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Newsletter

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Year 6 SATs

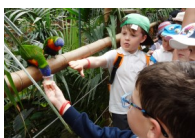
Our Year 6 children have been brilliant this week as they sat from Monday to Thursday their national tests. You will have read, I'm sure, a lot in the papers about the tests and their impact on children. All I can say is that our children could not have tried any harder and they gave their all with a sensible and mature attitude. Year 6 parents should be very proud of their children. They have tried their best and no one can ask any more. Now about those bears...

Ice Pops

The school tuck shop will be selling ice pops from Monday. Ice pops will cost 10p and children will be able to buy one each day.

Colchester Zoo

Yesterday the children in Year 1 were whisked away to Colchester Zoo. Once there, they had an amazing experience, both looking around at all the different animals and taking part in a hands on session led by a member of the zoo staff where they sorted animal artefacts and learned about animal classification. Thank you to the children for their excellent behaviour and to our parent helpers as well.



UNICEF—Day for Change

All sixteen of our school councillors started this morning with a free breakfast at breakfast club. They then had a special briefing with Mrs Corani; before beginning their fundraising for UNICEF's Day For Change. Day for Change is about raising awareness of UNICEF's vital work to protect millions of children who have been affected by violence and abuse, disease, hunger, war and disaster. The children were very knowledgeable, when they were asked questions about the purpose of the fundraising; and we are very proud of the way in which they have taken on board this challenging subject. We would like to say thank you for all of your very kind donations so far; it really is appreciated. Please don't forget the ice cream sale after school today.



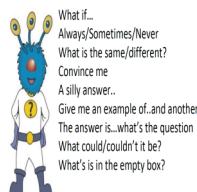
Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Year 6
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Katie Roberts
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Mia McQuiston
Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Freddie Szaj & Yasmine Cozzo
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Ben Hill
Sully Award (Mercury) - Mia Wickers
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Charlie Fisher
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Leland Freeman
Bumble Award (Circus) - Nathaniel Wojak
Simba Award (Roses) - Nate Helene
Stitch Award (Chariot) - Francesca Pincombe
Hathi Award (Star) - Callum McPherson
Mickey Award (Jumbo) - Jeahlyn Valencia
Spot— Max Howie
Heads' Award— Year 6
Attendance — Trinovantes/Oysters

Mathematical Reasoning

All children will be bringing home tonight a leaflet which talks through some ideas about mathematical reasoning. Reasoning is a crucial maths skill that encourages children to explain their methods. The leaflets have also been popped on the school website. Please click on maths and then reasoning.

CAPTAIN CONJECTURE



New Adventure Trail

Parents who have been up at the Abbey Field site this week will have noticed that we have been having an adventure trail installed. It is now complete and children will be able to begin using it from Monday. The policy for using the apparatus is exactly the same as the play park at the Town site.



Children may NOT use the adventure trail before school.

Children will be able to use the adventure trail during the school day.

Children may use the adventure trail after school, but parents must take responsibility for supervising their children.

Diary Dates

Monday 16th May—Friday 20th May. Year 2 SATs.
(Please note change of date)

Monday 16th May—Friday 20th May—Walk to School week.

Wednesday 25th May. Open Morning. 9.00—10.15a.m.

Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June. Half Term.

Wednesday 8th June—Open School. 3.30p.m.—4.15p.m.

Monday 13th June—Friday 17th June. Year 1 Phonics Screening.

Tuesday 14th June and Wednesday 15th June, Induction meetings at AF for new parents. 6.00p.m.—7.00p.m.

Thursday 16th June. KS1 and KS2 Sports Day at Garrison Track.

Tuesday 5th July—Foundation Sports Day, at St John's Green AF.

Thursday 22nd July. Last day of Summer Term

Monday 5th September. First day of Autumn Term.

Parent View

Ofsted asks all schools to encourage parents to comment what they think about the school. There are a series of questions that range from teaching to behaviour. If you do have a few minutes over the weekend. Please could you go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> alternatively the link is also available via the Ofsted link on the school website. Many thanks.



Idiom Challenge

There'll be a weekly Idiom challenge this term, focusing on using Idioms in a descriptive sentence.

This weeks Idiom.



Children need to write the idiom in a descriptive sentence. As always, Answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Abbey site.

The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book or writing prize.

And Finally ...

The bears have it! Trying to write the newsletter this morning, I've had a succession of bear related incidents instigated from the Year 6. Posters have been left adorning my office, a free the bear chant, Miss Pickard parading the weeping Year 6 along the corridor! I've also been threatened with the muller rice advert played on a loop. I'm standing firm though, this afternoon I'm putting those bears through their paces...

(Please see Twitter feed if you want to know what's going on)

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings