



We are growing our learning

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Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Newsletter

We ♥ Maths

We are all writers ...



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Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd February. Harry Potter Book Night @ Colchester Library, Ages 7-12. Treasure Hunt and Wand Making, Come Dressed as a witch, wizard or muggle. 4:00pm - 5:00pm,

Friday 3rd February—NSPCC Number Day. Children may wear Non Uniform as long as the top has a number on it. If children do wear non uniform then parents please send in a donation for the NSPCC

Monday 6th February—Thursday 9th February. Internet Safety Week

Wednesday 8th February. Open School
3:30pm - 4:00pm—Both Sites

Thursday 9th February. Non Uniform Day—Yellow. £1.00. In aid of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

Friday 10th February. Non Pupil Day. The School is Closed.

Saturday 11th February. Colchester United @ Home—Barnet @3.00p.m.

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February. Half Term.

♥ Tuesday 14th February. Colchester United @ Home—Crawley @7.45p.m.

Monday 3rd April—Monday 17th April. Easter Holiday.

PLEASE LOOK ON THE CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES/EVENTS THIS TERM.



Eddie the Eagle

Our Year 5 children are currently working on a Monday morning with Colchester United. The project teaches the children how to play together effectively in different team games. It also focuses on the body, how it works and different ways of staying healthy.

This Monday, Eddie the Eagle, from Colchester United turned up to cheer the children on and join in. I'm not exactly sure how much help Eddie actually was, as at some point during the session, the children had taught Eddie to 'DAB'. (If you want to know what to 'DAB' is, please ask one of the Year 5's or 6's because I haven't got a clue.)



If you saw Mrs Bourne's twitter post, then you'll already have seen the helpful advice that I'm the one on the right!



Open Morning

Many thanks to all those parents who

were able to pop in on Wednesday morning, to spend some time learning with their children in the classrooms. From descriptive writing in Year 2, to Haiku in Year 3, Speaking and Listening in Foundation to Imperative Verbs in Year 5 and BID-MAS in Year 6. A wealth of learning was taking place.

Please remember that the curriculum maps are all on the school website and teachers will be posting learning on EARWIG to keep you as up to date as possible with what your children are doing at school.



Kingswood (Year 5)

Please remember that the next instalment of £65 is due by Friday 27th January.

Chair of Governors Report

Please look in your children's bags for the annual Chair of Governors report from Nicola Roberts our Chair of Governors. It gives a really useful summary of the school and things that are happening.

Attendance/Leave of Absence

At this time of year, people's attention invariably starts focusing on Summer and holidays. Please note that in line with the school's attendance policy, which is on the school website, the school cannot authorise holiday requests. We can authorise Leave of Absence requests but only for exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances will only be considered if the child/ren have 97% or above attendance in the 14 weeks preceding the absence. The School has and will seek fixed penalty notices for parents who take their children out of school unauthorised.

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

Assembly Theme for next Week: Have a Positive Attitude.

Let's Be Successful

I'm sure you remember that last term I was talking with you about WALT. We Are Learning To—which is the way teachers share the learning objective at the start of the lesson.

Developing on from this, please spend some time not only asking the children about a WALT from a lesson today but also about the success criteria. The success criteria are those steps that the children need to take in their work to achieve/be successful in the WALT.

So if the children tell you what they were learning about—ask them to tell you what steps they had to take to be successful.



Alien Invasion

If you go into the Town Site—you're in for a bit of a surprise...Aliens have taken over! Very friendly aliens, it has to be said but they're everywhere. This is all linked to the work that the Year 2 have been doing on 'Man on the Moon' which links to their descriptive writing.



Awards

- Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Zachary Dixon-Flemming
- Year 5 (Oysters) — Yasir Slimani
- Year 4 (Castle) - Joseph Hurry
- Year 4 (Cavalier) - Sophie Olivera-Smith
- Year 3 (Dutch) - Mohammad Amir
- Year 3 (Iceni) - Cameron Harris
- Year 2 (Mercury) - Mikhail Vinogradov
- Year 2 (Claudius) - Freya Cairney & Shannon Lingley
- Year 2 (Romans) - Ashton Wilson
- Year 1 (Eagles) - Stanley Piper
- Year 1 (Circus) - Subhaan Famuyiwa
- Year 1 (Roses) - Maci-Blue Cook
- Foundation (Chariot) - Evie-May Hunwick
- Foundation (Star) - Alfie Hunwick
- Foundation (Jumbo) - Leah Totman
- Heads' Award— Mercury, Claudius & Romans (Man on the Moon)
- Attendance — Iceni

Danbury (Year 4)

Please remember that final payments for Danbury are due by Thursday 9th February.

And Finally,

When you're the Headteacher, sympathy is often in short supply. On Wednesday I pulled something in my chest doing a solitary press up, I should have stayed lying on the floor! Coming into work on Thursday I was in quite a bit of pain and really struggled putting on my jacket and coat. Mrs Bullivant, rather than showing compassion, laughed and it took her ten minutes to explain to Mrs Bourne, through her giggling at my plight! I've worn a jumper today!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

Crossword/Wordsearch Challenge

There'll be a weekly word search challenge this term.

Table of 10 Word Search

T	P	L	B	Y	T	E	N	Q	F	E	T
Y	W	S	E	V	E	N	T	Y	I	D	H
T	T	E	K	C	S	O	S	G	E	Y	I
F	J	R	N	P	V	H	H	R	T	S	R
I	J	K	O	T	G	T	D	X	C	V	T
F	I	V	R	F	Y	N	I	L	V	N	Y
A	F	L	F	T	U	S	A	C	H	L	C
P	T	O	W	H	J	P	V	V	I	I	X
Y	E	F	E	B	D	V	Y	K	A	Z	L
B	V	N	Y	T	E	N	I	N	J	D	X
X	O	P	F	G	A	Y	M	B	F	T	Y
D	V	Q	F	T	T	O	U	P	X	F	Q

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1 × 10	5 × 10	8 × 10
2 × 10	6 × 10	9 × 10
3 × 10	7 × 10	10 × 10
4 × 10		

As always, Answers on Miss Salmon's door if you are at Abbey site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Town site
The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book or writing prize.

We're counting down to Number Day 2017!

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on Friday 3 February 2017.

Children deserve an equal start in life

The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse.

The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services like Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

(On 3 February we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits* and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a voluntary donation. Perhaps the donation could be linked to your favourite or lucky number!

It all adds up

We're looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at St John's Green will make an enormous difference to children today and help change the lives of children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Dan Green

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at nspcc.org.uk