

20th January 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been all go at school this week, and the start of the New Year and Christmas break all seems like a distant memory! The staff and children have been working hard as they begin new units of work and there is a hardworking and positive atmosphere in the school.

Parent Phonics workshop

Last Friday, the Reception team hosted a phonics workshop for parents and carers of our youngest pupils. Parents had a presentation from our Phonics lead, Mrs Beverley, and then had the opportunity to see this in practise in the classroom. Thank you to all the parents who came, and we will look to running another session in the coming months.

Scholars trip Sussex University

Yesterday, upper school pupils from our 'Scholars Program' where invited to a celebration day at Sussex University. The children enjoyed a tour and lecture from members of the university. It was encouraging to see how positively the children engaged with the day and how in awe they were of the campus and surroundings.

Aspirations Week

Next week, we will have a focus on the children's aspirations for their futures. To facilitate this, we have a range of volunteers coming to the school to speak about their experiences of working life, from engineers to entrepreneurs! We hope that it will be an interesting and inspiring week for the children.

We wish you and your family a relaxing weekend

The Leadership Team

PARKING

Could you please be vigilant and courteous if you bring your vehicle onto the school grounds and refrain from parking on any zig zag lines or on the zebra crossing.

The children's safety is of paramount importance.

PE KIT

Could all children please have a PE kit in school **everyday.** If you are unable to provide your child with a PE kit please use our uniform shop as we will donate them to any families that cannot provide a PE kit for their child. Please ensure the PE kit is labelled and is in a bag labelled with your child's name.

Thank you



<u>Scholars Programme</u>

Some of our Year 5 pupils attended the Scholars Programme launch at the University of Sussex this week. they had a wonderful time.



Absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, this must be reported to us by no later than **9.00am**. Please Telephone the school, press one and leave a message on the voicemail box stating your child's full name, class, the reason for absence and when we can expect them to return to school (if known).

Home Visits will be carried out for any child that is absent for 3 or more school days without reason.



East Tilbury Primary School Uniform Shop

New Opening Times

Tuesdays - 8:40-9:00 Fridays - 15:00-15:30



We have made the decision that we will no longer be charging per item and the uniform will now be donated to families free of charge.

Important dates:

Tuesday 7th February 2023 and Wednesday 8th February 2023	Rising 5's Hearing and vision checks
Friday 10th February 2023	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 13th February 2023—Friday 17th February 2023	February Half Term
Thursday 30th March 2023	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 31st March 2023	Trust Conference Day—Non-Pupil Day
Monday 3rd April 2023— Friday 14th April 2023	Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April 2023	Pupils return to school
Monday 1st May 2023	May day—School Closed
Monday 8th May 2023	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Friday 26th May 2023	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 29th May 2023 —Friday 2nd June 2023	May Half Term
Monday 5th June 2023	Pupils return to school
Thursday 20th and Friday 21st July 2023	INSET days—school closed to pupils
Monday 24th July 2023	First day of summer holidays



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How are you?

Sad? Stressed? Anxious?



Want help?

Your Mental Health First Aider is

Miss. Mills

Training provided by



There are plenty of different types of support out there, and a Mental Health First Aider can help you access the support you need to feel better.

Mental Health First Aiders are a point of contact if you, or someone you are concerned about, are experiencing a Mental Health issue or emotional distress. They are not therapists or psychiatrists but they can give you initial support and signpost you to appropriate help if required.

To arrange a meeting, please contact me via email: mhfa.etp@osborne.coop

Reception

This week in Reception we have been looking at the book 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. We have been working really hard to hear words which rhyme. We found strong and long in our book. We have looked at lots of pictures to see if we can create a rhyming string of words.

In maths we have been looking at capacity. We are learning to use the words full, empty, nearly full and nearly empty. We have been having lots of fun filling containers with water and using our new words to describe what we have done.

For our topic this week we are learning about mini beasts. We are looking at how they are different and the same. We are also learning facts about worms. Did you know worms do not have any eyes or ears?

Year One

In Art this week, we explored the art of wool wrapping inspired by the artist Judith Scott. We began by having a range of objects and experimented wrapping wool around them, ensuring



the wool was wrapped tightly around the object so it did not move or fall off. We enjoyed creating our own wool wrapped creatures using card and googly eyes. We think they look incredible.



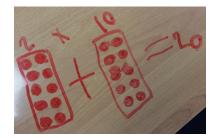
In English this week we learnt about and examined non-chronological reports. We discussed and identified the features found in a non-chronological report. We learnt that it is a piece of non-fiction text that is not written in time order. They do not include a series of events laid out chronologically. We enjoyed searching for the features of a non-chronological report that includes heading/title, introduction, subheadings, fact, and picture. It was exciting when we became researchers and found lots of fact about different animals, we then used the information to create our own non-chronological report.

