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FGB Meeting 26/3/25

The Governing Body met on the 26/3/25 for our regular overview of how the school is running. We reviewed the strategic priorities of the school as these are the principles that inform everything that happens within the school. We received an overview of the many support services that are working with the school community in supporting families in various ways. In our staffing update we learnt that we have appointed 2 new teachers who will join us in April, and we also noted our thanks and very best wishes to Ms Williams who will be leaving us to take up a new role.

We received a very comprehensive overview of our finances, which we are happy are well managed. We were reminded about the importance of our school meals and Breakfast Club provision and how vital this is for our school community; we know that we provide an excellent value and high-quality provision so would encourage new people to give it a try if it's something you have been considering.

The PTA update is always something we look forward to and we know the excitement that the next event is creating, the much-awaited school disco! Thanks, as ever to the PTA and please also consider getting involved in this if you like the sound of supporting the school with organising fun fundraising events

The school currently has a few vacancies which may be of interest to you - Middy assistant (please speak to the office staff for details of how to apply), School Crossing Patrol Officer (School Crossing Patrol Officer - Vacancies across Essex - Working for Essex) and a vacancy for a Parent Governor which is a voluntary position (please speak to either School Office about this).

The most exciting news for me however was learning that the school will be a smart phone free school for children as of September. The idea was raised by parents and is wholly supported by the Governing Body. All current research shows that excessive screen time has a negative effect on young minds. It is very much a topic of conversation in the media currently, due to recent programmes around how damaging phones can be to mental health and relationships (Swiped - the school that banned smartphones can be found on All4 and Adolescence can be found on Netflix). We are confident that this change will see an improvement in well being and concentration but appreciate that it is a change so if you or your child has any concerns about this please speak to the class teacher or Mr Billings, Mrs Bullivant or Mrs Skinner. More details will follow in due course.

Elisa Vasquez-Walters

Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr falls at the end of the fasting month of Ramadan. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sundown. This is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. The beginning of Ramadan is marked by a crescent moon and the ending of the month of Ramadan is declared when a crescent new moon is sighted.

This year Eid will be the Evening of Sun, 30 Mar 2025 - Mon, 31 Mar 2025 - Eid means festival in Arabic.

- Eid is celebrated by 1.8 billion people.

- People greet each other during Eid by saying Eid Mubarak.

Eid Mubarak means 'Happy Eid' or 'Blessed Eid'.

We have lots of our school community who will be celebrating Eid.



Historeggal Competition

Please remember that all Historeggal Eggs need to be handed in by Tuesday 1st April so they can be judged by the School's Historeggans.

Many thanks.

Aidan

On Saturday 15th March, Aidan took part in the Colchester Rotary Club Festival of Music, competing in the piano category for children up to 11 years old. Despite being the youngest contestant, Aidan managed to secure a fantastic 3rd place, outperforming many older children.

An absolutely fantastic achievement—well done.



Term Dates

Monday 7th April—Monday 21st April—Easter Break
Monday 5th May—Bank Holiday—The School is Closed
Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May—Half Term
Friday 13th June—Non Pupil Day—The School is Closed.
Friday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term

Year 4 Production 'Oliver with a Twist!'

Tuesday 1st April @ 1.45p.m. @ T site
Wednesday 2nd April @ 9.45a.m. @ T site
Thursday 3rd April @ 1.45p.m. @ T site

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd April—AP2 Reports to Parents..

Friday 4th April—Last day of Spring Term.

Tuesday 22nd April—First Day of Summer Term

Thursday 24th April @ 5.00p.m. - @ AF. Final Information Meeting for Year 4 Residential to Danbury.

Friday 25th April—Non Uniform Day—'Purple Pinkie' - As Pink/Purple as you like—£1—In support of Rotary Club 'End Polio Now!'

Wednesday 30th April—Year 4 Swimming Starts.

Thursday 1st May—Happy Days 'Class Photos' @ AF.

Friday 2nd May—Happy Days 'Class Photos' @ T.

Friday 2nd May—PTA School Disco's:

EYFS in School Time

Year 1/2: 4.30-5.15p.m. @ AF

Year 3/4: 5.30p.m.—6.15p.m. @ AF

Year 5/6: 6.30p.m.—7.15p.m. @ AF

(More Details will follow)

Tuesday 6th May—Friday 9th May—Year 4 Danbury

Assembly Theme for WB: 24/3/25—Easter Story

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 2 (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Awards

STAR—Amelia (RREX),

CHARIOT—Zoya (MM), JUMBO- Teddy (MLM).

EAGLES—Lottie (RROX), ROSES—Tommy (RREX), CIRCUS- Arthur (RROX).

MERCURY—Samuel (RREX), CLAUDIUS- Eric (MM), ROMANS- Charlie (CC).

DUTCH—Ralph (MM), ICENI—(Cesare (MM), PAXMAN—Hickson (RREX).

CASTLE—Charlie (RROX), GARRISON—Mya-Rose (RREX), CAVALIER—Derny (RREX).

OYSTERS—Alina (MM), RAEDWALD-Whole Class (CC), MAGNETS—Ethel (MM).

TRINOVANTES—Alexa (MM), CYMBELINE—Layla (RROX), LATHES—Aiden (CC).

ATTENDANCE—Magnets & Iceni



Year 5 Roman Circus

As part of

their cross-curricular learning in Year 5, they visited The Roman Circus to inspire their writing of an historical story in literacy. This linked to their One Square Mile history project as they explored the Fenwick Hoard - a collection of Roman Artefacts discovered buried at the top of the High Street - and imagined who might have buried it and why. The children created some fantastic stories, using all they had learnt across both subjects.

The **Big** Question for the Spring Term Assessment Period — Who is Responsible for the World?

Danbury

Year 4 Parents, please remember that the final payment for our Year 4 residential to Danbury is now overdue. (£30).

Kingswood

Year 5 parents, please remember that the next instalment for the Year 6 Kingswood residential is due today (28th March) £75.

Berechurch Road will be closed from its junction with Pownall Crescent to its junction with Queen Mary Avenue. The closure is scheduled to commence on April 1st for three days.

It would be really helpful if ALL parents could ensure that School Dinner and Breakfast Club Payments are all made promptly next week as it's the school's Financial Year End. Thank you.