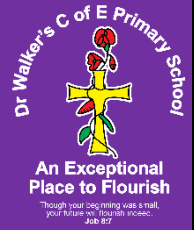





Newsletter

Summer Term – 12.07.2024



| School Values | This week's news... |
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| <p>Standing with COURAGE for what is right.</p> <p>Using CREATIVITY in problem-solving and making life beautiful.</p> <p>Treating every person and everything with RESPECT.</p> <p>Having COMPASSION for others.</p> <p>Completing every task with PERSEVERANCE.</p> <p>Taking RESPONSIBILITY for ourselves.</p> <p>Living with HOPE for a better future.</p> | <p>This week's Open the Book assembly featured Peter the Fisherman and Jesus' friends waiting for the 'Helper' promised by Jesus. The Helper is the Holy Spirit who manifests as a strong wind, flickering flames and allows the people to speak in many languages and understand each other. God sent the spirit to help not just Kings and Prophets, but everyone.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> |

| Picture news | Attendance | | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  <p>Picture News What change will a new government bring?</p> | | <table border="1"> <tr> <td style="background-color: yellow;">Our school target</td> <td style="background-color: yellow;">96%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attendance this week</td> <td>93%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reception & Year 1</td> <td>95%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Years 2 & 3</td> <td>93%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Years 4, 5 & 6</td> <td>93%</td> </tr> </table> | Our school target | 96% | Attendance this week | 93% | Reception & Year 1 | 95% | Years 2 & 3 | 93% | Years 4, 5 & 6 | 93% |
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| House Points | | | |
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| Ants | Badgers | Locusts | Lizards |
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| 2695 | 2548 | 2366 | 2533 |

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Rewards



Belief in self and the development of confidence, respect, and trust for others and an appreciation of spirituality and an understanding of faith in God;

Engagement in a love for learning by nurturing curiosity and independence; and

Excellence in reaching personal goals by demonstrating resilience and positive behaviour.

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| Reception & Year 1 | Believe | Ellen | Writing a fabulous sentence about the morning picture |
| | Engage | Jake | Enthusiastic participation when making a smoothie |
| | Excel | Nancy | Working so hard on her phonics this week |
| | Star of the week | Jett | Being polite and helpful in class with tidying up |
| Years 2 & 3 | Believe | Madison | For fantastic focus and a very positive attitude to her mathematics interventions with Mrs Snow. |
| | Engage | River | For participating with focus in a gymnastics lesson. |
| | Excel | Cassidy | For creating a fantastic castle in DT. It even includes a working drawbridge! |
| | Star of the week | Amelia | For always having a positive attitude to her school life, trying her best and encouraging others to be their best self too. |
| Years 4. 5 & 6 | Believe | Talia | For knowing that she can achieve, and she is! |
| | Engage | Archie | For taking an active role in all lessons. |
| | Excel | George | For always doing his best – even when he does not enjoy the subject. |
| | Star of the week | Teddy Da | For being such a great pupil to teach! |

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Class news

Reception & Year 1

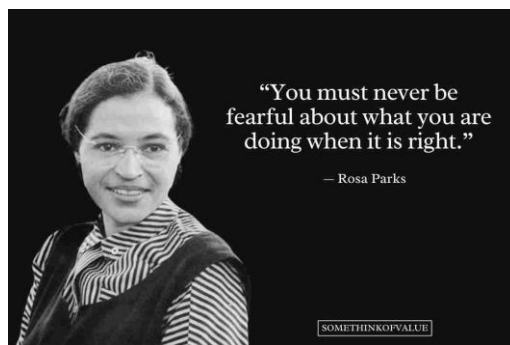
As part of our Design and Technology, after exploring different fruits and vegetables, understanding and identifying which were which, and designing our own fruit and vegetable smoothies, we finally made our own which we then took home to sample!



Please look on our school website for more photos!

Years 2 & 3

It's been another busy week in Year 2 and 3! The children have created some impressive castles using recyclable materials during their DT lesson. In English, the children have started a new unit "Communicating Through Poetry" and they have created some super colour poetry, using similes and emotions to express their ideas. They have created some fabulous imagery and are really developing their writing skills. Year 3 have finished their work on the civil rights' heroine Rosa Parks during their guided reading sessions. They have shown maturity and thoughtfulness when dealing with such a big topic. Well done Year 3! In our reading for pleasure sessions at the end of the day, we have started to explore Australian Aboriginal dreamtime stories.



Years 4, 5 & 6

On Thursday, we visited the mobile library bus. We were able to ask questions and one of the first questions we asked was whether the books ever fall off whilst he is driving. Can you believe that this has never happened! Remember to visit an Essex library like the one in Ongar to keep up with your reading. It is FREE!



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Other news
Well Done Dotty!



Dotty has only had two karate lessons and in a sumo sparring session went up against a red belt in the best of 3 and won all 3 times!

Dotty came home with the medal for impressing the Sensei the most this week.

Well Done Dotty!



Happy Birthday Mrs Dean!



On Wednesday we celebrated Mrs Dean's birthday, it was a special birthday "The Big 5-0"

The children and staff all sang Happy Birthday to Mrs Dean in assembly, which was a surprise as she was not expecting it! We all had a fantastic day celebrating with Mrs Dean. We also made her wear her birthday badge!

We hope you had a lovely birthday Mrs Dean, as you are very special to us!

