

Dear Parents and Carers,

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun! The last three weeks have certainly flown by, with the children engaged in a multitude of fun learning activities. This week we hosted a 'Multi-School Council forum', celebrating pupil achievement in diversity and inclusion and raising important issues for children today such as the environment and racism. This enabled our pupils to speak up and celebrate their own successes while considering how we can make the communities we live in even better.

#### Parent code of conduct

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of all individuals on our school site, we introduced a 'Parent Code of Conduct' policy at the end of last academic year. This is available to view on the website in the 'Statutory' section and then 'Policies'. Thank you for all who continue to act with courtesy and decency in and around the school site.

#### Pupil risk assessments

Over the last couple of weeks we have had a few situations where children have been dropped off at school having had a significant injury outside of school hours and not informed us prior to arriving at school. As part of our Health & Safety protocols we require children who have suffered significant injuries to be risk assessed prior to starting back with us. This is to assure you as parents, and our staff, that we have put procedures in place to minimise risk on their return to school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

We wish you and your family a relaxing weekend

The Leadership Team

#### **Important dates:**

#### **Summer Term**

Genes for Jeans Day: Friday 17th September 2021

Hello Yellow Day-Friday 8th October 2021

Autumn Half Term: Monday 18th—Friday 29th October 2021

Closing date for secondary school admissions: 31st October 2021

Children return: Monday 1st November 2021

Christmas Holiday: Monday 20th December—Tuesday 4th January

2022

Non-pupil day: Tuesday 4th January 2022 (INSET day)

Children return: Wednesday 5th January 2022

February Half Term: Monday 14th February—Friday 18th Feb-

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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 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

you



Now more than ever, we need to encourage our children to see a future full of purpose, hope and opportunity. We will be raising the profile of some aspirational roles to motivate our children to think about and work towards aims for their future.

Do you have a job role that might be considered quite competitive to get into or creative or different to the type of work our children generally talk about, as well as rewarding? Are you willing to give up an hour or so of your time to inspire the children of East Tilbury Primary School? If your answers to these questions are 'yes', or you know somebody else who might be able to help, please contact Dr Emmanuel via the school office. We really do need your help!

### Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO's)

After last week's assembly on Road Safety in year 5 there were 50 applications to be JRSO's. There were many quality applications which made it very difficult to choose only 4. The four pupils have since met with Lisa Clissold, our local Road Safety Trainer from Thurrock Council, to discuss initiatives for this term. The JRSO's will be looking to promote "Be Bright, Be Seen" to help keep our pupils and the community safe in those dark winter months. A big thank you to all of those pupils who applied.



Hi Everyone, Mrs Mylam (SENCo) here.

I'd like to introduce a new section to the newsletter called 'SEND in Focus'. This dedicated section will allow me to share useful strategies, resources and local service provisions that might be of interest to you and your child. I will start this off with some advice and resources to support fine motor development. Please let me know if there is anything specific that you might like added in future newsletters.

Fine motor refers to development of the smaller muscles within a person's body, ie hands, fingers and toes. These muscles enable children to carry out everyday activities such as holding a pencil correctly, buttoning their shirt or tying their shoe laces, as they develop their eye-hand coordination, eye-finger coordination and their

finger strength and control.

Children with fine motor difficulties are supported in school through fun and engaging activities. Why not check out these links and have some fun with these at home using everyday items:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MD86MGSBd8w

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6kPcQSSsEY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gO4SaYq6cVI

# School Council Update





Next week, the School Council Team are running a referendum on who should lead school council and have the right to speak for the pupils - teachers or pupils?

Keep an eye on our newsletter over the next few weeks to see the results!

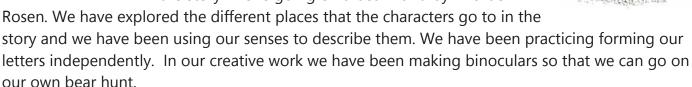


### Clarroom catch up



### Reception

This week in Reception our learning has been around the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael



In maths we have been ordering things by height and by length. We made worms and then ordered them. We are very good at ordering things and using the words 'longer' and 'shorter'.



Our topic this week was all about our senses. We learnt about all 5 senses and went outside on a sense's scavenger hunt. We found different textures to feel, different smells, we heard lots of different things and we saw lots of natural things in the garden.



We're Going on a Bear Hunt

### Year 1

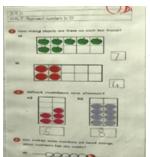




In year 1, we have been learning to represent numbers up to 10 using an array of concrete manipulatives. In addition, we discussed that numbers can be represented using various objects

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from our everyday lives. This has been reinforced throughout the week with



videos and other resources to provide a broad range of knowledge on representing numbers. The children's excellent work has reflected their understanding and how much they have enjoyed the maths topic. Well done year 1!

This week in Geography, we have been locating the 7 continents and the 5 oceans. We used an atlas to help us.

In Science, we have been investigating micro habitats. We went out into the playground to find ani-



mals in their micro habitats. Can you find a micro habitat in your garden or at the

In English, we have been using adverbs to describe how we do an action. We watched a clip from the Lion King and then wrote about what Simba was doing and used adverbs to make our sentences interesting.



In PSHE, we created friendship

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soup. We discussed the ingredients needed to make a good friendship.