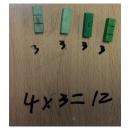
Year 2 Maths



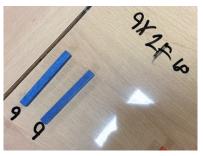
We had an introduction to multiplication by creating our own groups and recognising the relationship between the numbers and the questions we could create as well as the answer. We used Multilink, Numicon and Base 10 and wrote our questions on the tables with white board pens.















Year 3

This week in English, we have really enjoyed writing our own setting descriptions. These will be used in our stories this half term.

In Maths, we have been working on division problems and have learnt about remainders.

We have been helping our alien friend learn about growing plants in Science. To do this, we have planted seeds and



changed the variables to discover the best growing conditions. We completed observational drawings of plants using oil pastels



In PE, children have been developing their Badminton skills. We have practised passing a balloon to a partner which we really enjoyed! In Basketball, the children have practised bounce and chest passes and dribbling.

Year 4

In English this week, we have been exploring autobiographies. To immerse in this genre of writing, we created blogs about our classrooms and then mapped out our own timelines based on our lives so far. Then on Thursday and Friday, we wrote our own autobiographies. All of the adults in year four were incredibly proud of the effort shown in PE, where we recovered from a difficult start to badminton, to really progress our skills, whilst having an amazing time! Our science experiment for the week was exploring how vibrations cause changes in volume, which saw us using these vibrations to bounce rice on top of a speaker.

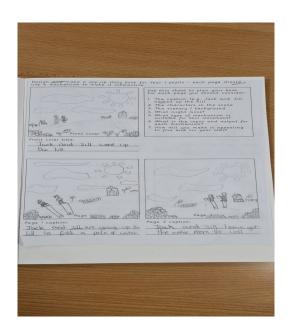
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YEAR 5

Pop-up books and balanced arguments

Year 5 have been continuing to look at forming and writing arguments this week. However, we have moved on to looking at balancing an argument. We have been spending time working with conjunctions, whilst working towards building cohesion in our writing. The conjunction game has been a new introduction and the classes have been able to come up with some very creative stories.

Our creativity has continued through into our DT lessons this week where we have been looking at creating a pop-up book that is suitable for a younger child, based on the theme of Jack and Jill. We have looked at the different mechanisms that can be used to create movement on our pages and have discussed the input and outputs of these mechanisms. We have designed our books and over the coming lessons, we will be starting to make them.





In science, we have been looking at the effects of gravity by testing how quickly something falls to the ground. We have made predictions and then tested different objects of varying weights and sizes.

Swimming has continued this week. The instructors have mentioned that some of the pupil's swimming hats are too small. Can we please ask that you check that your child's hat fits for next week. Thank you in advance, the year 5 team.



Year 6 News

History

This term our history topic is the Ancient Greeks. This is a really interesting period of world history to study—what did the Greeks do for us? They gave us the foundations of the following: democracy, the Olympics, the marathon, plays, poetry, science, medicine and astronomy. Our curriculum day on Friday February 3rd, is a history focused day; Y6 staff will be wearing Ancient Greek costumes, pupils are welcome to dress-up as Ancient Greek characters as well.

In English this week, we have in the perspective of a German citizen, who strongly disagrees with the prejudice demonstrated towards the Jews. We have been writing a formal letter to the editor of the official Nazi newspaper to request they cease publishing propaganda; some of our Year 6s have been very persuasive!

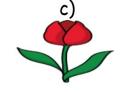
In maths, we have exploring scale drawings and seeing how this links to proportion. We have had a great time in ensuring that our scale diagrams have been drawn accurately and have discussed in great detail about the

Which of these is a scale drawing of the flower?

Tick your answer.

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How do you know?



professions who use scaled drawings regularly.

In Science, we've been describing the main functions of parts of the circulatory system. To further understand how the heart works and how exercise may affect our bodies, we spent our science lesson measuring our pulse using different experiments—we even used marshmallows!

Maths Marvels







Well done to everyone who has accessed TTRS this week! Keep logging on and getting more points for your class.

Who will be our TT Rock Stars leaders next week?

All classes	\$	Activity points	Skill Quests\$ points	Points - Live	Total points
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5JP	>	2460	0	718	3178
5NB	>	2280	0	0	2280
RMB	>	2210	0	0	2210
RFC	>	780	0	0	780
1BA	>	690	0	0	690
3LD	>	620	0	445	1065
1GC	>	480	0	0	480
RES	>	370	0	0	370
6JM	>	220	0	8	228
4SA	>	210	0	0	210
6LC	>	150	0	0	150
RJG	>	90	0	0	90



Our 'Stars of the Week' are the children that have gone over and above in their efforts. We are very proud of them for their achievements and thought they deserved an extra-special mention!

