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# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We we are all  
Maths writers ...



## Newsletter

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### Informal SEND Coffee Morning for Parents

Mrs. Bullivant is holding an informal SEND coffee morning for parents on Tuesday 19th March @ 9.00a.m. at AF.

This is an opportunity for parents to pop along and talk to some of the school staff, including Mrs. Bullivant about your children and SEND. Please come along if you can.

### Sponsored Walk

On Tuesday 26th March, the school's PTA and the school will be holding a sponsored walk. All the proceeds will go directly to the school's PTA—who in turn spend that money on the children in the school.

There is more information on the reverse of the newsletter. In addition, a sponsor form has been sent out with the newsletter. Please encourage children to collect as many sponsors as they can from friends/family.

### Nick Butterworth



On Wednesday, six of our children had the most amazing time with Nick Butterworth in his art studio. He began by teaching them about different styles and techniques used by illustrators when drawing. Nick showed the children around his amazing studio, demonstrated how to use tracing paper

to have a first 'draft' of a drawing and then, how to use a lightbox to transfer onto water colour paper, with a pen, ready to paint. The children were absolutely enthralled and even more delighted to be invited to use Nick's studio for their own first attempts. They were creating their own characters for our OSM website and the results were fantastic. A huge 'thank you' to Nick, Mrs Butterworth and Rosie the border collie, for such a unique and delightful experience.



### Colchester Half Marathon

The Colchester Half Marathon is this Sunday starting at 9.00a.m.

If you were looking to do something this Sunday, please pop out and support the runners—in particular look out for Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Smith and Miss Wiggins who are all running this weekend.

### OSM—Year 6 Siege Drama Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 6 were fortunate to have a drama specialist come and work with them for the day - Mrs Hall wanted to make parts of the Siege of Colchester come to life through the form of drama and tableaux.

Initially, they had to learn more about expressions and emotions - they had to imagine how they felt in the siege and then reflect this with movements and facial expressions. They pretended to be Colchester townspeople who were starving as well as angry as the thatch from our roofs had been stolen!

Next, they started with some team games where we had to learn how to collaborate to make ourselves into objects such as toothbrushes. From that, they learned how to become cannons and St. Mary's Church with the one eyed gunner.

They then had a look at the paintings in the small hall gallery. They had a go at replicating one of Charles Debenham's paintings involving Abbey Gate and the destruction around it.



### PTA Disco

Huge thanks to all the children who came along to dance away at the school disco's a couple of weeks ago—if I'm honest I'm still recovering.

In total, the PTA made £694 profit—which goes back to use on the children in the school.

Many thanks to the PTA for organising it and the staff that came along to support.

### Netball Match

Last night our Netball team headed over to Home Farm for their second game of the season. A valiant fighting and cohesive display from the team—but sadly no victory just yet!



Assembly Theme for WB : What's so Important about Science?

### Term Dates

Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Break  
Monday 15th April—First Day of Summer Term  
Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday—The School is Closed  
Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May—Half Term  
Friday 19th July—Last Day of Summer Term

### Diary Dates

WB 18th March—Science Week  
Friday 22nd March—Ocean Day—Non Uniform Day (Blue/Green) £1  
Tuesday 19th March @ 9.00a.m. @ AF—SEND Parents Coffee Morning. All parents welcome to talk informally with Mrs. Bullivant (SENCo) and Mrs. Jonas (Sp & L).  
**Year 4 Production—'The Wizard of Oz'**  
**Monday 25th March @ 1.45p.m.**  
**Tuesday 26th March @ 10.00a.m.**  
**Wednesday 27th March @ 1.45p.m.**  
Tuesday 26th March—Sponsored Walk  
Wednesday 27th March—Dental Checks for EYFS children  
Wednesday 27th March—AP2 Reports to Parents.  
Thursday 28th March—Year 1 Roman Dress up Day.

**Monday 22nd April—Thursday 25th April—Year 4 Residential—Danbury**

### Rights Respecting Schools

**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.

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Healthy Me.

**Year 6 Parents.** Please could you check you e-mail inbox (including your spam/junk folder) as an email has been sent out with regards to Year 6 Leavers Hoodies and permissions need to be given by Friday 22nd March. Any problems, please contact the School Offices.

### Awards

STAR— Erin (MM), CHARIOT— Albi (MM), JUMBO- Moriah (MM).  
EAGLES— Ella (MM), ROSES—Roman (MM), CIRCUS- Ruby (MM).  
MERCURY— Farrad (RREX), CLAUDIUS- Luca (RREX) , ROMANS- Elise (MM).  
DUTCH— Owen (MLM), ICENI— Emma (MM), PAXMAN— Jackson (RREX).  
CASTLE— Furkan (MM), GARRISON— Daisy (MM), CAVALIER— Lilly (MM).  
OYSTERS— Alexa (RREX), RAEDWALD- Dylan (RROX), MAGNETS— Leon (RROX).  
TRINOVANTES— Teejay (RROX), CYMBELINE— Sofia-Rae (MLM), LATHES— Jack (RROX).  
ATTENDANCE— Claudius



Colchester Royal Grammar School

### Sci-Fest 2024

Saturday 16th March  
10am - 4pm

6 Lexden Road, CO3 3ND

Free entry

Families welcome - fun interactive activities



Premium activities will incur a small charge. Refreshments available.



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15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, the school is holding a sponsored walk, the proceeds of which will help towards the funding of events and equipment for the children on both school sites. The walk will take place on Abbey Field, round a marked circuit. We are encouraging the children to walk as many laps as they can.

On the day, please remember to make sure your child has their PE kit in school. It might also be a good idea to provide your child with a sun hat and/or waterproof coat, (depending on the weather - probably a coat). The sponsored walk will be in the afternoon.

Please find attached a sponsor form.

We would like to stress that the children should only be asking friends and family and not knocking on people's doors to get sponsorship. Although the aim of the walk is to raise money, it is also about joining in and having fun, and all children and staff will be taking part.

You will notice on the sponsor form that there is now a section that enables our PTA to claim GIFT Aid if you are a UK Tax Payer. Obviously every penny helps, so if you are a Tax Payer please tick or get the sponsoring person to tick the final column and make sure you've included your address.

Please support your child and our school in this activity.

Yours Walkingly,

St John's Green and the School PTA

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EYFS, 1, 5, 6)  
5 Circular Road East  
Colchester  
CO2 7SZ



St John's Green Town Site (Years 2, 3,  
4)  
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