



Newsletter – Friday 18th October 2024



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	96.85%
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Well done to class 4W for achieving the highest attendance this week.

Nurturing sporting talent

Mr Hall would like to give a special mention to the 24 children who represented Mersea at this week's Tag-Rugby Tournament. As always, our children demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and played brilliantly. Well done, everyone!

Secondary School Applications for September 2025 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2025) is **31 October 2024**. Any applications made late are dealt with after those made on time and so applying late reduces the chances of being offered a preferred school.

Applications can be made via our website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.



A huge thank you from Annie and Grace for all your generosity in donating to the Toilet Twinning project. So far, your kindness has raised £180. This will help to provide three toilet kits for children who otherwise would not have access to these facilities. This will have a huge impact on their health and wellbeing, so thank you so much.



Have you booked your tickets?

FOMISA are very kindly organising a Halloween disco on Thursday 24th October from 4.15 – 5.15pm. This event will be open to all children from Reception to Year 6. **Tickets are only available to purchase via Parentpay and sales will close on Tuesday 22nd October. Please be aware, we will not be adding any further names to the list after ticket sales have closed** and you will not be able to turn up on the night to purchase a ticket on the door. This is so the FOMISA team can plan for the number of pupils who will be attending. Please be aware that we cannot allow parents to stay on site during the event, so please do consider whether your child, particularly those in Reception, is robust enough to cope with the hustle and bustle of a school disco, along with the costumes, before signing them up to come. We definitely don't want them to be upset or for their first experience of a school event to be anything less than positive. Pupils who are attending clubs on that afternoon, who would like to attend the disco, will be able to bring in any costumes and will be able to get changed and come and join the fun.



Stars of the Week

Nursery	Owen has been an all-round superstar this week. He has been extra helpful and kind to the children and adults in the nursery, going above and beyond helping others with their shoes. Also, Owen has focused in all activities and shown great attention to detail when painting his autumn leaves in autumnal colours, incorporating red and yellow in one leaf.
Rec 1	Olivia B in Reception 1 who has spent a long time at the creative area this week following instructions to make a picture from our story. 'Ruby's Worry'.
Rec 2	Poppy T for always being an excellent role model to her classmates and for being so kind to everyone.
1M	Elena G for her great team work and perseverance building a bridge for the Billy Goats Gruff and for her amazing independent writing about the troll. Well done Nelly!
1P	1P would like to celebrate Helena C for her positive attitude towards learning. Helena has shown great listening skills during class discussions and has been extremely independent with her work. Well done Helena!
2E	Evie M for her brilliant effort and attitude to learning. She is an excellent role model to others, listening carefully, putting lots of effort into everything she does and is always the first to put her hand up and share ideas. Well done Evie.
2S	In Class 2S we would like to celebrate Talulah C and her growing resilience. She has been challenging herself in class and bouncing back if things do not go exactly to plan the first time. Well done Talulah!
3D	Sofia R for having an excellent attitude to learning. She is always extremely positive and polite, taking on board everything you tell her that she needs to do to make her work even better.
3E	Lottie M has had a great week. She has worked so hard on her story writing, really thinking about her language choices and taking such care with her presentation. She has also persevered with some challenging maths problems. Really well done Lottie, keep it up.
4B	Jayden W for going above and beyond with his homework - which in turn really helped him when writing his diary from the point of view of a child evacuated in WW2.
4W	Eva P for always producing more work than was asked for in all subjects and always presenting it absolutely beautifully.
5F	Freddie G for his positive attitude and great work in English and Maths. Freddie produced a great Powerpoint all about dolphins and confidently presented it to the class.
5T	Laudie D for her descriptive free verse poetry this week. Well done.
5W	Teddy B for his superb effort in English, brilliant contributions in all subjects, for being really organised and helpful. We have been really impressed with his positive attitude- well done Teddy.
6H	Evie G who has shown the utmost enthusiasm in every single lesson and has put in a tremendous amount of effort. Her hand shoots up to answer almost every question I ask and she is always willing to share her brilliant work. This week, I have been particularly impressed with her art, science and English work. Well done, Evie.
6Y	Amy F for constantly going 'over, above and beyond' in her work, ensuring her explanations are really detailed. Well done Amy.



Introducing.....the nursery band!



Magical moments created by Maia, Albert and Lily!

Olivia B's (R1) picture from the story Ruby's Worry.



Individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday & Thursday, 23rd & 24th October



At Eco Warriors we have been talking about how to be more 'Eco' about pumpkins. Below are some ideas, recipes and instructions that have been shared by Grace W and Olivia G.



Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Rinse and dry seeds

Roast in the oven with salt, oil and paprika (for 12-15 minutes)

Crisps

Peel your pumpkin

Pop the peel skin down on a baking tray

Bake for about 8 minutes or until they are dry, take out the tray and coat the peelings with oil, salt and paprika.

Grow again!

Keep some seeds and save them for next year to sow in late May or June