RJG	Frankie-Lee	For trying really hard to write all the letters in her name
RMB	Chukwukanyima	For showing a positive attitude towards his learning and following instructions.
RFC	Teddy	For making positive choices in school this week.
RES	Isabelle	For trying really hard this week in all her learning tasks.
1CH	Steve & Isabelle	For extending their learning at home.
1GC	Eddie	For his improved focus and attitude towards learning.
1FK	Trixie	For settling down well into her new class.
1BA	Elizabeth	For her excellent contribution during our Maths lesson this week.
2MR	Nojus	For independently writing a biography about his friend using all the key features.
2RS	Deimante	For an excellent start in class this week.
2NL	Ash SL	For trying his best and sharing amazing ideas in English.
2RM	Mihai	For settling into the class really.
3EC	Gabriel O	For his extra effort in phonics and spellings
3LD	Alexander	For his improved self confidence and always working hard
3NM	Grace A-B	For her resilience and perseverance to apply a variety of strategies to solve multiplication and division calculations.
4TH	Maci	Presenting her autobiography in such a creative way
4BG	Riley S	For his improved presentation.
4SA	Pebbles G	For being incredibly enthusiastic in music and working on her handwriting
5AB	Kycson P	For having an improved attitude to learning
5JP	Miley-Rae	for being a diligent pupil, studious learner, kind friend, and a thoughtful member of our class community
5NB	Jack J	Outstanding effort in his maths work.
6CP	Danny M-C	For working hard in Reading Skills and Grammar.
6LC	Evie B	For always being helpful and setting a good example to her peers
6VP	Lily-Rose J	For an engaging and persuasive formal letter.
6JM	Val A	For writing an effective persuasive letter.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Twitter is a social media network which allows users to post short messages (tweets) of up to 280 characters.

Tweets can consist of text, photos, videos, audio, links, poils and GIF3—often linked by hashtags if they chare a common theme or message. Hashtags receiving high levels of interest are said to be (trending).

Twitter users can engage with other people's posts by liking, retweeting (sharing) or tweeting back (commenting on). Since the entrepreneur Elon Musk acquired Twitter in October 2022 for \$44 billion, he has implemented several major changes to the platform.



INTERACTION WITH STRANGERS

FIXATION ON VIEW COUNT

TROLLS AND BULLYING

PAID-FOR VERIFICATION

CONTENT MODERATION CHANGES

HIJACKED HASHTAGS

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET ACCOUNTS TO PRIVATE

EXPLORE THE NEW SETTINGS

FOSTER CRITICAL THINKING

PAUSE BEFORE POSTING

ENGAGE SAFETY MODE

BLOCK, REPORT OR MUTE

Meet Our Expert





BE CAREFUL WHO TO FOLLOW



www.nationalonlinesafety.com









Although there are children accessing speech and language services within school, there are currently staffing issues within the NHS and therefore they are unable to receive new referrals. However, this organisation now offers a support network in relation to Speech, Language and Communication Needs.

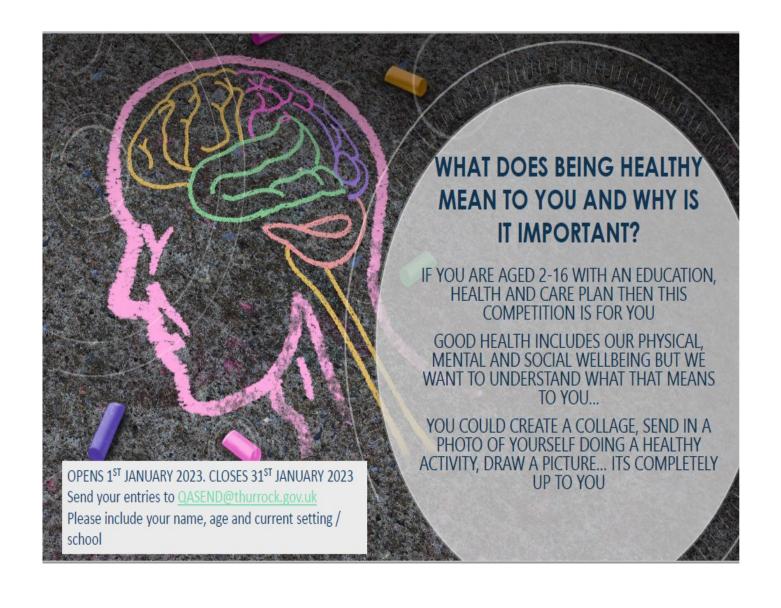
Are you worried that child is not talking or not saying as much as other children of their age? Would you like some advice? Then please contact the Afasic Helpline. They also offer a 'listening ear' if you just want to talk to someone who understands.

