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St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

We ♥ Maths

We are all writers …

Reading is the Key!

Newsletter

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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So Proud

The Children's Society

We have amazing children in our school, every day they delight us with their stories and acts of kindness. As well as Bella's fantastic report on the UNICEF Ambassador and School Council this week, here is some info about Mia in Year 5.

Mia has decided she is going to fundraise for The National Deaf Children's Society. This is a charity that means a lot to Mia due to her being deaf and wearing a hearing aid. She is walking 384,000 steps from 17th January to 17th February. An average of 12,000 steps a day. Here is Mia's fundraising page if you would like to encourage her and donate to this very worthwhile charity. The link is : https://gofund.me/61fd4c67

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for Half Term—Dreams and Goals

Our Assembly Theme for next week is:

Introducing the Concept— Aspirations.

Term Dates

Spring Half Term. Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February.

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

First day of Summer Term—Tuesday 19th April

Diary Dates

Friday 4th February—Non Uniform Day 'Purple Pinkie' in support of Rotary Clubs 'End Polio Now' Children can be as pink/purple as they like, £1

Tuesday 8th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February—Women in Science Day

WALK

GET OUT THERE AND WALK !

Walk with purpose, walk with style, walk round your neighbourhood, in the wood, through the park. Get up, get out !

Year 4 Parents—We really need your booking for Danbury now. The next payment for Danbury our Year 4 residential is due on 11th of February. If you would like your child to go and haven't booked a place yet, please speak to either School Office.

SAFER GREENER HEALTHIER

Sign up for a free adult cycling training session.

Whether you're a beginner or just want to boost your confidence, our qualified instructors can help.

Sign up at https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/registerinterest/registerselectcoursetype or for more details, email SaferEssexRoads@essexhighways.org

Training sessions will run until 31st March 2022 and are available across Essex.

Essex County Council

⬆ FREE for adults !

Half Term Event for 3-8yr olds

Fancy storytime with an author reading from their book plus some Free activities? Then hurry up and book your session at Colchester Library on

Monday 14 February 2022, 10:30-11:30am.

You can book in person, by telephone or by using the Eventbrite link here

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/244416224507

Catherine will be reading her new book *King of the Swamp*.

KING OF THE SWAMP

WHY WE LOOK AFTER THE WORLD AS A SCHOOL!!!

by Bella, Year 6

As Unicef ambassadors and school councillors, our most important job is to make sure our school is doing everything it can for the environment. Today, I'm going to share with you why we do it and why we are always looking for more ways to become an eco-friendly school!

why we recycle

Recycling is an important step in becoming eco-friendly, so we (Unicef Ambassadors and school councillors) try to encourage everyone to recycle their pens, glue-sticks and paper. We do this by having designated boxes and bins with signs and rights on them. The most important thing is why we do it and the answers simple, if we don't teach people about recycling, then it will never happen and if it never happens, global warming will get even worse!

why we use single use plastic as few many times as we can

Single use plastic is the worse kind off plastic because SO many people use it without even realising it!

It could be a plastic water bottle, sandwich wraps or bags, food wrapping or even plastic cutlery! That's why we have lessons on the impact of single use plastic as millions of plastic are dispatched into fields, forests and oceans and then break down into micro particles that contaminate our earth. We also are doing a project where everyone is going to get a piece of beeswax wrap!

why we have meat free Mondays

Meat free Mondays are a new edition to our school because unlike before, now lots of people are switching to vegetarian including me! Even if you're not vegetarian, our meat free Mondays cater for everyone with simple meals such as pizza or veggie curry! We have meat free Mondays because even if you we don't cut meat out completely, a little less meat will help the earth and the animals.

Here are some things that you can do to help the earth:

- recycle by up cycling and reusing
- less animal products
- use reusable plastic
- raise awareness

Overall, we look after the world because there is no PLANET B and we want to educate people about global warming because unless they know, nothing will happen. I hope you will try some of these ideas and look at the world with a different kind of view!

Awards

STAR—Ellie (RREX), JUMBO— Kenzie (MM), CHARIOT— Theo (MLM)

EAGLES— Paul (MM), CIRCUS- Fletcher (RROX), ROSES - Alex (RROX).

MERCURY— Noman (RREX), CLAUDIUS- Barney (MM), ROMANS– Kyra (MM).

DUTCH—Tim (RREX), ICENI— Salma (RREX), PAXMAN— William (MM).

CASTLE— Jarrod (RREX), CAVALIER—Matilda (CC), GARRISON— Olivia-Scarlett (RREX)

OYSTERS- Hosanna (RREX), MAGNETS – Amber (CC), RAEDWALD – Emily (CC).

CYMBELINE— Ani (MLM), TRINOVANTES— Jessica (MM), LATHES– Dylan (MLM).

ATTENDANCE— Iceni 100% !

Breakfast Club and/or MDA Vacancy

The school has a vacancy for both a Breakfast Club Assistant and a Mid Day Assistant.

Daily hours: 1 hour and 15 minutes Monday – Friday

Hourly rate of pay: £9.43

Annual salary: £2,552.81

From today:

Facemasks are no longer needed when entering the school buildings.

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.

Report to parents from the Full Governing Body meeting held on 24/01/2022

The Governing Body discussed the importance of supporting the school's reading strategy because it is a well established fact that the ability to read is such an important factor when we look at success (in it's many forms) in later life.

We discussed the on-going impact of Covid and how this has affected children's ability to access their education. Whilst this has been a significant challenge the school has managed the situation well given the difficult circumstances.

The Governors began the process of looking at the latest educational data which gives us an understanding of how all our year groups are doing in the areas of Reading, Writing and Maths. It also helps us understand what the on-going impact of the pandemic has been and what the school to support children that need additional support.

We received an update on staffing which is looking healthy although we are advertising for both Midday Assistants and Learning Support Assistants.

We heard from Governors who had attended a School Council/ UNICEF meeting; they reported being extremely impressed with the Council representatives who made excellent contributions to the meeting. We enjoyed reading the report from of the Year 6 representatives (you can read it overleaf).

Governors received a very comprehensive update on the school finances and we are very satisfied that these are in very good order.

We also discussed the very real concern of the rapidly rising cost of living increases. The school is committed to not allowing the increase in food costs to affect the price of our school meals. The catering team will continue to monitor the situation and to provide the children with a nutritious and balanced menu, while ensuring it is an affordable option for parents.

We heard that the PTA is looking for new members to join them and we would encourage parents to consider getting involved as this is a great way to support the school.

Report written by Elisa Vasquez-Walters, Governor