete the communication survey to indicate your preference.

Information and Reminders

Dr Lawson will be scheduling weekly to meet parents informally just for a quick introduction: Wednesday, 6th October with **Reception** parents/carers. This will be at 15:00-15:15 in the school hall.

The school would like to start a PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association). Please let the office know if you are interested.

The school will in future save flyers and advertisements on the school website under **COMMUNITY NEWS AND FLYERS**.

As part of this half-term's Assembly theme, **GENEROSITY**, we will be having a **Harvest Assembly on Friday, 15th October** and kindly request any donations of tinned/canned or non-perishable foods we can donate to a charity or shelter. Please send these in with your child to school over the next two weeks.

We will also be arranging a **McMillan Cancer Awareness** event for **15th October**. Information to follow.

Year 6 Residential – Bawdsey Manor (22-24 September 2021)



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Menus

WEEK A commencing 20.9.21 / 04.10.21 / 18.10.21

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta	Sausages Herby Diced Potatoes Vegetables	Chicken curry Rice Naan Bread	Macaroni Cheese Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers Baked Beans Chips
<u>Vegetarian option:</u> Quorn Vegetarian Balls in Tomato Sauce Pasta	<u>Vegetarian option:</u> Vegetarian Sausages Herby Diced Potatoes Vegetables	<u>Vegetarian option:</u> Quorn curry Rice Naan Bread	<u>Vegetarian option:</u> Macaroni Cheese Sweetcorn	<u>Vegetarian option:</u> Fish Fingers Baked Beans Chips
Cheese baguette	Ham wrap	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Wrap	Ham baguette
Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar
Winter Berry Meringue	Artic Roll	Iced Sponge	Angel Delight	Oat Cookie & fruit wedge
Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit

Bread, Milk, Water and Fruit Juice is available daily.

WEEK B commencing 27.09.21 / 11.10.21 / 01.11.21

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Lasagne Garlic bread	Roast chicken dinner	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Garlic Bread	Sausages Baked Beans Chips
<u>Vegetarian option:</u> Cheese & Tomato Pizza	<u>Vegetarian option:</u> Vegetarian Lasagne Garlic bread	<u>Vegetarian option:</u> Quorn Fillet Roast Dinner	<u>Vegetarian option:</u> Cheese & Tomato Pasta Garlic Bread	<u>Vegetarian option:</u> Quorn Sausages Baked Beans Chips
Ham baguette	Cheese wrap	Ham Wrap	Tuna baguette	Cheese baguette
Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar
Fruit Flavoured Iced Lolly	Chocolate fairy cake	Jelly	Fruit Crumble	Fruit Platter
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Daily Mile – see school website

Get to know ESSEX LET'S GO!

Class Name: _____

Walk between the landmarks is Essex using your stickers throughout your journey

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Active Essex

How it Works/What to Do:

- Visit each of the landmarks as you do TDM to get to know the county of Essex. Find out what you didn't know!
- Start where you like on the map and then follow the pink circles. Jog, run or walk the miles between each landmark, crossing off your miles as you complete them.
- There are 14 landmarks in total, so allocate 28 Daily Mile sessions to complete your journey to Get to Know Essex*. Every time you reach a location choose a class member to adhere a sticker to your class poster.
- Find out at least 2 facts about each landmark whilst you are completing each leg of your journey, write them in the boxes provided below.

LANDMARK	DESCRIPTION	FIND OUT - FACT 1	FIND OUT - FACT 2
St. Martins Bell Tower	St Martins Bell Tower in Basildon was the first glass bell tower in the world. It stands 93R tall.		
Crassing Temple Bams	Braintree's Crassing Temple Bams is a site rich in ancient history, granted to the Knights Templar in 1136.		
Brentwood Chapel Ruins	Monument ruins once a stopping-off point in Brentford for pilgrims on their way to Canterbury.		
Hadleigh Castle	A castle fit for a King. These striking ruins overlook the River Thames and date from 1230.		
Chelmsford Cathedral	Originally a parish church, Chelmsford Cathedral stands at the heart of the city.		

LANDMARK	DESCRIPTION	FIND OUT - FACT 1	FIND OUT - FACT 2
Colchester Castle	Colchester Castle is a Norman castle in Colchester, dating from the second half of the eleventh century.		
Lee Valley Regional Park	Lee Valley Park is a 26 mile long, 10,000 acre park with a huge variety of green spaces, sports venues and vital wildlife havens.		
Parndon Mill	Parndon Mill was mentioned in the Domesday Book. Originally a site for milling flour now it's a centre for creative activity.		
Maelstone Heritage Centre	"Maelstone" is the Saxon spelling of Maldon and means "a cross on the hill".		
Rayleigh Windmill	Rayleigh Windmill is a 200 year old Tower mill at Rayleigh which has been restored as a landmark and is now used as a museum.		
Southend Pier	Southend Pier is a major landmark in Southend-on-Sea. Extending 1.33 miles into the Thames Estuary, it is the longest pleasure pier in the world.		
Tilbury Fort	Tilbury Fort on the Thames estuary has protected London's seaward approach from the 16th century through to the Second World War.		
Harwich Redoubt	An extremely impressive 180ft (60m) diameter circular fort built in 1608 to defend the port of Harwich against a Napoleonic invasion.		
Mountfitchet Castle	A castle that is believed to have been an early Iron Age fort and Roman, Saxon and Viking settlement located in Uttlesford.		

Contact Us

- For further info about the #TheDailyMile visit www.thedailymile.co.uk and follow @The_DailyMile on twitter.
- For further information and to register your school to The Daily Mile, contact The Daily Mile Coordinator stuart.tryhorn@activessex.org or Tel: 07921 396982 - www.activessex.org/the-daily-mile/

See page 2 for more famous places on our journey around our County →

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