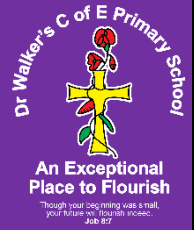

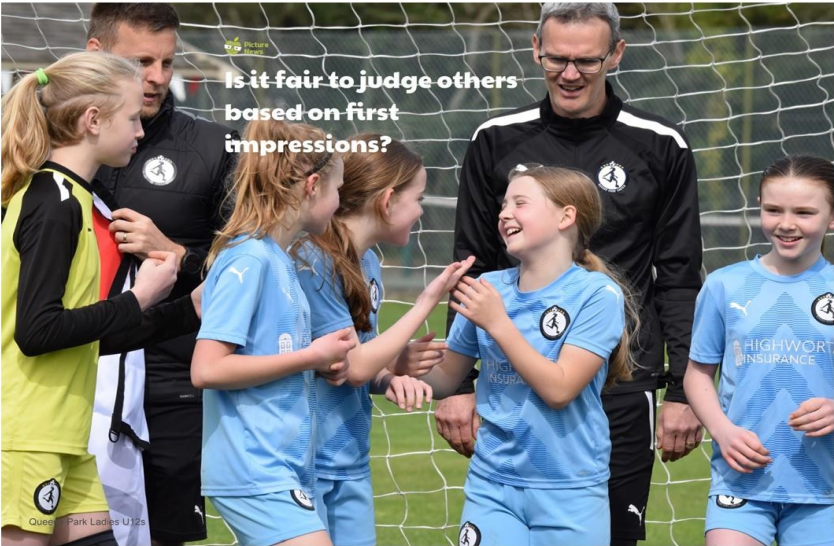







Newsletter

Summer Term – 24.05.2024



School Values	This week's news...
<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>Half Term has arrived and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful half term.</p> <p>We would like to thank our wonderful children, who have worked so hard this term, also our year 6 cohort who sat their SATS, parents for their continued and unwavering support, also our Governors for their continuous support and contributions to the school this term. The staff have delivered some memorable assemblies for the children; we have had some fun and interesting visitors to the school as well, Jett Lucas the Circus and also the House Of Commons guest.</p> <p>Next term we have a busy calendar of events, Sports Day, Trip to Lambourne End, Swimming Lessons Bikeability course, Class Photos, Transition Days for year 6, Mobile Library Bus, not to mention the Assemblies and Parents' Picnic!</p> 

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Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
			
2412	2218	2103	2159

Class news

Reception & Year 1

This week we have been looking at our class book, 'Dear Greenpeace'. This really sparked the children's imagination and introduced some complex vocabulary, for example, **migratory** – which means that they travel great distances each day.

The children then went on to discover facts about blue whales and then chose partners to work with to independently create factual posters about them! I am SO PROUD of their achievements!



Please visit our school [website](#) gallery for a better look!

Years 2 & 3

In their art work this week, the children worked in groups to create an information poster about something that they were passionate about. Recycling was a key passion for Year 2 and 3.

They thoroughly enjoyed their practical lesson on mummifying tomatoes, and will be observing how the tomato changes over the coming weeks. They completed their unit on Ancient Egypt by looking at a primary historical source; the Egyptian Book of the Dead, making inferences and suggesting why people in the past acted as they did.

In French, the children completed their unit on 'In the Classroom.' I have been so impressed with how well they have retained the complicated words and phrases they learned over the course of the half term.

In English, the children have written some Tanka poems, an ancient Japanese art form, with complex rules about syllables in each line.

In their RE work, the children created some beautiful Islamic patterns.

Years 4, 5 & 6

On Monday 20th May, Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in World Metrology day. Metrology is the science of measurement. We were part of an online lesson. The theme this year is 'We measure today for a sustainable tomorrow.'



We measured the hand span for our dominant and non-dominant hand. Most children in our class had the widest hand span on their non-dominant hand. We also tested our reaction time. After the experiment, we knew that most children had the best reaction time with their non-dominant hand. **Did some of these results surprise you?**

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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.

