



Newsletter

Week 23 11th March 2016

Message from SLT

We are at the end of another week when the reputation of East Tilbury Primary School and Nursery children has been shown to be outstanding. Year Five pupils are to be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour at the e-safety Roadshow at the Civic Hall in Grays, with many comments received from the adults there who said that our children were by far the best of all the schools that attended. The Planetarium that visited the school yesterday was very informative and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with all parents and carers at the consultations next week - if you are unable to attend, please ensure that you re-schedule the appointment with your child's class teacher for a later date.

Sadly, we still have children who ride their scooters and bikes in the playground before the start of the school day. Could parents and carers please support us in getting the children to walk through the school grounds, as some children (and parents) have been run into or had near misses. We may have to ask children who persist in riding them to leave them at home. Also, please be reminded to keep to the left to avoid collision.

Thank you for all your support.

Year 3 news

Year 3 have been focusing on Fair Trade as part of our Unit of Enquiry topic this term. We have been discussing the importance of a fair wage and how this can impact upon a person's life. A trip to the local Co-Op helped us to identify the prices that products are sold for and the children were shown the large variety of goods that farmers contribute towards to make these products.

This week we have been writing persuasive letters to argue either in favour or against the introductions of our own cereal bar factory on the grounds of the school, and all children have thoroughly enjoyed putting forward their own in-depth arguments.

Year 6 news

In year six this week we have been exploring a variety of descriptions such as haunted houses and Viking mead-halls. Children have been exploring the use of different sentence lengths, in order to create suspense and tension. By doing so the children have created some truly horrifying and gruesome haunted houses and some historically accurate representations of Viking mead-halls. Unit of Enquiry has neatly coincided with our Viking descriptions, as children have been exploring the vicious Vikings and their day-to-day lives. Inspired by a short description, the children recreated their own version and followed them in a story of their lives.

In maths we have been revising our knowledge of conversion of measure, between simple measures (cm to m) all the way to conversion of imperial and metric measure.

Well done to everyone who took part in our sponsored skip and wear a red t-shirt day for the British Heart Foundation. We raised £1025.96 for a great charity.

This was also an inter house event and the results were as follows; 1st place – Oxford, 2nd place – Warwick, 3rd place – Bath, 4th place – Cambridge.

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th March—Science Engineering Day

Friday 18th March—Sports Relief Day

Tuesday 22nd March—2JC and 2JP visit to Southend Planetarium

Wednesday 23rd March—2DG visit to Southend Planetarium

Thursday 24th March—PFA event Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 25th March—Friday 8th April—school closed for Easter break

Monday 11th April—Year 5 visit to House of Commons

Wednesday 20th April—3SH Class Assembly, parents/carers welcome

Thursday 21st April—Year 4 visit to Colchester Zoo

Wednesday 27th April—5JR Class Assembly, parents/carers welcome

Tuesday 3rd May—Reception Gruffalo Hunt

Wednesday 4th May—3RM Class Assembly, parents/carers welcome

Wednesday 11th May—4AS Class Assembly, 2.30pm—parents/carers welcome

Celebrations and Achievements

Star of the week awards for; Abigail K—RF, Carter H—RG, Jake R—RM, Ryan W—1AA, Jorja B—1EG, Morgan C—1RJ, George W—2DG, Sam F—2JC, Chanelle P—2JP, Liam H—3HM, Jamie N—3RM, Grace S—3SH, Lucas W—4AS, Kally B—4BG, Alana T—4SM, Skye B—5AF, Stevie K—5JR, Lewis D—5KF, Alice C—6CP, Lewis B and Ellie P—6LC and Leah B—6RM



Attendance

We have **two classes** this week who achieved **100%** attendance—excellent work by you all in **2DG** and **4BG!!!**

These classes were closely followed by 5KF on 99.2% and 5AF on 99.1% - well done! Overall weekly attendance was up by 0.1% taking us to 96.5% for the week.

More importantly our whole school attendance for this academic year as at 10th March 2016 has reached **96%!!!** Excellent attendance by you all—very well done; keep it up and see if you can achieve above 96%!!

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Active Kids vouchers are available to collect; 27th January through to 3rd May 2016. We would be very grateful if any you collect can be sent into school and posted in the collection box in the lobby area.

Science

All next week is 'Science week' - children across the school will be participating in science based activities. There will also be a science workshop open to parents and children on Monday 14th March, after school.

Dodgeball

Well done to the School Games Organisers George L, Jack W, Poppy S, Tyler R, Ashton B, Maison C P and Lewis D on organising the inter house dodgeball tournaments for years 3-6. The competitions went really well and the SGO's have worked brilliantly in organising and running these matches. The results were as follows; 1st place – Oxford, 2nd place – Warwick, 3rd place – Bath, 4th place – Cambridge

School Request

Parents/carers are requested not to bring into school or send into school with their child any medication or creams for use during the school day. Staff are unable to administer these unless by agreement and in writing. Thank you.

Summer Term Sports Clubs

Year 5 and 6 trials for mixed Rounders and boys/girls Cricket will be taking place during week commencing 14th March 2016. If your child is successful they will bring home a slip allocating them a place at the club. You will not have to sign them up for this club when the club letters go home. Children must wear their PE kit during the trial.

End of Year and INSET days

The last day of school this academic year is Wednesday 20th July. As in previous years, governors have agreed that Year 6 may finish early—this is usually between 11.30-12.00 but we cannot give an exact time.

INSET days for 2016/2017 are as follows: Thursday 1st September 2016, Friday 2nd September 2016, Monday 28th November 2016, Monday 19th December 2016, Tuesday 3rd January 2017 and Wednesday 12th July 2017.

Girls Football

The year5/6girls football team played their final game of the season on Monday 7th March, against Corringham Primary School and what a great end to the season it was! Janet C scored within the first opening minutes of the game and then again before the final minutes of the first half. Demi J then came through to score the 3rd goal of the first half—score at half-time 3-0. After a quick turn around, the girls went on to play their final half with Rhianna B scoring a goal to finish the season on a high with a 4-0 win. Well done girls!

Healthy School

Last term and this term we have had visits from Richard Crews, our Health Improvement Officer from the NHS. He presented two wonderful assemblies about sugar swaps and eating five a day.

He will be at the Parent Consultation evenings next week and will be available to give any advice or support you may need. Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Smith, Healthy Schools Coordinator.

Forthcoming Trips

2JC and 2JP Southend Planetarium—£12.02 per child—22nd March 2016

2DG Southend Planetarium—£12.02 per child—23rd March 2016

Year 5 to House of Commons—£9.93 per child—11th April 2016

Year 4 to Colchester Zoo—£13.91 per child—21st April 2016

Reception at Gruffalo Hunt, Thorndon Country Park—£9.02 per child—3rd May 2016

Year 6 to Groombridge Place—£16.27 per child—16th June 2016

Please note letters for school trips will be sent home approximately 4 weeks prior to the trip taking place.

Netball

On Tuesday we played Corringham Primary in our netball match. It was a very competitive match but East Tilbury Primary School came out the victors 6-2. A great match and well played to all the girls.