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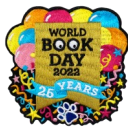


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World Book Day



We were a day late—but it was most definitely a day worth waiting for as we celebrated World Book Day. What a huge effort from children and parents alike as the school was brought to life from book characters across a huge range of genres—superheroes, Dr Seuss, Sponge Bob, Roald Dahl, Lewis Carroll, green blow up aliens, blue things, Wally's, Elmers, chickens, lions, Mary Poppins' and of course, Winnie the Pooh (which was me— so self gratuitous promotion).

Whilst it's brilliant to celebrate World Book Day, we should not be thinking about books for only one day of the year—

The great thing about books, is that they are always there. They don't judge us, they don't worry about how we look or whether we abandon them for a few days or forget about them for a bit. Books can transport us into faraway places, where magic and fantasy come together. Books can remind us of things, they can make us smile, they can make us cry. If you have a book, how can you ever be bored, because there's always someplace to go and an adventure to be had...

Reading is the cornerstone of learning and whilst our lives sometimes do get in the way, or there's a TV programme/box set that just has to be watched, perhaps just perhaps, we can be inspired by our children's and your efforts today as books were brought to life and remind ourselves that with reading, there's nothing we can't achieve and no one we can't be!

You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

- Dr. Seuss

School Development Priorities

100% of pupils are able to share a book they have recently read and talk about the story, or the key features.

Attendance

On Tuesday we had our highest recorded attendance figure since June 2021, with 607 children in school. This is excellent and for us, as well as you, an absolute delight to have the children in school and it buzzing again.

Mrs Taylor was so pleased she did a little lap of honour round the office.

Wouldn't it be great if we could crack a full house before the end of term?!

EYFS Fence

Just to let you know that the wooden fence in our EYFS garden is being replaced on Monday with a metal fence.

Please just be aware that contractors will be on site and there could be some impact to the side passage that leads onto Abbey Fields.



Book Fair

Monday 7th March—Thursday 10th March

Coming out today with all children is a Wish Sheet and their £1 book token.

Next week at both Abbey Field and Town the Book Fairs from Travelling Books will be running. These will run from the end of the school day for approximately half an hour. The book trollies are identical between the two sites so you don't need to feel you have to visit both.

Come along and have a look.

Football Match v Gosbecks

There was a hint of the Colchester United in our latest league match as the two teams fought out a quite tense draw away at Gosbecks. As pointed out by Miss Pickard we are though still top of the league, which is better than Colchester who are propping up the bottom, so well done boys.



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

Our Jigsaw Theme for Half Term—Healthy Me

Our Assembly Theme for next week is:

Fake News: Should you Believe Everything you Read/Hear?



Every Wednesday
(term time only)
Abbey Field Site
9am – 10am



Come along for a chat and play.

Term Dates
Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April
Monday 4th April—Monday 18th April, Easter Holiday
First day of Summer Term—Tuesday 19th April
Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term.
Monday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term

Diary Dates

Monday 7th March—Thursday 10th March Book Fair after school at AF & T.

Wednesday 23rd March @ 5.00p.m. Year 4 Final Information meeting for Danbury Residential @ AF.

Friday 25th March @ 3.00p.m. PTA EYFS/Year 1 Biscuit Decoration in EYFS learning garden.

WB 28th March—Online Safety Week of Awareness

WB 28th March—St John's Green—Science Week

WB 28th March—PTA Easter Egg Competition

29th March—AP2 Reports to Parents

30th March—4.00p.m.—6.00p.m. Parents Evening (incidentally it's also my birthday)

Tuesday 19th April—Friday 22nd April Year 4 Danbury Residential.

GET OUT THERE AND WALK!



This week's walk is 'Cymbeline Meadows Local Wildlife Site' which is just opposite St Helena School. As usual, it's on the school website—under Colchester Walks.

The Big GoReadathon

The great thing about this competition is that everyone is involved and as we're such a big school if everyone can do some reading with their children and most importantly record it, we could just win.

All parents have to do is log their children's reading on the GoRead app—that's it. The competition started yesterday and runs until the end of March and you can log anything that your children reads: books, newspapers, comics, magazines, etc.

If any parent is having trouble with the 'GoRead' app, please let either School Office know.



Mrs. Cook

Very sadly today is Mrs. Cook's last day as, from Monday, she is on maternity leave.



We have already sent a letter out to Mrs. Cook's class detailing the changes and the teacher, who will be taking over from Monday.

In the meantime, we wish Mrs. Cook all the very best and will no doubt be hearing soon about the first addition to her family.

Awards

STAR— Noah (CC), JUMBO— Jenson (MM), CHARIOT— Hickson (RREX).

EAGLES— Elisabeth (RREX), CIRCUS— Lilah (RROX), ROSES— Tre (RREX).

MERCURY— Jordan (RREX), CLAUDIUS— Amelia (MM), ROMANS— Ivy-Rose (MM).

DUTCH— Maria (CC), ICENI— Lydia (RROX), PAXMAN— Joshua (MM).

CASTLE— Rhys (MM), CAVALIER— Alicia (MM), GARRISON— Mabel (RROX).

OYSTERS— Blake (RROX), MAGNETS — Lexi-Anna (RREX), RAEDWALD — Luis (RROX).

CYMBELINE— Faye & Daisy (CC), TRINOVALES— Kayleigh (MM), LATHES— Oscar (MLM).

ATTENDANCE— Icenic & Castle.

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.

World Book Day Winners

A huge challenge in deciding the winners and in many ways impossible due to the fantastic costumes and huge amount of effort that had gone in. However, winners there must be:

Lower Phase Winner (EYFS/Year 1) - Trey
 Middle Phase Winner (Year 2, Year 3, Year 4) - Sienna
 Upper Phase Winner (Year 5/Year 6) - Cameron

EYFS Winner—Lillian
 Year 1 Winner—Holly
 Year 2 Winner - Emily
 Year 3 Winner—Charlotte
 Year 4 Winner- Leila
 Year 5 Winner—Freddie
 Year 6 Winner—Max

Jumbo—Alfred
 Chariot—Alice
 Star—Jimmy
 Eagles—Mya-Olive
 Roses—Freddie
 Circus -Mya-Rose
 Romans—Ethel
 Mercury- Jack
 Claudius—Lotta
 Dutch—Viktor
 Icenii—Kia-May
 Paxman—Lexi
 Cavalier—James
 Castle—Amber
 Garrison—Charlie
 Oysters—Alexis
 Raedwald—Emily
 Magnets—William
 Trinovantes—Aaliyah
 Cymbeline—Nathaniel
 Lathes— Jay