Sporting Excellence Awards

The Sporting Excellence Awards were held at Epping St Johns and Dr Walker's children attended. Well done to our winners:



Archie – Sports' Boy of the Year
Remarkable sportsman that will go the extra mile for the benefit of the team. Very proactive as a sports leader! Takes control of situations if needed.

Freya- Sports' Girl of the Year
Amazing sports' girl with a lot of potential. Able to support her team and work alongside her team members. Great leader and will take initiative.

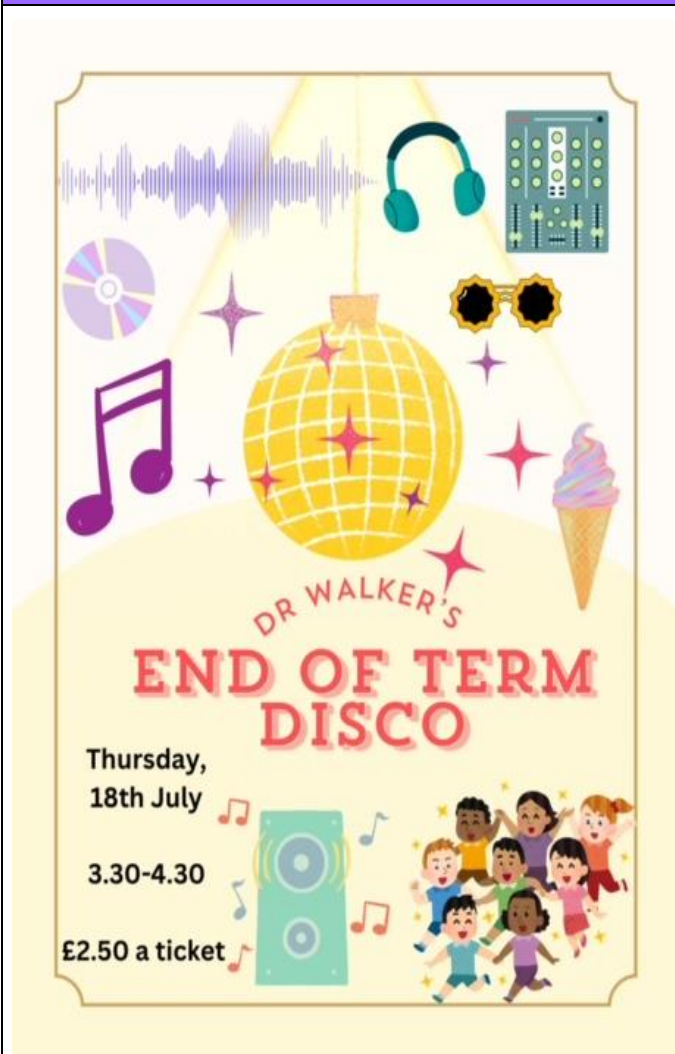
Lincoln – Most Improved award
Loves his sport and is developing in all aspects of PE. Ability across PE is showing excellent improvement.

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Disco Tickets



Thursday 18th July 2024 is a non-uniform day for all children.

Children are able to come to school dressed in their party clothes - please ensure that sensible shoes (no heels or sling back shoes) and age / weather-appropriate clothing is worn.

Children who are attending the disco will be dismissed straight to the hall. All parents are to collect children at 4.30pm, via the main entrance. Your child will then be dismissed to you by the class teachers.

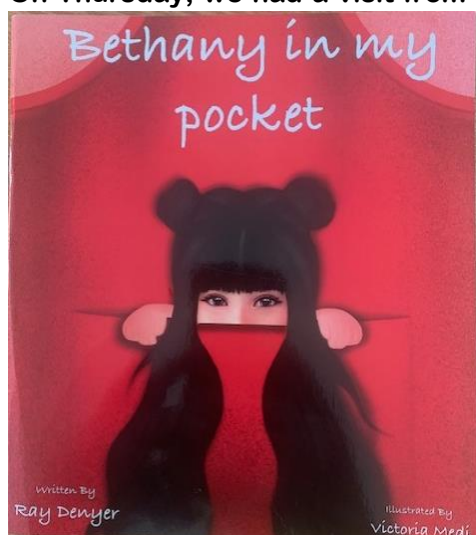
If you are intending for your child/ren to be collected by another adult, please advise the office accordingly in the morning.

Children who are **not** attending the disco should be collected at the normal time of 3:20pm, following the normal dismissal arrangements.

Don't forget to bring some money to school with you so that you can purchase your tickets from Mrs Burling at the start of each day.

Author visit

On Thursday, we had a visit from the author Ray Denyer who wrote a book called *Bethany in my Pocket*. It is a story about a young girl who moves home and school and deals with loneliness and anxiety when meeting new people and will stimulate conversation and help children share experiences.



Available to buy on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bethany-My-Pocket-Ray-Denyer/dp/1739236300>

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Mobile Library Bus

We were very lucky to have a visit from the Essex Mobile Library Bus this week. Every child had the opportunity to pop along and experience the bus. Reception and Year 1 also got to have The Gruffalo story read to them by Ruth Stickley!



Important dates

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| 15.07.24 | Swimming Lessons Years 4/5/6 |
| 18.07.24 | End of Term Disco – Please collect children via the main office at 4.30pm |
| 18.07.24 | Non Uniform Day |
| 23.07.24 | Church Service for Year 6 Leavers 10am at St Nicholas Church followed by a Family Picnic on the school field. |

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