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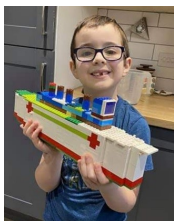


PTA Lego Competition—Final One

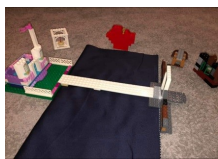
A final swansong as far as the 'PTA' lego Competition is concerned.

The theme/challenge was books. As mentioned in last weeks newsletter the PTA had some guest judges for their final competition in the form of Nicholas Geeraert and his son.

In KS1 the winners are: Isaac and Hugo



The KS2 winner was Emily



Really well done to those children. Well done as well to all the children that took part and my thanks to the PTA for organising and challenging our creative skills.

Goodbye Mrs Farley-Hewitt

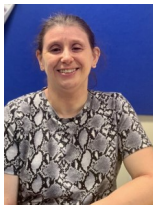
Very sadly next week will be Mrs Farley Hewitt's last week at our school. Mrs Farley-Hewitt joined us last year to cover Mrs Palmer as she went on maternity leave.

Mrs Farley-Hewitt has been working in our EYFS as class Chariot's class teacher.

Mrs Palmer has now decided that the novelty of being a parent has worn off and will be returning to our school as Chariot's class teacher after Easter.

There will be some hand-over time next week and Mrs Palmer will magically appear to introduce herself to the children.

In the meantime, we still have Mrs Farley-Hewitt for another week, so on behalf of the school—thank you for everything you've done for our children.



PTA Easter Egg Trail

Please remember that as per the poster on the website and in the e-mail of the newsletter—the PTA are asking that you have bought the map for the Easter Egg Trail by Monday 22nd March.

Science Week

Next week is Science Week in school. Please see Page 2 of the newsletter for a scientific challenge/competition that has been organised by Mrs Hancock.

Ink Cartridges

Our PTA are now working with 'Ink Bin' a company that recycles ink cartridges. Each cartridge we get—is apparently worth a £1 to the PTA.

The Ink Bin has been placed in the Abbey Field Site reception area. If necessary, you can also pass ink cartridges to the Town Site office. Please recycle any small ink cartridges that you use at home and help raise money for the school!!

Next Term

As promised we have reviewed our current provision and considered carefully the way that the children have adjusted to being back in school with in some cases different class mates and different teachers.

We have looked at how well settled the children have become in a very short space of time and the very positive impact that stability in school has brought them now that we are back.

We have also talked to every Team Leader with regards to their opinions on how well each year group has settled back into school.

We have also considered the upheavals that our children have experienced this term and the fact that a core premise for learning is stability.

Therefore the decision that we have made is that the current Class Bubbles will remain as they are for the duration of the Summer Term. This will be the same for every year group, although we will have to tweak one or two children as for example in Year 2, we do have one very large class bubble.

With the reports next week we will confirm with you who your child's class teacher will be for the remainder of this academic year.

I appreciate that for many of our children and parents, you will be delighted that this is the approach that we are taking as it maintains the stability, consistency, relationships and rapport that children have built up with their new class teachers this term. I do also appreciate that for a few other parents you will have concerns. I know I cannot allay those concerns in a paragraph in the newsletter.

In effect then, what ever words I use, will not allay any anxieties you feel or you feel that your children have with regards to this. What I would say though, is that the overwhelming majority of the class teachers felt that this approach was best for the children in the school and in their best interests socially, emotionally and academically. And if my teachers are saying this, I know that their experience from being with their Bubbles over the past term, and particularly face to face in the past fortnight, puts the children's best interests and learning at the forefront of a positive Summer Term.

Please remember that next week is the last week of the Spring Term. The Summer Term starts on Monday 12th April

End of AP2 Reports

End of AP2 reports for parents will be being sent home at the end of next week.

Last week the children completed assessments in school to gauge how well they'd moved forward with their learning, whether they were at home or at school during the third national lockdown.

The reports therefore, include a summary of where the children are currently attaining and their engagement/level of learning over this term.

As you would expect, we've asked the teachers to be honest in their appraisals and their summaries.

The next steps for all our children is to move them forward in their learning over the summer term to enable them to achieve the best that they possibly can.

Please look out for those reports which will come out on Thursday.

Bubble Isolation

Please be aware that the rules regarding 'Bubble Isolation' have not changed and are unlikely to moving forward.

This means that if/when we have a confirmed case of Coronavirus through a PCR test we will have to ask the class bubble to Self Isolate.

We have had to ask a class this week to Self Isolate and whilst we are very conscious of the implications for those children and their families—we are, at the present time, all beholden to the rules, which have been put in place to keep us safe.

