

1st April 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come the end of another busy term at school, and we hope that you are all looking forward to an enjoyable break with your children. Please remember the bank holiday at the end two weeks, meaning we return to school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – we look forward to seeing you all then!

### Staffing

Mrs Carter begins her Maternity leave today and we wish her and her family well in this new and exciting stage of life. Miss Beverley will be taking teaching responsibility for 2VC for the summer term to bring her knowledge and experience of Yr2 SATs to the team. We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Donovan from her Maternity leave and she will be joining Mrs Smith in taking teaching responsibility for RMB in the summer term. We say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Dawson for just the term as she moves over to Arthur Bugler as Interim Headteacher for the summer – we look forward to welcoming her back in September.

### **Bikes and Scooters**

Please be advised that while we encourage children to enjoy riding their scooters and bikes to school it is important for safety reasons that they don't ride them once on school grounds. We have many children and parents accessing and leaving the site and we would not want any accidents.

### Parent Consultation phone calls

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who engaged with the teachers for our 2<sup>nd</sup> round of parent consultations this academic year. The teachers were pleased to be able to share with you all the exciting learning that has taken place and the areas that your children can work on to make the best progress possible.

We wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday

The Leadership Team

### **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





If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, you should have received a HAF (Holiday Activity and Food) voucher that will enable you free access to <a href="Essex ActivAte">Essex ActivAte</a> activities over the Easter break. If you are unsure how to activate the voucher, please use this link

https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4529534704529-How-to-claim-your-HAF-voucher

If you can't find the email with the voucher, please check your junk folder. All vouchers have been sent out using the email address that you provided to the school.

Congratulations to the children who took part in the year 3/4 cross country last Friday. The results were as follows.

Year 3 girls team placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 17 schools Year 3 boys team placed 5<sup>th</sup> Year 4 girls placed 15<sup>th</sup> Year 4 boys placed 8th.

Special congratulations to Kian in year 3 who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. He will now go onto represent our school in the Essex finals. Around 100 children take part in each race, and we had a few top 10 finishers. Well done all! Mrs Russo.



# Reward

## Afternoon

On Thursday, children across the school who completed this year's sponsored read too part in a reading reward afternoon.

It was great to be able to reward these children for their brilliant effort.

marie

Today we have had our first Non-School Uniform Day to support our biscuit time.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, carers and families who have generously donated to the school.

We have had over 200 packets donated and £305.

This will really support us as we continue to run our biscuit time across the school.

## **Important dates:**

Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April 2022	Easter Holidays:				
Tuesday 19th April 2022	Children return				
Monday 9th May—Thursday 12th May	KS2 SATS Week				
Friday 16th May 2022	Curriculum Enrichment Day				
Friday 27th May 2022	Biscuit Non-School Uniform Day				
Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June 2022	May Half Term				
Monday 6th June 2022	Children return:				
Monday 6th June 2022	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week				
Tuesday 19th July 2022	Biscuit Non-School Uniform Day				
Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st 2022	Non Pupil days (INSET days)				



Please be advised that due to COVID-19 there have been some changes to our school dates.

All given dates are subject to amendment.

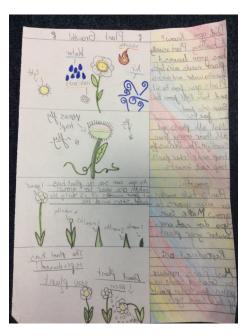
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## **British Science Week Poster Competition**

For British Science Week we asked all pupils to create a poster based on the theme 'Growth' for the British Science Week poster competition 2022. Below are the 5 winners

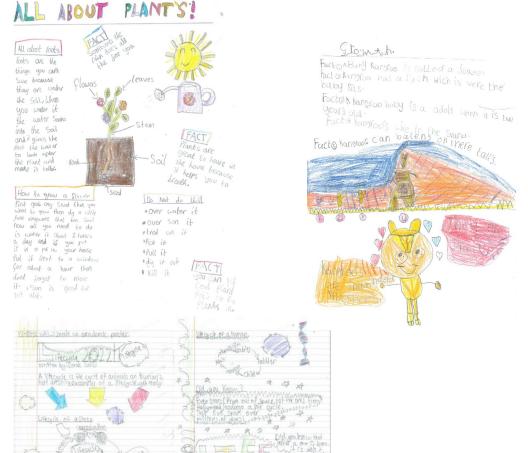
and their posters. Well Done.

















# Classoom catch up

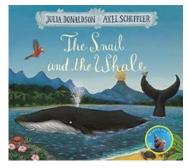
## Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning about the book 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. We have been writing a new message from the snail, telling everyone that the whale is stuck on the beach.

