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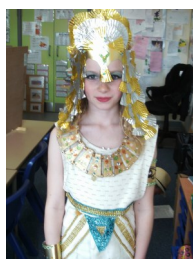
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Egyptian Day

Yesterday Oysters class had a fantastic day dressing up as pharaohs, mummies and Egyptologists for their Ancient Egyptian workshop day. The children participated



in a variety of activities. They started with a geography lesson and learnt that lower Egypt was in fact at the top of the map because the River Nile flowed downstream into the sea. In the hall, the children looked at ancient artefacts including swords, which had been sent to the pharaohs as gifts, which the children got to hold; they were very heavy! In the classroom the children had to measure items (including Miss Pickard) using a royal cubit stick. Also the children had to find information from boards around the classroom. Interesting fact: Egyptians were the first people to build objects out of glass. The afternoon saw a mummy being embalmed and mummified and a pharaoh killed. The children then went on a funeral march around the school. After that Miss Pickard killed the Queen (Ella) and became Pharaoh. The children then had to worship at her feet. A fantastic day for all!

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

Sun Cream & Sun Hats

Please could all parents make sure that their children are liberally covered in sun tan cream each morning and have a sun hat in school. We had several children returning to school on Monday who were sunburnt, which meant school was very uncomfortable for them.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 16th June -Whole School Open Morning 9.00a.m.-10.15a.m.-both sites. Please do not bring pre-school children

Thursday 18th June-SPORTS DAY. Year 2, 3, 4, 5, 6-10.00a.m. start at the Garrison Track. 12.15p.m.-1.00p.m.-Whole School Picnic lunch. 1.00p.m.-2.45p.m.-Foundation and Year 1 Sports Day.

Friday 19th June-Non-Uniform Day donations for Summer Fair. **Year 4 must still wear school uniform as they are visiting Firstsite**

Friday 26th June-5-7pm-SUMMER FAIR

Friday 10th July - Foundation Trip to Easton Farm Park

Friday 17th July-Last Day of Summer Term

Year 2 Safari Day

Yesterday, both our Year 2 classes headed up to the Garrison track to take part in an athletics competition, competing against other local primary schools. Miss Gammans and class Claudius set the bar in the morning finishing third against all the schools that took part. Not to be outdone, and rising to the challenge, Mrs Skinner and class Mercury



finished second, missing out on first by just two points. My thanks to all the parents who were able to go along and support their children. Really well done to all the children-you were, by all accounts, absolutely fantastic and should all be very proud of your achievements.

Attendance

Please note that the responsibilities falling to schools with regards to attendance are changing, most specifically in Essex with regards to fixed penalty notices. As you will all be aware from the school's attendance policy, leave of absence will not be permitted in September unless a child has at least 97% attendance, this is up from 94% at the current time. In addition, a child will be classed as a Persistent Absentee if their attendance is less than 90%. Finally, fixed penalty notices can and will be issued to a child who is unauthorised absent from school for a period of 5 school days or more, this is a significant change from the 10 school days more currently stands at.

The governors and I are keen that we continue to work with and support leave of absence requests but please note attendance must be above 97%.

The message from the government and Essex is very clear. Attendance at school is important, it is a key life skill and a child's education suffers when they do not attend.

Year 6 Crucial Crew

On Tuesday, Year 6 attended Crucial Crew at Weston Homes. Each year, Year 6 attend this event and work through a series of workshops about life outside of school. This year the children learnt about alcohol awareness, road safety and internet safety. Some of the children had the opportunity to test the amount of carbon monoxide in their breath.



EARLY IS ON TIME.
ON TIME IS LATE.
and
LATE IS UNACCEPTABLE.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Preet Johal

Pluto Award (Iceni) - Siobhan Roper

Eeyore Award (Oysters) - Bobby Taitt

Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Jessica Stephens

Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Jadya Turay

Sully Award (Mercury) - Katherine Thompson

Diddle Award (Claudius) - Fern Fleming

Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Zoe Flicker

Bumble Award (Circus) - Ella Ojo

Stitch Award (Daffodils) - (Roses) - Alex Newton

Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Mia Rose Richardson

Heads' Award - Year 2

Attendance - Snowdrops

Spot- Phoebe Barratt

Newsletter Challenge

Each week, I will put in a sentence or phrase which will act as a story starter.

The challenge is to write the next part of the story but you can use no more than 100 words. Lower Phase children only need to write a sentence. Middle and Upper Phase will need to write a paragraph.



'Noooo,' screamed Lola, it absolutely can't possibly be my bedtime Charlie I'm still....

As always, answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mrs Smith's door if you are at Abbey site.

The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book.

And Finally ...

Shame on Miss Gammans. Having secured 3rd place yesterday morning at the athletics competition, Miss Gammans proudly held aloft the trophy only to break it...which was the first thing that the children told me when they got back to school.

Enjoy the weekend.

Simon Billings



NON UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 19th JUNE

For the privilege of wearing non uniform,
please make a donation to the Summer Fair
(which takes place on Friday 26th June
5.00 – 7.00 p.m.)

Instead of sending in money, could parents
please send their children in to school with an
item suitable for the Fair (e.g. items for
tombola e.g. good quality toys, toiletries, cans,
bottles, packets of biscuits, boxes of
chocolates, canned drinks and wrapped
sweets). We also need small items suitable
for Lucky Dip (e.g. pencils, rubbers, small
toys, jewellery items, small packets of
sweets). Please hand any glass items directly
to the School Office.

Also we urgently need brand new items
suitable for our raffle.

MANY THANKS !!!!

