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We we are all  
Maths writers ...



# Newsletter

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**One Square Mile**—Please remember to follow on: <https://m.facebook.com/people/One-Square-Mile-Heritage-on-our-Doorstep/100086912204893/>



## One Square Mile—Merville Barracks.

As part of our One Square Mile: Heritage on our Doorstep project, Year 5 pupils visited Merville Barracks on 6 June, the 79th anniversary of the D-Day landings during the Second World War.

The children were shown around the camp's Dakota gate guardian, the iconic transport aircraft used in Second World War airborne operations and learnt about the attack on Merville Gun Battery in Normandy by 9th (Essex) Parachute Battalion, from which Merville Barracks takes its name.

They learnt about Pegasus, the defining emblem of British airborne forces since their formative days and watched British Army Band Colchester rehearsing for the Brigade's Freedom of Colchester parade on Thursday 22nd June. Children went inside large Army vehicles and learnt about the mechanical engineering skills of 8 (Para) Field Company Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. The visit ended with the soldiers, school children and staff joining together at the Dakota for a wreath laying ceremony remembering the bravery and sacrifice of those who fought and died on D-Day.

Many thanks to Adrian Rushton for the accompanying photographs.



## Parent Invite - Town Wall Exhibition

Please look out for an email invite sent last week to all parents regarding the very exciting exhibition we are hosting on behalf of Colchester Archaeological Trust on 14th June at 7pm. Tickets are free and available here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/town-wall-paintings-exhibition-parent-viewing-town-site-tickets-63383235307>

**The event is for adults only.**

## Home Science Challenges

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It has been wonderful to see the entries from the Home Science Challenges over the past two terms. To continue to inspire the curiosity of science, there are 6 more challenges for this term for the children to complete at home, should they wish to explore them. The challenges consist of your child working their way through each experiment and bringing back this letter, ticked off to acknowledge that they have completed each. All children who complete all 6 challenges will be rewarded at the end of this term. Therefore, the challenges will need to be completed before the Summer Holidays.

The past two terms we have had an amazing amount of photo entries sent in and written experiments brought into school. Entries can be sent into school via the office/class teachers and digital entries can be sent to the office email address, who will kindly pass these on.

Have fun exploring these experiments!

Miss Cook

<p><b>1. Habitat Hunt</b> My Forest Scavenger Hunt</p>	<p><b>2. Baking Soda Rocket</b></p>	<p><b>3. Marshmallow Spaghetti Towers</b></p>
<p><b>4. Inflate a balloon with lemon juice</b></p>	<p><b>5. Solar Oven</b></p>	<p><b>6. Baking Soda Volcano</b></p>

Instructions to help you with some of the challenges:

- Habitat Hunt**—Go for a walk and see how many different habitats you can find. Can you draw and label them?
- Baking Soda Rocket**  
You will need: Small 500ml bottle – empty, cork which fits tightly inside the neck of the bottle, half a piece of kitchen roll (paper towel), one tablespoon baking soda – bicarbonate of soda, vinegar or lemon juice, 3 straws, tape  
Follow instructions at: <https://www.science-sparks.com/baking-soda-rocket/>
- Marshmallow Spaghetti Tower**  
You will need: Spaghetti (uncooked!), marshmallows  
Follow instructions at: <https://www.science-sparks.com/looking-at-structures/>
- Inflate a balloon with lemon juice**  
You will need: A small bottle or jar, lemon juice, vinegar, bicarbonate of soda, balloons  
Follow instructions at: <https://www.science-sparks.com/blow-up-a-balloon-with-lemon-juice/>
- Solar Oven**  
You will need: Cardboard box – like a pizza box, aluminium foil, matte black paper or card, clingfilm, food – not raw meat – e.g. marshmallows, plate  
Follow instructions at: <https://www.science-sparks.com/make-easy-solar-oven/>
- Baking Soda Volcano**  
You will need: Volcano – sand, modroc, small jar or bottle, red food colouring, dish soap, baking soda, vinegar  
Follow instructions at: <https://www.science-sparks.com/how-to-make-a-baking-soda-volcano/>

Please ensure these challenges are completed with an adult.



