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CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 94.76%

Well done to classes 2E & 4R for achieving the highest attendance this week.

Celebrating all things books

We started the week with a whole school book read and celebration of our love of reading. It was magical to feel the enthusiasm from the children. The class texts, which all year groups study, throughout the year, have really inspired many of the children with their writing and nurtured their imaginations. The children talked about the positive experiences they have of reading with you, their parents, from their first memories to their ongoing routines and enjoyment of sharing a book with an adult or having an adult read to them. It really does make a difference so keep up the great work!



World Book Day generated much excitement, with wonderful costumes and lots more gorgeous books to share and celebrate. Miss Bloomfield conducted interviews with the book characters in 2B, really making the children think deeply about them and how they would respond as that character.



The Book Fair arrives in school today and is open, after school, in the library from this afternoon and through next week. Please do come and take a look, any money spent also helps to raise money for books in the school so thank you, in advance for your support and in helping grow the love of books.



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★Stars of the week★

Nursery	Toni is being celebrated in Nursery this week for her careful listening skills and participation in whole class carpet time activities. Toni joins in beautifully when saying letter sounds, counting, singing and shared reading. Well done Toni - you superstar.
Rec 1	Maia has been working super hard in everything but this week she did a great job at independently spotting patterns and was able to correctly predict the next colour in some tricky patterns. Well done Maia.
Rec 2	This week we are celebrating Delilah for her hard working nature. She has made a huge effort with her reading in class and at home and we are so impressed with her progress! She is a super star!
1M	Luke R for his excellent sentence writing this week. Luke has been working really hard on writing independently and remembering all of his checks. Well done Luke!
1E	Tabby J has had such a great week. She has started each day by coming into school with a really positive attitude and then put her brilliant brain to great use, especially when we have been writing our stories about Mrs Armitage. Really well done Tabby, we are really proud of you and keep it up!
2E	Eva E for her huge effort in RE this week. She went over and above the expected outcomes to complete a lovely piece of work about Holy Week.
2B	2B Star of the Week is Billie D for her excellent attitude to school life. She approaches all areas of the curriculum with care, contributes great ideas and takes time with her presentation.
3D	Mrs Deacon would like to celebrate Sophie A for using some lovely descriptive vocabulary when describing her chocolate bar creation. She also tried really hard to include lots of persuasive language when writing an advert for her chocolate bar.
3T	Theo G has shown great enthusiasm during our persuasive writing this week, using a range of techniques to engage and excite the reader. His hand has also been up constantly in all lessons, sharing great contributions to our discussions. Well done Theo!
4W	Dylan H for his continued excellence in art - Dylan's drawings are amazing! Also for being a very strong team player in tag rugby - he supported other players and flew around the pitch scoring tries!
4R	Mrs Richard's star of the week is Pippy. She has worked exceptionally hard in her maths work to tell the time. She has shown determination and resilience.
5E	5E would love to celebrate Alfie P for going above and beyond with his learning in our current unit in dance. Alfie has been captivated learning the 'Haka' and he has learnt all of the actions and words to the routine. He also had some help from his relatives in New Zealand. Superb effort Alfie!
5/6W	Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Teddy B for his amazing learning attitude and kindness this week. His contributions, particularly in PE and Science, have really impressed us all. Very well done, Teddy - keep up the great work!
6H	This week I would like to celebrate Harlei as she has been demonstrating a really positive attitude in all of our lessons. She has put together good pieces of work in English, science and art. Additionally, she has participated fully in our RE and music sessions this week. Keep up the good work, Harlei!
6Y	Grace W and Laudie D are both being celebrated this week for creating a book box for Mersea Book Week to share with other classes. It was very well thought out with many props to help children guess the book they had chosen. Well done to both of them.



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How to stop YouTube shorts – advice from a fellow parent

If you have ever listened to your child skipping through a short video on YouTube the noise itself is enough to drive you mad but what it is doing to the brain is something else!

You can turn these off very easily by tapping the three-dot menu above the Short video section and selecting "Not interested" this will hide them for 30 days. Consistently doing this, or clicking the "X" on the Shorts themselves, will remove them from your home feed.



Art Competition – invitation to our very own ART GALLERY!

We would like to say a big well done for all the fantastic entries into the art competition. There is such a range of paintings, drawings and sculptures that have clearly taken lots of time and effort, the children should be really proud of themselves. The Royal Academy of the Arts are now in the process of judging and winners will be announced at the end of May. In the meantime, we would like to invite you to our Mersea art gallery in the hall on Friday 13th March at 3:15pm to see all of the super entries.

FOMISA Golden Ticket – Wonky Bars

A huge thank you to our wonderful FOMISA team for another great effort with the Wonky Bar Golden Ticket event yesterday. These things take hard work and we are really appreciative, along with all the children beaming as they left the site. I have received very positive feedback so thank you for your support. Golden Tickets rewards in school will take place over the course of the next week.

Uniform

Please note we move to summer uniform after half term, if you are thinking ahead to purchase any items of uniform, please do check our policy (see attached) and remember there is plenty of stock in the uniform hut for a fraction of the cost of buying new.

Hut Opening Hours:

Monday- before school, during drop off
Wednesday – after school, during pick up
Friday – after school, during pick up

Parents Evening Appointments

Appointments go live for Parents Evening on Monday 9th March at 5.30pm, please look out for the email. Please note, we are only able to offer one appointment per child.

Up-to-date medical information and contact details

If there have been any changes to your contact details or your child's medical needs, please ensure you have notified the school office. This is really important that we are aware of any medical issues and are able to make contact with you swiftly in case of an emergency.