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Please remember today is the last day of the Spring Term. The Summer term starts on Monday 17th April.

Full Governing Body Meeting (29/3/2023)

The Governors met on Wednesday 29th March chiefly to discuss and agree the school budget plan for the next three years. In these challenging financial times there was a long and detailed discussion about the priorities for the next three years. Of course, the main priority of the whole school is the children, their learning and their safety. As a twin site school there are additional challenges - and benefits too.

After lengthy discussion and questions the budget was agreed. (Schools are never allowed to set a negative budget so our thanks go to all those involved in juggling how we will continue to provide effective learning for all our pupils.) It is never easy, as you will all know from the current financial circumstances.

There was also close scrutiny of the catering budget. We have all seen the cost of food rise rapidly recently and this has impacted on the provision of healthy meals within schools. We are fortunate to have a catering team who are skilled at creating healthy menus even in these challenging times. The governors urge you to take advantage of our healthy menu. Your continued support is appreciated. You are still able to book a birthday table for your children to make their day special.

The progress of the One Square Mile project was celebrated and we are excited at the achievements that have been completed this far - there is so much more to do. Well done to everyone involved in it.

At our next meeting on May 24th we will be considering the latest pupil progress data across the school.

L Spencer-Campbell

Awards

STAR— Ariana (MLM), CHARLOT— Jude (CC), JUMBO- Aubrey (MLM).

EAGLES— Joshua (MM), ROSES— Alice (MM), CIRCUS- Jensen (RREX) & Archie (MM).

MERCURY— Tre (MM), CLAUDIUS- Emil (MLM), ROMANS- Fletcher & Max (MM).

DUTCH— Amelia (MM), ICE-NI—Jaxon (RREX), PAXMAN— Olivia (CC).

CASTLE— Whole Class (CC), CAVALIER— Hugo (RROX), GAR-RISON— Whole Class (MM).

OYSTERS- Sofia-Rae (RROX), MAGNETS- Samuel (MM), RAEDWALD- Emily (MM).

TRINOVANTES— Isabella (RROX) & Tommy (RREX), CYMBELINE— Joey (MM) LATHES— Nicole (MLM).

ATTENDANCE— Cavalier

Library— Dutch Class (MM).

Oh So Yellow

Huge thanks for all your yellow efforts today in support of the 'Children's Liver Disease foundation'. In total you raised £390. Thankyou.



Stones, Guns 'N' Roses—have all got some serious competition going forward. Huge thanks to Rock Steady Music for bringing it all together and really well done to those children who have been learning their 'rock' instruments this term!



Book Bingo Non-Uniform Day

We have collected in the Book Bingo challenges and the date for children, who completed these challenges, to wear non uniform will be on Wednesday 26th April.

Your child's class teacher will let your child know if they have completed their challenges- if you are unsure!

Thank you for all of those who have taken part. We have new Book Bingo challenges prepared for AP3 (on our website). Mr Payne has devised the challenges into two categories: those to complete at school and those for home.

Many thanks,

Mrs Skinner, Miss Wiggins and Mr Payne

School Attendance

All parents will be aware from the AP2 reports that were sent out of their children's current attendance for this academic year. I cannot place too high a value on the importance of children attending school regularly.

Why is it so important to attend every day?

Learning is a progressive activity: each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day(s).

Class Teachers use discussions, demonstrations, experiments and participation as part of the daily learning activities, and these cannot be made up by those who are absent.

Are there other benefits to my child?

Pupils with good attendance records generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.

Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life.

Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 Days off school	100%	perfection!
equivalent to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent!
equivalent to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
equivalent to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
equivalent to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned

Rock Steady Music

Yesterday afternoon children @ AF were regaled by our 'Rock Musicians' as they gave their first ever live concert—to what was a fairly packed hall. Queen, The Rolling

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Assembly Theme for WB: 17/4/2023—Introducing the Big Question.

Term Dates

Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April—Easter Break

Monday 17th April—First day of Summer Term.

Monday 1st May—May Day Bank Holiday—The School is Closed.

Monday 8th May—King Charles Coronation—Public Holiday—The School is Closed.

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June—Half Term

Wednesday 19th July—Monday 4th September—Summer Holiday

Tuesday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term.

Diary Dates

Friday 21st April—Non Uniform Day for those who have completed the Science Home Challenges

Wednesday 26th April—Non Uniform day for Spring Term Book Bingo completed challenges.

Thursday 27th April—8.45a.m.—10.00a.m.—PTA Coffee Morning @ AF

Tuesday 2nd May—Friday 5th May—Year 4 Danbury Residential

Thursday 4th May—STEM—Space Day.

Friday 5th May—School King's Coronation Celebration.

Tuesday 9th May—Friday 12th May—Year 6 SATs

Please note dates for Year 4 Production 'Pantastic' are on the school's website calendar.

The Big Question for the Summer Term Assessment Period — How do I Make Good Decisions?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Relationships

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 28 (Right to Education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

The Mighty—Colchester United—50% Ticket Discount.

Colchester United Community Foundation, your local sports charity, are delighted to invite families from your school to book tickets for the Colchester United vs Crewe game on Monday 10th April 3pm Kick off, with a special 50% discount on family tickets.

A free programme is included for all, so that the children have something to keep and read after the match.

Bookings can only be made in our family stand (East stand) using your unique discount code: FSMEARN%50 to get 50% off match tickets.