We have been working collaboratively to make different things from the story. This week we have made a whale with tissue paper, we have tried papier-mâché to make a volcano together and we have painted a brown bear together. Then we have put our collaborative work in our classrooms. We have also made snails using play dough .

In Maths we have been learning all about shapes, we first looked at recognising and naming the different 2D and 3D shapes. Then we moved onto making a reflection using shapes and cubes.

On Friday, we learnt about Easter and did some Easter activities, like an easter egg hunt! We are very excited for Easter and we hope you have a lovely break.









## Year 1

This week, Year 1 have had so much fun doing all things Easter! They designed and made some beautiful Easter cards, listened the Easter story, and went on an easter egg hunt! In addition to this, Year 1 had a very mysterious event happen. The year 1 teachers each had an easter egg on their desk and then suddenly they went missing! The children were so excited about this event, it encouraged them to write some amazing mystery stories about what they think might have happened to the eggs.



Yrean Z







In Art, we decorating our paper mâché planets. We worked in our groups to paint our planets, using the correct colours for each one. As we have been learning about textures, we used a range of different media in our paint. We had washing up liquid, sand, cornflour and shaving foam. We discussed what the different media made the paint feel like.







### Year 3

Another week completed, here are just a few examples of the learning that took place in Year 3, across the curriculum.

In English, we have completed the unit on shape poems. We looked at calligrams, words or a piece of text in which the design and layout of the letters create a visual image related to the meaning of the words themselves. We researched our favourite animal and

created shape poems using the skills we acquired throughout the unit.

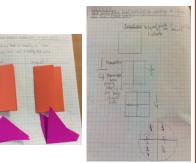






In Maths, we started a new unit, Fractions! Firstly, we discussed the importance of equal parts, the mathematical vocabulary (numerator & denominator) then we explored halves

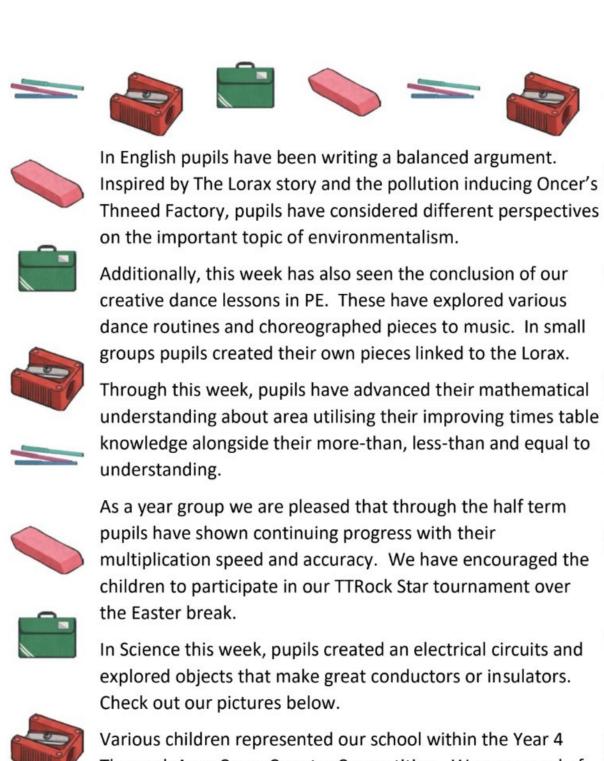
and quarters of shapes, objects and numbers.





Our music lesson was inspired by the sounds you can hear in the rainforest, again we used our creativity and made our own Rain sticks and Panpipes to replicate the sounds we heard.

Finally, Happy Easter from the Year 3 Team.





Thurrock Area Cross-Country Competition. We are proud of their efforts to represent our school in this way.



We wish everyone in Year 4 a restful Easter break.





### Year 5

This week the children have been completing a project where they have had to learn a Mayan craft. Options available were to make a Mayan house, headdress, mask, weaving or a codex (a Mayan book of hieroglyphics). They have had to research the craft so that they knew what it was and how it would be carried out. In groups, they had to plan how they will carry out the craft. We have had some interesting creations and the children have enjoyed being creative to show off their new skills.

We have also had a creative week in science, starting to make our own solar systems using paper mache.

In PE, the children have been continuing to develop their throwing and catching skills. They have then been able to play games of cricket where they have been able to use these skills.

As we come to an end of the second term of the year, hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.







## ###### Year 6 ######

This week, Year 6 had our curriculum enrichment day, in which we focused on textiles in Design and Technology. During the week we were given the design brief to design a modern sandal for a young child, which has been inspired by the style of Ancient Greek sandals. After learning about Ancient Greek footwear, we created our designs and realised they had to include straps!