Reception & Year 1	Believe	Jesse	For being a more confident participant during our class discussions.
	Engage	Noah	For great engagement when making our factual blue whale posters!
	Excel	Ellen	For remarkable progress with her sound talking and blending skills!
	Star of the week	Nancy	For being a great peer partner to all her classmates!
Years 2 & 3	Believe	Hugo Drew	For believing that he can understand analogue clocks and for working really hard. Hugo is now sharing his knowledge to help others. Well done Hugo!
	Engage	River Souter	For engaging in our lesson on poetry. River recognised the mystery animals hidden in our Kenning poems. Great job River!
	Excel	Dotty Morgan	Dotty has been a superstar in our French unit on 'In the Classroom.' She has learned all the items we have looked at.
	Star of the week	Madison Doran	For absolutely fantastic work when writing Haiku. It was so wonderful to see Madison participate with such confidence.
Years 4. 5 & 6	Believe	Harley	For believing in himself and achieving.
	Engage	Phoebe	For taking part in group activities and working well with her group.
	Excel	Amelia	For excelling in English, making use of features discussed during her writing.
	Star of the week	Harleigh	For taking an active role in her lessons this week. Keep it up!

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Other news

Message from Governors

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the staff, pupils and wider school community for the help and support over the last half-term.

SATs for our year 6 pupils are now completed and I thoroughly enjoyed joining the pupil for the SATs breakfast. Our staff did a fantastic job of managing the entire process. There are still phonics check and KS1 assessments to complete for our younger pupils, so they can't quite relax for the summer yet!

The staff have been working on the Rapid Improvement Plan and this is starting to show impact. Governors are monitoring the progress of the plan and have also been working to approve the budget for the next year.

Governors have also been making visits to the school and enjoying being part of the school community. It was delightful to hold our governing body meeting in St Nicholas Church this week and I would like to thank the Reverend Sam and Lesley the Churchwarden for hosting our meeting there.

There are lots of activities coming up between now and the summer holidays and on behalf of the governors we hope to meet as many parents and carers as possible at some of these events.

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a good and restful half term break with your families.

Best wishes
Cathryn Adams
Chair of Governors

Inset Days

Please note that the school is **closed** for Inset Days on Monday 3rd June and Tuesday 4th June 2024. Children return on Wednesday 5th June.



Creative Courageous Advocacy

As a Church of England school, and in partnership with the Chelmsford Diocese, the children produced creative pieces of work to demonstrate their roles as Courageous Advocates - being someone who supports, champions and speaks up for causes that are important and meaningful to them.

The artwork produced will (hopefully) be selected to be part of a pop-up art exhibition that will be sited in the North Aisle of Chelmsford Cathedral from Tuesday 18th June until lunchtime on Friday 21st June, between 10am and 4pm.



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PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

Please be advised that our **Summer Sports Day** has been changed to

**Tuesday 11th June 2024
at 1pm**

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.



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Gardening Club

Gardening club braved the wet weather this week and, despite the drizzle, carried on with great enthusiasm. We are having to cover our plants to protect them from the rabbits, but are happy that most of them seem to be thriving.



Children Using Lighthouse Keeper's Reading Area



Our Caretaker, Mr Bianchi, has finished off our Lighthouse Keeper's reading area. The children have been enjoying playing in the area today.



Important dates

24.05.24	Break up for half term
03.06.24	Inset Day – School Closed
04.06.24	Inset Day – School Closed
05.06.24	Back to school
10.06.24	Swimming Lessons Years 4/5/6
07.06.24	Bikeability Level 1 & 2 for year 6
11.06.24	Summer Sports Day at 1pm – CHANGE OF DATE
17.06.24	Swimming Lessons Years 4/5/6
20.06.24	Class Photos
24.06.24	Swimming Lessons Years 4/5/6
27.06.24	Ongar Academy Induction Day
28.06.24	Yellow/Green Assembly
01.07.24	Swimming Lessons Years 4/5/6
03.07.24	Year 6 Residential 03.07.24 to 05.07.24
05.07.24	Lambourne End trip – Years 4 & 5
08.07.24	Swimming Lessons Years 4/5/6
11.07.24	Mobile Library Bus Event
15.07.24	Swimming Lessons Years 4/5/6
23.07.24	Parents Picnic 12 Noon
23.07.24	Church Service for year 6 Leavers 10am at St Nicholas Church

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