Awards

- Year 6 (Mrs Rayner) - Jude (MM)
- Year 6 (Mrs Wall) - Riley (MM)
- Year 6 (Mrs Smith) - Eowyn (RROX)
- Year 5 (Mrs Rowe) — Sonny (MM)
- Year 5 (Miss Kerr) - Emily (CC)
- Year 5 (Miss Stockwell) - Max (RREX)
- Year 4 (Miss Salmon) - Eliot (RREX)
- Year 4 (Mr Rudge/Mrs Hancock) - Honey (RREX)
- Year 4 (Miss Mitchell) - Lucy (MM)
- Year 3 (Mr Eves) - Layla (CC)
- Year 3 (Mrs O'Shea) - Lilly (MM)
- Year 3 (Miss Aston) - Whole Class (RREX)
- Year 2 (Miss Witzendorf) - Henry (RROX)
- Year 2 (Miss Pickard) - Sienna (MM)
- Year 2 (Mrs Kibbler) - Eva (MLM)
- Year 1 (Miss Wiggins) - Alice (MM)
- Year 1 (Mrs Scotting) - Cher (RROX)
- Year 1 (Miss Roberts) - Lucianna (MM)
- EYFS (Mrs Correia) - Danthai (MLM)
- EYFS (Miss Cook) - Austin (RREX)
- EYFS (Mrs Farley Hewitt) - Daniel (MLM)
- HUB— Oliver (RREX)
- Attendance—Cymbeline & Lathes

And Finally,

This week in school we have had the theme of Poetry and Miss Harvey very thoughtfully sent the poem below to me at the start of this week!

I don't want to go into school today; Mum,
I don't feel like school work today.
Oh, don't make me go to school today, Mum
Oh, please let me stay home and play.

But you must go to school, my cherub, my lamb,
If you don't it will be a disaster,
How would they manage without you, my sweet,
After all you are the headmaster!

Author: colin mcnaughton

Have a good Weekend - Simon Billings

YOUR CHILD WILL
FOLLOW YOUR
EXAMPLE, NOT
YOUR ADVICE.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS –SUMMER TERM

If you are interested in your child joining a club, please confirm your child's place with the School Office At Town Site or Abbey Field Site.

Parents do need to confirm their interest in these clubs. There are restricted numbers on all clubs. Places will be on a strictly, first come, first served basis. Waiting lists will be kept for some clubs if necessary!

THE FOLLOWING CLUBS WILL START WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 12th APRIL

DAY AND YEAR GROUP	CLUB
TUESDAY – AF YEAR 1	SPANISH - £5.25 per class (payable termly) Maximum 16 children – 3.05 – 4.05 p.m.
TUESDAY – TOWN YEAR 2	TENNIS CLUB – Ashley Ford 3.20 – 4.20 p.m. – PAYABLE £60 PER TERM (minimal spaces available)
WEDNESDAY – AF YEAR 5	YOGA – Run by member of staff 3.15 – 4.15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY – AF YEAR 6	FOOTBALL CLUB – Essex Professional Coaching – PAYABLE £44.00 per term – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – Collect from rear of the school at Abbey Field Site
WEDNESDAY – AF Reception	DANCE CLUB – Taylor's Dance Company 3.00 – 4.00 p.m.- PAYABLE £24.00 per half -term
THURSDAY – TOWN YEAR 3	MULTI-SKILLS CLUB – Colchester United Football in the Community – 3.20 – 4.20 p.m. - £48.00 per term
THURSDAY – AF YEAR 1	DANCE CLUB – Taylor's Dance Company 3.05 – 4.05 p.m. – PAYABLE £24.00 per half-term
FRIDAY – AF YEARS 5	DANCE CLUB – Taylor's Dance Company 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – PAYABLE £24.00 per half - term
FRIDAY – AF YEAR 1	TENNIS CLUB – Ashley Ford 3.05 – 4.05 p.m.- PAYABLE £60 PER TERM – Collect from rear of AF site

PLEASE REMEMBER FOR ALL CLUBS, CHILDREN NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE UNDERCOVER AREA AT THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL AT TOWN SITE AND FROM THE RECEPTION AREA AT ABBEYFIELD SITE (unless noted above).

Science and
everyday life
cannot and should
not be separated.

Science Week Science in Our Homes

THE SCIENCE
OF TODAY IS
THE TECHNOLOGY
OF TOMORROW

From the week beginning Monday 22nd March, children will take part in Science Week at school. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to explore and share their ideas through the eyes of a scientist.

The theme this year is 'Innovating for the Future'. During the last year, we have experienced many things that have sparked interest in wanting to help others and improve the way the world works.

Therefore, Science Week is incredibly important to our school.

As we know, we have spent more time in our homes this past year than we ever have. Therefore, we would like to extend Science Week into the homes of our children and community.

We will be holding a competition called 'Science in Our Homes' Children will need to link their Science activity to the theme of 'Innovating the Future' This could be an experiment, an invention for improving their homes or for helping people or a project on an inventor. The winner will receive a Science prize. Entries will need to be entered by Thursday 15th March. Please send pictures via the school email or children can bring in their projects in to school to be judged.

Please take a look at the British Science week activity books using this website.

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/activity-packs/>

Book Bingo

We haven't forgotten that some children are owed a Non-uniform Day for completing their Book Bingo sheets in AP1. We also have children who have completed their Bingo challenges for AP2 as well. Therefore, we will combine the two and have a Non-uniform Day for all the children who completed Book Bingos in AP1 and AP2, once we return after Easter. There is still a week to go, so if you haven't already, see if you can enjoy some books and texts, as set out on the Bingo sheet