Take a look at their website to see what is on offer:

https://www.afasic.org.uk/the-afasic-helpline/

Call: 0300 666 9410

Hotline opening hours: Monday and Wednesday, 10:30am to 4pm.



ETPS PFA Update

£1 per week

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot





Splitting the £1.00

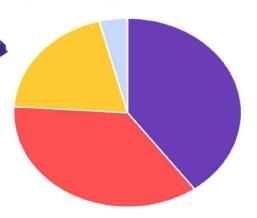
How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to East Tilbury Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to East Tilbury Primary School



40p goes to our school

36p goes to cash prizes

20p goes to admin costs

4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means



= £30 weekly cash prize

= £2,080 a year for our school



To start supporting, visit: yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: East Tilbury Primary

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older





Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16.190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.





Thurrock Teacher Training | Get into Teaching

Our partner schools for 2022/2023 include:

Primary

Stanford-le-Hope, Doddinghurst, Little Thurrock Chadwell St. Mary, Deneholm, East Tilbury, Thameside, Stifford Clays, Horndon-on-the-hill Arthur Bugler, Warren Primary, Bonneygate. Woodside.

Secondary

County High, Hathaway Academy, Thames Park Grays Convent, Marshalls Park, Ormiston Park Edwards The Gateway Academy, Brentwood Academy, St. Clere's School, William

definitely recommend it thinking of entering a The Tes course was brilliant, and I would career in teaching." to others who are

- 2022 Trainee

For all enquiries, please contact

thurrockteachertraining@osborne.coop

TSA and in partnership with he TES institute are pleased places are available for the to announce that trainee academic year 2022/2023. Lead ITT provider in the St Clere's School

Our trainees success rate Securing QTS = 100% Employed = 100%'







2022-2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

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School Holiday
Bank Holiday
Additional Autumn Half Term (currently Thurrock schools only)
Inset days, schools closed to students (20 th /21 st July payback for Twilight sessions)
Trust Conference, schools closed to students



Keep in touch!

We are missing being in contact but do not forget we are still here to help where we can.



Our school office is open to receive calls between 8:30am and 3pm.

Tel: 01375 846181

Email:office.etp@osborne.coop



Princess Margaret Road
East Tilbury, Essex, RM18 8SB



We are also regularly updating our Facebook page and Twitter feed.

Log on and have a look!



Twitter: @EastTPrimary

At East Tilbury Primary School our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

- Mrs Bates
- ♦ Mrs Dawson

Due to the size of the school, we have the following designated staff who can deputise in the Head of School's absence:

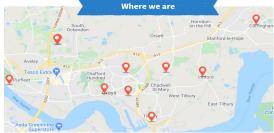
- ♦ Mr Gowland
- ♦ Mr Bennett
- Mrs Jarvis
- ♦ Mrs Mylam
- ♦ Mrs Allen

Pupils can contact any of our Safeguarding Team during the school day.

Worried about a child? You can phone or write to MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.

Thurrock MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding hub), Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL, Tel: 01375 652802. Emergency Duty Team (for out of hours) 01375 372468. Police Child Abuse Investigation Team 01277 266822 or call 999 if you are concerned a child needs immediate protection. Childline 0800 11 11 www.childline.org.uk NSPCC 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk; www.facebook.com/nspcc





LOCATIONS

Here are the opening times and locations for our foodbank centres. Everyone who comes to the foodbank for emergency food needs to have a valid foodbank voucher.

Tues 14:00-16:00: St. Mary's Church hall, St. Mary's Church, Dock Rd, Grays, RM17 6EX.

Weds 09:30-12:00: Thurrock Christian Fellowship, 2-4 Chase Rd, Corringham, S17 7QH

Weds 13:30-15:00: Sockets Heath Baptist Church, Premier Avenue, Grays, RM16 2SB

Thurs 11:00-13:00: St. Francis Centre, Somerset Rd, Linford, SS17 OQA

Thurs 11:00-13:00: All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Fri 10:12:00: St. Stephen's Church of England, London Rd, Purfleet, RM19 1QD

Sat 09:30-11:30: Emmanuel Church of England, Sleepers Farm Rd, Chadwell St. Mary, RM16 4TP

Sat 10:00-12:00: All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Sat 10:00-12:00: Christian Gates of Praise International Christian Centre, 79-83 London Rd, Grays, RM 17 5YF