For X1 adult ticket purchase, X2 children U11 can attend for free, which means an adult can attend the game half price and take X2 children aged U11 for free.

To book your tickets visit: <https://tickets.colchesterunited.net/Tickets/BuyTickets/SeatSelection/34417>

We hope that you and your families can enjoy this special ticket offer and cheer the team onto victory.

Up the Us!



Coregnation.

Really shell done to all those children/parents that eggerted the PTA Coregnation Compeggitation.

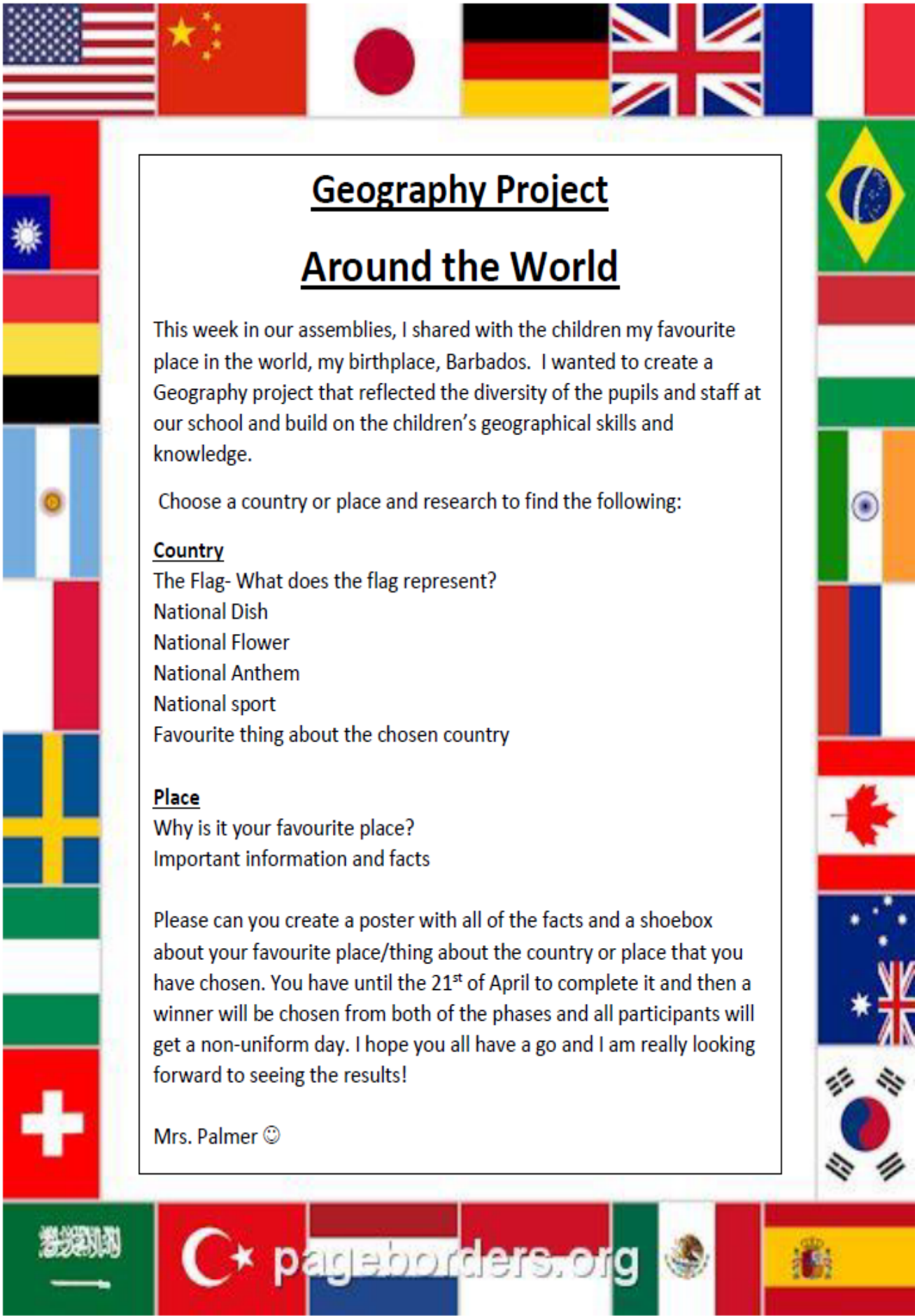


A valiant effort by all white made jegging the compeggitation, no yoke.

Really well done to the following winners:

EYFS—Ruby, Year 1—Zachary, Year 2—Alyssa, Year 3—Henley, Year 4—Charlotte, Year 5—Ela, Year 6—Loranne, Parents/Staff (Alexander (Chariot).





Geography Project

Around the World

This week in our assemblies, I shared with the children my favourite place in the world, my birthplace, Barbados. I wanted to create a Geography project that reflected the diversity of the pupils and staff at our school and build on the children's geographical skills and knowledge.

Choose a country or place and research to find the following:

Country

The Flag- What does the flag represent?

National Dish

National Flower

National Anthem

National sport

Favourite thing about the chosen country

Place

Why is it your favourite place?

Important information and facts

Please can you create a poster with all of the facts and a shoebox about your favourite place/thing about the country or place that you have chosen. You have until the 21st of April to complete it and then a winner will be chosen from both of the phases and all participants will get a non-uniform day. I hope you all have a go and I am really looking forward to seeing the results!

Mrs. Palmer ☺