On Thursday, we then spent some time practising different types of stitches, including; running and blanket stitch. We then went on to create a prototype of our sandal using felt. We sewed two pieces of felt together, with a piece of card in between for the sole, and then sewed straps onto it, which we had decorated with stitching and buttons. The children all did amazingly, and I think many found a new hobby in sewing.



















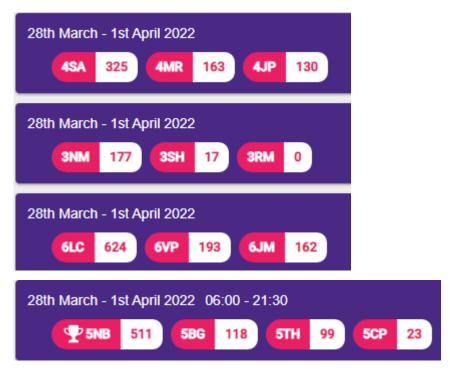
Our 'Stars of the Week' are the children that have gone over and above in their efforts. We are very proud of them for their achievements and thought they deserved an extra-special mention!

RJG	Violet	For being kind and thoughtful					
RMB	Elena	For using her writing					
RFC	Lilly	For her effort with her good sitting					
REC	Daisy-	For her effort in phonics					
	Dolly	•					
1CH	Melissa	For being an outstanding role model.					
1GC	Jack	For improved concentration towards his learning.					
1FK	Reggie	For working hard in Maths this week.					
1BA	Nathan N	For continuously working hard in class.					
2VC	Dulce K	For her independence during lessons.					
2RS	Arthur	For his great effort in maths this week.					
2NL	Joshua G	For a positive approach to learning.					
3RM	Ashley E-B	For a great attitude to his learning this week.					
3SH	George L	For improving his focus and working well in a team.					
3NM	Jaden S	For improved focus and completing tasks					
4JP	Aalyiah SH	for making a consistent effort in class					
4MR	Cayden O	For an improved effort in his learning and behaviour					
4SA	Mia S	For continuously trying her best; performing very well in reading and English					
5CP	Delilah-	For always being respectful and helpful.					
	Rose -T						
5BG	Holly T	For huge improvements in her handwriting.					
5NB	Jakub J	For his much improved grammar within his mystery narrative.					
5TH	Sienna S	For humorous writing this week.					
6LC	Lexie T	For sewing skills in the construction of her Greek sandal.					
6VP	Albie	For making excellent progress in his handwriting this half term					
6JM	Georgia M	For an innovative design and perseverance in sewing, when creating a sandal.					

## Maths Marvels



Well done 5NB with an amazing 511 points this week!
Who will be our TT Rock Stars leaders next week?





A huge well done to 3NM who currently have the most points this week.

Well done to everyone who has accessed Mathletics this week!

All classes	0	Activity points	Skill Quests\$ points	Live points	Total points
3NM	>	8310	0	0	8310
4JP	>	2340	0	14	2354
1FK	>	2080	0	0	2080
4SA	>	1300	0	0	1300
RMB	>	960	0	40	1000
6JM	>	880	0	0	880
RFC	>	700	0	0	700
2RS	>	480	0	0	480
3SH	>	460	0	2472	2932
REC	>	280	0	0	280
5NB	>	100	0	0	100



Short Term and Working Memory

Children can be forgetful at times especially when it comes to uninteresting tasks, such as brushing their teeth. Although there is often nothing to worry about, there are other skills that your child will need as they grow older requiring effective use of their memory skills. Having good memory skills is one way for them to stay organised and remember all sorts of information without writing everything down. So how can you improve your child's memory skills? There are different and numerous approaches to help your child enhance their memory skills.

Why not give some of these games a try:

- Kim's Game Place a number of objects on a tray (these can be general items or items of interest ie their favourite toys). Allow your child to look at the objects for a fixed period of time and then cover them over. What items can they remember?
- What's missing? Set the tray up in the game above but this time take an item away. Ask your child what item is missing. Alternatively, you can add an item. Can they tell what is different?
- Memory cards Using a normal deck of playing cards or matching pictures, turn them face down and ask them to turn them over to find the matching pair.
- Memory bag Place a number of objects in a bag. Pull out one object at a time and place them in front of your child. When all objects have been displayed, put them back into the bag and ask them to pull them out in the same order (they can look at the objects or use touch to identify them).



I went to the... The first person uses the statement 'I went to the...' (you can choose a place ie supermarket/football stadium/zoo etc). The next repeats the statement and names the first person's answer followed by their own...and so on. If you want to make the game more difficult, you can use the alphabet, starting each answer with the next letter in chronological order.



This term has seen a development in the Wellbeing Hub, with it now been open each day for lunch. It has been wonderful to see so many children access this brilliant provision.

This week our Wellbeing Ambassadors met which was lovely to have them altogether. We spoke about the Whole School Nurture approach and what was working really well and what we could do to make it even better. It was lovely to hear their ideas and we are looking forward to working with them to embed the approach further.















## Book outo free Easter holiday clubs!

### April 4th-14th 2022

Eligible children and young people are invited to join our FREE fun-filled school holiday clubs, run by a network of locally trusted organisations! Brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education.

### Who is eligible?

Clubs are FREE for school aged young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals, or from low income working families.

### Where are clubs running?

Clubs are on offer across all 12 Essex County Council Districts & Thurrock

### What do clubs offer?

Each organisation provides their own unique variety of physical and enrichment activities, as well as a tasty, nutritious meal for every child.

In addition to inclusive mainstream clubs, we also run dedicated SEND clubs and Mental Wellbeing hubs. To find out more about each of these offers, visit the link below

activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/









## COMMIT TO BE FITS

### PE Days

Monday—2VC, 2RS, 4MR and 4SA
Tuesday—1BA, 4JP, 5NB and 5CP
Wednesday—RT, RB, 1GC, 1CH, 1FK, 5BG and 5TH
Thursday—3SH, 3RM, 3NM and 2NL
Friday—RC, RG, 6JM, 6LC and 6VP

# BE ACTIVE KIDS®

Be Active Kids has some great resources which can be used at home to get children active ... including some wet weather ideas!

http://www.beactivekids.org/resources/handouts/

Here are some physical activities that you could try at home over the Easter break ...

https://activeforlife.com/add-activity-to-easter/

https://kidactivities.net/easter-gamessongs/

https://www.familyeducation.com/ entertainment-activities/19-easteractivities-and-crafts-for-the-whole-



# ETPS PFA Update

£1 per week

**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY** 

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot





### **Splitting the £1.00**

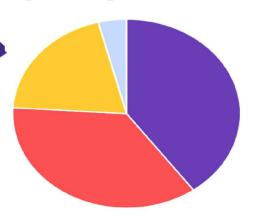
### How it works...

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



# ETPS PFA Update





WIN A

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost £1 each
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000

**VOUCHER** 

To support your school, go to: YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play and search for: East Tilbury Primary

Players must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 23rd Apr 2022. T&Cs apply (see website for details).





# ETPS PFA Update



The PFA donated over 3000 sunflower seeds.
Each child could take seeds home to plant for their
Mum, Gran, Granny, Granma, Nan, Sister, Aunty or
any other special person.

We would love to watch them grow so please send us your progress from potting to growing.

Thanks again for your continued support PFA Team etschoolpfa@gmail.com







## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FACEBOOK

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

### CYBERBULLYING

### **FUTURE IMPACT**

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS



### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

### VIDEOS AND STREAMING



## ENCOURAGE SAFE FRIENDING

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

♣ Friends ▼

### RESPECT BOUNDARIES

### **BLOCK AND REPORT**

### Meet Our Expert

















## 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.





### East Tilbury Primary School Pre-Loved Uniform Shop. &



## The shop will be open every Tuesday & Friday morning between 8.30 & 9.15am.

We have the following items in stock at affordable prices:

School logo jumpers & cardigans £2.50 each

Plain navy jumpers & cardigans £1.00 each

Grey School Trousers £1.50 each

Grey skirts & pinafore dresses £1.50 each

Summer Dresses £1.50

Polo T-Shirts £1.00 each

Boys & Girls smart shirts £1.00 each

Warm winter coats £3.50-£5.00 each

St Clere's Blazers £5.00 each

Shoes & Plimsolls from £1.00

PE Shorts and T-shirts £1.00 each

PF Tracksuits £1.50-£3.00

For those parents that cannot get into the shop but are in need of uniform you can also drop us a message on <a href="mailto:office.etp@osborne.coop">office.etp@osborne.coop</a> and we can source the uniform you require and get it delivered locally to you or arrange collection at the school office.

All the money raised from the uniform shop is put back into supporting families in our local community or into buying resources for the children to use within our Well-being hubs or on the playground.

Please keep us in mind if you have any good quality uniform that your child no longer needs that you would be happy to donate. We would be so grateful for any donations so that we can keep offering this service to our school community.

All donations can be dropped into the school reception or handed to a member of staff at the gate.



### 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



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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
- Dr. Emmanuel
- Mr Bennett
- Mrs Jarvis
- Mrs Mylam
- Mrs Stevens is the EYFS Designated Lead.

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





## Here are the opening times

and locations for our foodbank centres. Everyone who comes to the foodbank for

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