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

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term – Changing Me

## Rights Respecting Schools

**Article 17** (access to information from the media) Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

## ST JOHN'S GREEN HANDWRITING COMPETITION 2023

Mr McMeekan is again running a 'Handwriting' Competition for us and entries are invited from any child in the school. Entries need to be handed into either school office by Friday 23rd June with your name, year and class.

(EYFS to 3: first 5 lines, to "...out of sight") (Years 4 to 6: whole poem)

You may use lined or unlined paper—Best handwriting. The poem is on page 2 of the newsletter.

## Geography Projects

This coming Monday (12th) will be the last chance to see the Geography Projects in all their glory before we send them back home. If you have a few minutes after school on Monday, please take the time to have a quick look in the 'Small Hall' @ AF and the brilliant work our children have done as well as at the cultures and countries represented at our school.



## Reminders

PTA Summer Fayre, Friday 30th June. Save the date.

Kingswood—Year 5 Children. Final payment of £70 is now overdue.

## Book Amnesty

It's brilliant that children are taking reading and library books home - but please could they bring them back for others to read! We have some very depleted shelves at the moment, so please hunt around in bags, bedrooms, in the fridge, cupboards and under the sofa for the missing school books. Many thanks!

## Awards

- STAR— Victor (RREX), CHARIOT— Reuben (RREX), JUMBO- Zain (MM).
- EAGLES— Taylor (CC), ROSES—Sofia (MM), CIRCUS- Lillian (CC).
- MERCURY— Ayesha (MM), CLAUDI-US- Holly (MM), ROMANS- Max (MM).
- DUTCH— Lotta (CC), ICENI— Ciprian & Izzy (MM), PAXMAN— Zara & Noah (MM).
- CASTLE— Alexa (CC), GARRISON— Jasmine (MM), CALVALIER— Harley (MM).
- OYSTERS- Albert (MLM), MAGNETS- Rhys (RREX), RAEDWALD- Teejay (MM).
- TRINOAVANTES— Sofia (MLM), CYMBELINE—Chanel (RREX), LATHES— Malak (MM).
- ATTENDANCE— Circus

Assembly Theme for WB: 12/6/2023 - How do we Keep safe Online?

## Term Dates

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

Tuesday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term.

## Diary Dates

Monday 12th June—EYFS Toy Dress up Day.

Monday 12th June—Last chance for parents to have a look at Geography Project Display in small hall at AF—3.15p.m.—3.45p.m.

**Wednesday 14th June @ 7.00p.m. Town Wall Exhibition Event @ T site—7.00p.m.**

Wednesday 14th June—Year 2 Celtic Dress up day.

Thursday 15th June @ 9.00a.m.—PTA Coffee Morning @ AF.

Friday 16th June- Non Uniform Day for children who completed Geography Challenge. Separate Letter has been sent to those children.

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th June—New Parents Information Meetings @ AF (Parents Only) - 5.00p.m.—6.00p.m.

Wednesday 21st June- SEND afternoon Drop in with tea/coffee for parents. 2.00p.m. @ AF.

Friday 23rd June—Non Uniform Day for Summer Fair

Friday 30th June—PTA Summer Fair @ AF—5.00p.m.—7.00p.m.

**Please remember that EYFS Forest School Sessions are every Wednesday until the end of Term.**

**Please note dates and times for Sports Days are on the school's calendar on the website—WB 3/7/2023**

"Everyone Sang" by Siegfried Sassoon (1886 - 1967)

Everyone suddenly burst out singing;  
And I was filled with such delight  
As prisoned birds must find in freedom,  
Winging wildly across the white  
Orchards and dark-green fields; on - on - and out of sight.

Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted;  
And beauty came like the setting sun:  
My heart was shaken with tears; and horror  
Drifted away... O, but Everyone was a bird;  
And the song was wordless; the singing will never be done

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# NEW TOWN OPEN GARDENS



Sunday, 11th June

1pm. — 6pm.

Morris dancers, teas & cakes, Rowhedge  
Owl Rescue talk, live music, plant stalls,  
"Better Together" singing group and  
Gardens galore!

PROGRAMMES ONLY £2.50 FROM:

Odd One Out Pub, Mersea Rd.

and 28 Myrtle Grove.

Programmes £3 on the day from:

St Stephen's Church Hall, Canterbury Road and

Wimpole Rd. Methodist Church

Proceeds: OCHRE and Rowhedge Owl Rescue.

