



Newsletter

Week 3 25th September 2015

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

It has been another busy and productive week here at East Tilbury Primary School & Nursery. Again, we would like to thank you for working with us to optimise routines for the safety of the children as they come to school, particularly around the beginning and end of the school day. Of significance this week, we have created space in a lockable container in the school playground for children to store their bikes and scooters more securely than was previously possible. Children will be asked to dismount their bikes and scooters before entering the school grounds and then push them a short distance round the path to a container in the playground, within which they will be able to lock up bikes and scooters. We will still ask children to bring suitable locks to secure their bikes and scooters to the racks inside the container. Unfortunately, this additional precaution has become necessary as some scooters were taken from the school playground during this week. On a more positive note, we'd like to thank you for your support for Jeans for Genes and the Macmillan Coffee Morning, both great testaments to your generosity and care. We raised £446.77 from Jeans for Genes and will inform you of the cash collected for MacMillan next week. This week we also welcomed Miss Wang, a teacher on exchange from China. She will be working with children in Years 2 - 6 at various points over the course of the year, starting with Children in the Year 2 Chinese after school club from next week. These sorts of partnership really enrich the learning that the children enjoy and create relevant experiences for their 21st century lives.

Year 1 News



We have had great fun this week in 1RJ, as Miss Jones taught us some of the dance moves that she learnt when she visited the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. We are going to continue learning new dance moves as part of our PE over the next few weeks.

We also visited our local library this week to meet the people who work there and read some of the books.

Year 5 News

Year 5 have had an exciting start to the term. Over the first two weeks we studied different forms of poetry with a special focus on performance poetry. We explored a variety of poems which allowed us to write fantastic poems about summer for the NACE poetry competition. We incorporated a range of figurative language such as similes, metaphors, personification and onomatopoeia to produce high quality poems. This week, in English, we began learning about the author Anthony Browne and his style of writing. We discovered that he uses a lot of hidden images in his illustrations to encourage readers to see that there is more than what meets the eye. The book we will be studying this half term is 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne which we are already enjoying very much. In maths we have been learning how to use the column method for addition problems. We have been able to use our skills to solve different types of problems including money.

Whole School News from Mrs Mylam

Over the past two weeks, every year group in the school has been studying poetry during their English lessons, focusing on different poets and styles of poetry. The children have practised using appropriate language and have written their own poem as a result of their learning. Every child has had their poem entered into the NACE poetry competition and this will be judged by the poet and author, Adele Geras. The winning entries will be published in an ebook. The poems produced were of a very high standard and the children should all be proud of themselves for their efforts. Let's hope that we are successful!

As part of the poetry work, we were privileged to be visited by published poet, James Carter who delivered assemblies and workshops to children across the school. The children enjoyed listening to his poems and the music that accompanied them and used his inspiring ideas to write their own poems.

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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1st October—Roald Dahl Day—letter to follow
Wednesday 7th October—5KF Class Assembly KS2 hall 2.30pm, parents/ carers welcome
Friday 9th October—2JC Class Assembly KS1 community hall 2.30pm, parents/ carers welcome
Friday 9th October—Year 4 Science Museum Visit
Monday 12th—Friday 16th October—Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 14th October 3HM Class Assembly KS2 hall 2.30pm, parents/ carers welcome
Friday 16th October—2GD Class Assembly KS1 community sports hall 2.30pm, parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 21st October—Parent Consultations KS2 community sports hall 3.20—6.00pm
Thursday 22nd October—Parent/Carer coffee morning—Bug Busting Workshop, 8.50am community sports hall
Thursday 22nd October—Parent Consultations KS2 community sports hall 3.20—6.00pm
Friday 23rd October Harvest Assembly 2.00pm followed by Year 2 grandparents tea 2.30pm

Celebrations/Achievements

KS2 Star Awards

3RM—Emma M, 3HM—Grace C, 3SH—Francesca L-L, 4AS—Tiana A, 4SM Amelia D, 4BG—Sid G, 5AF—Ben B, 5JR—Ellie M-H, 5KF—Jamie S, 6CP—Mia S, 6RM—Woody W, 6LC—Ella W

Attendance

The DfE and Ofsted continue to have focus on persistent absence as there is a direct link between persistent absence from school and poor attainment. Since 1st September 2015, the government has reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15 per cent to 10 per cent. Therefore, a pupil is now considered to have persistent absence if their attendance falls below 90%.

Well done to 4SM who have once again had 100% attendance., 3SH narrowly missed out with 99.2% Our attendance has dropped slightly this week due to illness and holidays but still remains above national average.

Reminder—Please ensure we have your correct contact details in case of an emergency and that you have completed the end of day arrangements form for your child.

Roald Dahl Day—1st October

You should have by now received a letter regarding the Roald Dahl day being held at the school on Thursday 1st October. As detailed, children may dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character or wear something yellow and pay £1.00 or make a donation to support Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.

All children who are having a school meal will be entered into a raffle. There will be draws for KS1 and KS2 and we have some great prizes. We are also hoping to have a surprise visitor!

Parents/Carers of children in Reception or KS1 are invited to arrive at school to work with their children on the activities. The timetable below shows timings for individual year groups.

1.00 – 1.30	Reception
1.40 – 2.10	Year 1
2.20 – 2.50	Year 2

Entrance will be via the community entrance to the sports hall.

Coffee Morning—24th September

Yesterday we held our first coffee morning of this academic year. Thank you to all those parents/carers who came along, it was very well attended. Mrs Sutton spoke about our Volunteer Programme which we are hoping will start next week. We are looking forward to involving our volunteers in many of our school activities including school visits, reading with pupils and much more. Please request an application pack from the office if you are interested in joining our volunteer

Thurrock Education Awards

In 2014 Thurrock launched its Education Awards where parents/carers, pupils, staff or members of the community can nominate Headteachers, Teachers or Learning Support Assistants who they believe are making a difference to education in Thurrock. If you would like to nominate a member of staff from East Tilbury Primary School & Nursery, please visit <https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/education-awards/celebrating-excellence-in-education>. The closing date for nominations is 9th October 2015.

Secondary School Admissions

If your child is in the last year of primary school you must now apply for a secondary school place. Applications can be made online at www.thurrock.gov.uk/admissions; you must have an email account to apply online. If you and your child have decided on your preferences, it is important to make sure you submit your application. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your application, if you do not then your application may not have been submitted. If you require a paper application form, please ask at the office.

Competition open to KS2 (Y3-Y6) pupils of East Tilbury Primary School

There's still time to enter the coding competition to design and create your own game app!



For further details of the competition please go to the school website or go to <http://easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk/coding-competition>. The top 30 pupil entries will be invited on a school trip to **Legoland Windsor** at the end of this half term! All entries must be submitted by Friday 9th October 2015.