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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 5th March—5.30p.m.—7.30p.m.—Late Night Informal Parents Evening

WB—10/3/14—Book Week—includes Book Fair

Thursday 13th March 3.10p.m.—4.00p.m.—Open School

WB 17/3/14—Bake Off Week

Thursday 27th March—Whole School Open Morning 9.00a.m.—10.00a.m.

Friday 28th March—Non Uniform Day—Pinkie—Purple—£1

End of Term, Fri 4th April—Return Tues 22nd April

Late Night Informal Parents Evening

Please remember, this coming Wednesday, from 5.30p.m. until 7.30p.m. is our late night informal Parents Evening. This is an opportunity for all parents to come and meet with the class teacher and look at your children's work. There is no need to make an appointment. Mrs. Burke is also preparing some school dinner treats for parents to enable you to sample the quality of the meals that your children have when they are at school.

Rocky!



On Monday the Foundation children were joined by Maria from the Dog's Trust who came in to talk with the children about how to look after dogs. This is all part of the children's theme this assessment period, 'All about Animals.' Using Rocky, Maria showed the children how to stroke a dog properly and how you keep dogs healthy.



Marie Curie Cancer Care

We will again be selling the daffodil badges in support of Marie Curie cancer care. Badges are available from the school office.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Thomas Wilson-Turco
Eeyore Award (Oysters) - Kira Robinson
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Faisal Almuneef
Lion Award (Dutch) - Jayden Martin
Sully Award (Mercury) - Thomas Stubbings
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Tristan Williams
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Joshua Baldry
Bumble Award (Circus) - Fia Knowles
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Sadie Cranmer
Mickey Award (Roses) - Charlotte Anderson
Simba Award - Mercury
Spot Award - Shanii McLean
Attendance Award - Eagles

Colchester Castle Visit

Nine children and Mr. Eves were invited to go behind the doors of Colchester Castle this week to road test some of the new costumes and replica helmets, which have been specially commissioned for the new look Castle opening in May. Not to miss a trick the children were also shown the prison cells, the outer keep wall and saw previous of some of the new displays.



Child Protection

Staff and Governors met just before half term for Child Protection training. One of the things that we talked about was keeping our children safe when they go on the internet. I would urge all parents to have a look at the 'Online Safety' link on the school's website.



Colchester United Holiday Activity—Rugby/Football

Over half term, our Year 5&6 children were given the opportunity to take part in a holiday activity club with Colchester United which developed their skills in rugby and football. This Thursday, during assembly, the children who took part, were presented with their certificates, some Colchester United tickets and a pair of Colchester United gloves.

Year 4 Residential Danbury

Please remember that the next payment of £40 for the Year 4 residential is due on 14th March.

Curriculum Letters

All children should have brought home this week their classes curriculum letter which details the different things your children will be learning about this next assessment period. If you have not received this letter, please see your child's class teacher—they will also go on to the school website within the next few days.

Newsletter Competition

Each week in the newsletter we will give you a single word. The challenge is to use that word correctly in a sentence. Children should write down their sentence with the word correctly used. The prize each week will be a book. This weeks word is 'urchin' which means mischievous child

Book Review by Emma Mitchell (Year 6) — The Milly Molly Mandy Storybook

This delightful collection of tales tells of a young girl called Millicent Margaret Amanda, known affectionately as Milly-Molly-Mandy.

The 21 stories follow Milly-Molly-Mandy's childhood adventures, which she often shares with her friends, Billy, Susan and Jilly, who all live in the village.

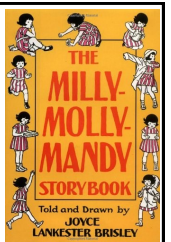
In one story, her 'Muvver' and 'Farver' and other relations send her on many confusing errands, which she's rewarded for with a bag of sweets to share with little-friend-Susan.

Another time Milly-Molly-Mandy's teacher comes to stay! Before Teacher arrives, Milly-Molly-Mandy tries to imagine what it will be like to have Teacher sitting with them at supper and sleeping in the spare room. Can you imagine what that would be like?

On other occasions, Milly-Molly-Mandy and her friends go to parties, the seaside and market.

These stories were first published in 1925 and Milly-Molly-Mandy lives in The Nice White Cottage with the Thatched Roof in a tiny rural village, so life was quite different from ours but the children still enjoy similar things to us, like sweets, fairs and days off school.

The pictures in this book make it particularly enjoyable and fun to read and the language is simple. I would recommend it for everyone because even if you can't read it yourself, it is perfectly suited to reading aloud.



And Finally...

I was downloading some pictures from Mrs. Bullivant's class camera this morning for the newsletter. 'You don't need to worry,' Mrs Bullivant said, 'I've been through the camera,' and moved the pictures to files etc...so there's only about 50 pictures on there!' Mrs. Bullivant and I clearly have a different opinion of what constitutes the number 50 because upon checking—there were in fact 438 pictures on the camera...

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings