



# Newsletter

14th January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

First and foremost may we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy new year! As always it has been a busy week at school, with children settling back into their learning following the Christmas break. It has been great to hear all about the children's holidays and how much they enjoyed time with friends and family.

## Foodbank

This week we received a certificate of thanks from the Thurrock foodbank to show their appreciation for the generous donations that were made by the school community as part of our harvest donation. Thank you so much for all who donated food items, it made a big difference to local families leading up to the festive period.

## Road Safety

We have had reports this week of multiple cars parked illegally in or around the adjacent roads to the school. This resulted in one of our younger children almost being knocked over while cars pulled away from spaces, they should not have been parked in. Please make sure that when dropping children off to school you are parking appropriately and observing speed limits. Thank you for your cooperation.

## E-Safety

Since the return from holidays we have been made aware of a Youtube clip that has escaped Youtube's filtering system and is being seen by younger viewers – 'Huggy Wuggy and Kissy Missy.' The title appears innocent enough but the content is very scary and not appropriate for primary aged pupils. Please continue to be vigilant of the content your children have access to online or via streaming platforms. Thank you for your support in this matter.

We wish you all a relaxing weekend ahead

The Leadership team

## Important dates:

February Half Term: Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February 2022

Children return: 21st February 2022

Easter Holidays: Monday 4th April— Monday 18th April 2022

Children return: Tuesday 19th April 2022

May Half Term: Monday 30th May— Friday 3rd June 2022

Children return: Monday 6th June 2022

Non Pupil days: Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July 2022 (INSET days)

Please be aware that if you take holiday during this time, you will be subject to a penalty fine. This is school policy for all holiday applications during term time.

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

All given dates are subject to amendment.



Please label all of your child's school uniform. This will make reuniting your child with lost jumpers/cardigans much easier for staff. Thank you

## AMAZING NEWS

We are incredibly proud that 27 of our Year 4 children have been selected to be published as part of the Young Writers Amazing Hunters competition. Children who have been selected will receive permission slips next week for their parents or carers to complete. A huge well done to all children who entered!



## Win a Frog Bike!

Throughout January the Bikeability Trust is running an exclusive competition with Frog Bikes - this is your chance to get creative by designing your dream cycling jersey, using one of our [Tools for Schools](#) fun activities. The lucky winner will win a brand new Frog bike of their choice, courtesy of Frog Bikes, as well as a fantastic Frog cycling jersey to complete the look.

You will be able to enter the challenge until 29 January 2021 - the winner will be chosen by judges from the Bikeability Trust and Frog Bikes teams.

More information about the competition can be found using the link below:

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/blog/january-competition-win-a-frog-bike/>

### Important Information regarding pupil absence

Any pupil that has 5 or more consecutive days illness will be required to provide the school with medical evidence. Medical evidence can be a GP appointment card, text, or prescription medication. Any illness for this length of time without medical evidence could be subjected to a penalty notice.



# Classroom catch up

## Reception

This half term in Reception we are focussing on 'Fantasy and Adventure' where we will look and lots of different stories with magical and mythical creatures. This week we have been reading 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra. The week started off with Evil Pea writing us a letter and some vegetables being captured! We had to use our phonics to describe the vegetables in the story so he would release a new vegetable each day!

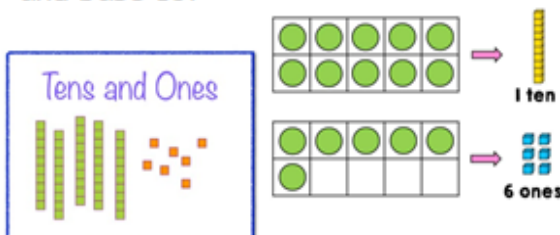
We have enjoyed exploring our new potion labs in our classroom and creating our own magical potions to safely release the carrots. We have been exploring different vegetables and using different techniques to create drawings of them.

In Maths we have been exploring 3D shapes, we have got better at identifying and naming the shapes. We have enjoyed exploring and building with the shapes.



## Year One

In Maths, we have been learning about tens and ones. We discussed that one ten is equal to ten ones and that numbers from 11 to 19 are made up of one ten and extra ones. We have represented different numbers up to 20, using ten frames and base 10.



In Science, we continued our learning on our new topic, 'Animals including humans'. We found out lots of information about the different animal groups and that there are similarities and differences between them.

For example; amphibians and reptiles can both live on the land and in the water. However, amphibians lay their eggs in the water, but reptiles lay their eggs on land.

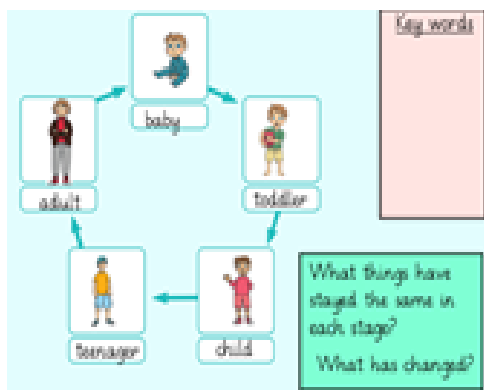
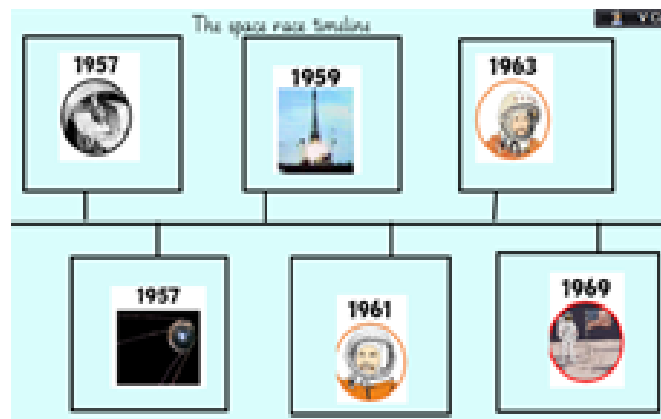
We also worked as a class to sort images of various animals into the correct groups of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and insects.



# Year 2

This half term we are focusing on Space.

In History we have been learning about the Space race. We found this very interesting and can tell you about what Scientist have done throughout the years in the development of space. We then sequenced the events on a timeline in chronological order.



In Science, we have been learning about the life cycle of humans. We discussed the changes that happen and looked at the things that stay the same when humans grow.

# Year 3

This week we began our new class text: 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. Using our comprehension skills, we looked carefully at the book to predict what might happen as the story progresses. Next, we worked in small groups to create freeze frames of the main events and used these to secure our understanding of the characters and how they feel. To broaden our use of vocabulary, we used dictionaries to look up the meaning of interesting words used by the author such as gnashed and mischief.

In our Foundation lessons this week, we had our first Geography lesson! We had to locate the countries within the United Kingdom and he even began to identify some major cities, thinking carefully about their landmarks. In French, our topic has moved onto 'body parts'. We worked well to listen carefully and repeat the French vocabulary to learn the parts of the body, before practising using this language with a partner.



# Year 4 - Music



We used an iPad app called xylo and real xylophones to either learn to play twinkle twinkle little star or create our own melody to perform to the class.



This week in Year 4, we have been focusing on Haiku poems using the Lorax, Thneedville, for context. The pupils enjoyed creating their own and illustrating their own versions of Thneedville, we were very impressed with the level of work produced and the best ones were even chosen for display! In science, we continue to learn about sound and have had practical examples for the children to understand how the vibrations in the air translate into the sounds we hear. In maths, the pupils have enjoyed lessons that have focused on the 3, 6 and 9 times tables. It has given them another opportunity to revise and establish patterns in these times tables which we encourage them to practice! Following the success of the Brain Buddies group that had worked with 4MR, from next week both 4SA and 4JP will begin weekly sessions on a Thursday in order to help the children with their mental health and encourage positive practises to help us deal with our emotions. Letters will be handed out to pupils to provide more information on these sessions.





# Year 6

In Year 6 this week we continued our foundation unit of Ancient Greece. So far we have learned about the timeline of the empire and the locations that became part of the empire as Alexander the Great's kingdom expanded. To support our learning, we are reading the book 'Who Let The Gods Out' in each class—we are finding this book to be both engaging and informative.



In R.E. we explored the concept of morality from a non-religious point of view. We used Humanism to demonstrate a faith that places value on traits like reason and relying on science in order to explain the way things are. Some key principles of morality within Humanism are: be honest; use your mind and; treat other people the way that you would want to be treated. We then went on to create a 'Code of Living' using a set of principles or rules that would help to make the world a happier and kinder place.

Humanism and Morality

- Be honest
- Use your mind
- Treat other people as you would like to be treated

Take care of the environment. Don't litter or pollute the planet.

Children should be protected and looked after so that they are safe and happy.

We should live by the rules of the society we live in.

Consider others by helping them in times of need.

Treat everyone equally by not showing prejudice against them.

Restricting actions and items that have a detrimental impact on our lives.

Being honest towards others eg. not manipulating people or deceiving them

Treat others as you want to be treated

Humanism and Morality

- Be honest
- Use your mind
- Treat other people as you want to be treated.

Code of Living:

- People need to be kind to other people.
- Kind be kind to each other just we keep us safe.
- Kind and people helping each other.
- People being kind to each other.
- Helping when some one is hurt & help up: are you are ok.



## Whole School Nurture Approach

This week, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Allen met with each year group's Wellbeing Ambassadors.



They shared some kindness that they have spotted around the school, it was wonderful to hear of all the kindness that has happened around the school - well done ETPS!



A Year 3 Wellbeing Ambassador said ...

*"At breaktimes and lunchtimes, me and my friends have created a Kindness Club. We just want everyone to be happy and play together. It is lovely to look out onto the playground and see children being kind to each other."*

The Wellbeing Ambassadors were given a special role on the playground to support the play at breaktimes and lunchtimes. In the meeting, they also had a discussion about their classes wellbeing target for next term. Each year group set has collaboratively identified a target that they think their year group needs to develop.







Since Monday 10th January our new sandpit has been open to the children.

Due to Covid restrictions this has been done on a rota basis initially beginning with Year 1 who have loved accessing the sandpit this week!

Here are what some of our Year 1 children have said ...

*"I loved playing in the sandpit with my friends."*

*"I like having the different toys to play with. It makes lunchtimes so much fun!"*

*"It helps us to be better at things like sharing."*

*"We got to go in the big sandpit and use spades and buckets to dig."*

The children have all been informed of the rules of the sandpit to keep them safe and to create an area where they can play freely, create and imagine.

The sandpit will be checked every morning as we are aware of the potential for cats and foxes to misuse it.

In addition to this we have a large net to enclose the sandpit overnight. The net deters animals but allows rain and sunlight in to naturally refresh and cleanse the sand. This advice comes from OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning)

Boot scrapers are also on order to help keep the sand out of the school and off of the children's shoes. However, a little bit of sand in a sock is a small price to pay for any child's enjoyment

I would like to thank the numerous staff and year 6 pupils who offered and helped fill the sandpit.

Small World donations have been coming in and we are very grateful. We will always welcome more.



# REACH!! FOR THE STARS

*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	Elsie	For taking responsibility to keep the classroom tidy
RMB	Louie	For showing perseverance and making great improvement with his name writing.
RFC	Zeniyah	For writing CVC words independently.
REC	Nick	For writing CVC words independently.
1CH	Frankie	For always trying his best.
1GC	Alex	For working hard in all lessons.
1FK	Betsy	For working hard and being resilient during maths lesson.
1BA	Ollie T	For making good choices and following adult's instructions.
2VC	Emily D	For working hard in Maths with her multiplication.
2RS	David	For having a great attitude towards his learning.
2NL	Jaden A	For showing enthusiasm and trying his best in history.
3RM	Jacques R	For using a dictionary well to locate words
3SH	George M	For showing kindness and supporting his peers.
3NM	Erin S	For her continuous efforts to improve her skills in Maths and English
4JP	Albert	for an amazing 3D printed piece of homework promoting "Be Safe, Be Seen"
4MR	Josie K	Writing a descriptive and imaginative Haiku poem
4SA	Amira R	Showing self responsibility in her learning and doing extra work at home.
5CP	Lilly M	For amazing artwork and persuasive letter.
5BG	Kyle H	For his outstanding letter, applying features extremely well.
5NB	Amin B	For his outstanding effort and attitude in reading skills; outstanding resilience in mathematics.
5TH	Delia T	For being incredible supportive to her classmate, an absolute role-model to the year group.
6LC	Lola T	For an excellent first week at East Tilbury Primary School
6VP	Abigail M	Working consistently hard in maths this week and always having a positive attitude to learning
6JM	Dominiykas	For demonstrating excellent understanding when completing reflection work in Mathematics.

# Maths Marvels



Well done 5NB or an amazing effort this week with an incredible 727.

Who will be our TT Rockstars leaders next week?



A huge well done to 3NM again this week, who have achieved a brilliant 5540 Mathletics points! It is also great to see some EYFS and KS1 classes so high up the leader board.

Well done to everyone who has been on Mathletics this week.

All classes		ACTIVITY POINTS	LIVE POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
3NM	>	5540	187	5727
1BA	>	2400	53	2453
RFC	>	2340	0	2340
REC	>	1750	26	1776
2RS	>	1710	0	1710
4MR	>	1050	0	1050
4SA	>	1040	0	1040
RJG	>	1000	0	1000
1CH	>	830	46	876
2NL	>	520	0	520
2VC	>	340	0	340



# COMMIT TO BE FIT! GO W W I L L

## Clubs

It is wonderful to see so many children participating in after-school sports clubs. Many clubs will give the children the opportunity to play in local school leagues. We have A and B teams entered in both Football and Netball leagues for the Autumn and Spring terms.

## PE Kit

Half term is coming, and many children will have had growth spurts this half term. Can parents/carers please take this opportunity to check that PE kit still fits and replace it if necessary. Children will need to bring their PE kit back in the first day back after half term.

## PE days

Monday— 2VC, 2RS, 4MR and 4SA

Tuesday—1FK, 1BA, 4JP, 5NB and 5CP

Wednesday—RT, RG, 1GC, 1CH, 5Bg and 5TH

Thursday— year 3 and 2NL

Friday— RC and RB and year 6

## OPAL Outdoor Play and Learning Launch 2021



As I'm sure you may have heard from your children, we have introduced many new activities and resources for the children to use during their break and lunchtimes. This has seen numerous examples of wonderful creative play, imagination, cooperation, and problem solving. The children are very much enjoying the mud kitchens, but we need more pots and pans. Can I ask that anyone who has some old saucepans please send them our way, along with any small world toys such as dolls, dinosaurs, or action figures.

Many Thanks

The OPAL Play Team



## 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

PE 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 [office.etp@osborne.coop](mailto:office.etp@osborne.coop) 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.





Thurrock  
Teacher Training

## Schools Direct Salaried

- One year school based training
- In partnership with TES Institute (accrediting provider for QTS)
- Paid as an Unqualified Teacher
- Learn to teach with a qualified teacher present to observe at least weekly your lessons
- School pay your fees
- 50% of teaching timetable for the first term
- One 'TES day' weekly for the on line content
- Gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and an optional postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE)

### You will need;

- A standard equivalent to a grade 4 in the GCSE examinations in English and mathematics (and Science if you are training to teach at primary level).
- A first degree\* of a UK higher education institution or equivalent qualification



## Schools Direct Fee funded (unsalaried) for Primary and Secondary

- One year school-based training
- In partnership with TES Institute (accrediting provider for QTS)
- Learn to teach with a qualified teacher present in every lesson
- Pay TES fees of £8,625 incl VAT leading to QTS only **OR** £9,250 incl VAT leading to QTS and a PGCE.
- Gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and an optional postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE)

### ITT bursaries;

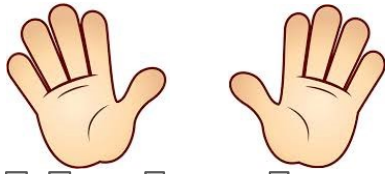
- Depending on the subject you wish to teach and whether you meet the eligibility criteria, you may be eligible to receive a tax-free ITT training bursary from the DfE.
- For more information on funding please visit the following website <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-your-training>

Full programme overview can be found here

<https://www.tes.com/institute/school-direct-itt-programme>



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SCHOOL



# Help is at hand

## 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](mailto: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

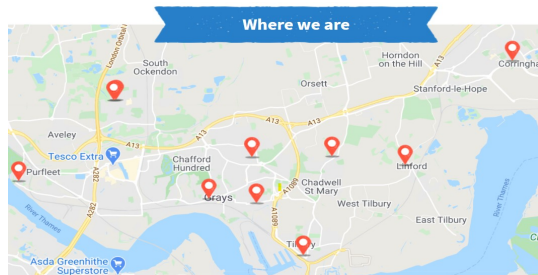
◇ Mrs Mylam

◇ 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 \[www.childline.org.uk\]\(http://www.childline.org.uk\) · NSPCC 0808 800 5000 \[www.nspcc.org.uk\]\(http://www.nspcc.org.uk\); \[www.facebook.com/nspcc\]\(http://www.facebook.com/nspcc\)](#)



## LOCATIONS

*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 0QA

**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