## Year 3

This week year 3 have been introduced to the text 'Ug'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the stone age through the eyes of a young boy, named Ug, and his family. Part of the story focuses on Ug's disappointment that the only material he could make his trousers out of was stone, so we focused on sourcing alternative materials for Ug as a whole class. The children discussed the pros and cons of materials such as mud, leaves and animal skin. To further our understanding of conjunctions, we then extended our sentences using comparative language including 'similarly', 'whereas', 'like' and 'so'. In history we focused on stone age tools and used our observational skills to view a range of sources.

Within maths this week we continued to develop an understanding of place value. We looked carefully at number lines in order to identify the missing numbers. Alongside this, we have also started to consolidate our understanding of the 3 times table.

Our creative skills focus across the past couple of weeks was observational drawing. The children really enjoyed collecting their own items from the outside area to sketch, looking carefully at the texture of each item.

### Year 4

This third week in Year 4 had been filled with interesting activities! In science, pupils have been working hard on their classifications of animals and took it to the next level classifying Haribo sweets into various categories. The children even had fun showing off their moves to the Animal song! English has been great in prompting the children to consider their emotions when writing a diary entry and they even had the opportunity to act out these emotions in class. In PE, we are learning netball and our focus this week was on chest passes which the children enjoyed and showed great enthusiasm!





#### Year 5 PE — balancing techniques and teamwork.

In year 5 we have been honing in on our balancing skills and teamwork by participating in mini team activities and challenges. For showing excellent balancing techniques and teamwork, a special mention needs to go to LF from 5BG, AB from 5BG and ME in 5TH.

During history this week, we have been researching the Vikings. We researched what countries and why they would invade them (Italy, England, Scotland, France, Canada, Iceland and Faroe Islands). To complete the task, we used a range of cross-curricular skills including inference skills, to deduce the information and choose what country we would invade as Vikings.





In music this week, we explored how different pieces of music made us feel and expressed this through words. After that, we worked in small groups, given a range of instruments and created a piece of music which represented a different parts of Odin's Asgard.

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

This week, Year 6 are pleased to announce the new prefects for this term. Prefects are expected to establish and maintain the highest standards of behaviour, attitude and appearance at all times and provide a positive role model for other pupils. They are appointed each year to undertake various roles and responsibilities around the school.





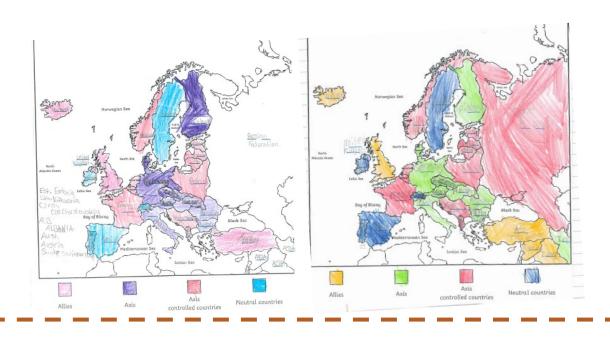


**6JM Prefects** 

**6LC Prefects** 

**6VP Prefects** 

Continuing with our topic of World War Two, we spent our History lesson this week researching which countries were the Allied forces and which were the Axis forces. We learnt that many countries in the continent of Europe were involved amongst others around the world. This was very interesting for us because of the links some of us have with countries around, whether we or our parents were born in one of the countries that we studied.









This week, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Allen met with each year groups Wellbeing Ambassador representatives.

They were introduced to their new role and were all incredibly excited to support the wellbeing of children across the school.

Next week, during one of their class biscuit sessions, the Wellbeing Ambassadors will be given an opportunity to speak to their class to

introduce their role and the support that they the can offer.

In the meeting, the Wellbeing Ambassadors had some training around how to deal with different situations that might occur. They were spoken to about the importance of sharing with an adult if they are

supporting someone, to keep everyone safe and well.



Each of the Wellbeing Ambassadors were also set a challenge for this term ... to spot acts of kindness.

The Wellbeing Ambassadors will work with the adults in their classroom and their peers to spot acts of kindness. These will be



celebrated in their class Nurture Nook.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page, as we will be sharing some of the acts of kindness











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# IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART

- giving us a call, email or requesting online at Use the enclosed entry forms, photocopy them or request as many as you need by www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/me
- Ask your pupils to write their poem, ensuring their name, surname and age are included on the entry form
- Send your entries, along with your school entry form (found on the reverse of the letter), to:

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Remus House

Peterborough PE2 9BF

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www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/enter Upload your entries at our website

OR email them to us at

competitions@youngwriters.co.uk

OR use the Online Writing Portal that your pupils can type directly in to. Log in or create your teacher account at

www.youngwriters.co.uk/teachers

OR use the Word Doc version of the entry form available to download at our website no printing needed!

# 22ND OCTOBER 2021

# YOUNG WRITERS

# FOR 7-11 YEAR-OLDS POETRY COMPETITIE

This Is Me lets your pupils explore who they are and who they powerful, exciting poetry that lets them express themselves. individuality and resilience. Motivate your pupils to write want to be, empowering them and celebrating their

they feel, be inspired by a word that describes them, share their hopes and dreams, write about something they're passionate This Is Me encourages your pupils to use this opportunity to write about themselves; they could write about an emotion about or celebrate someone they aspire to be.

Every pupil has the chance to shine, to feel confident in writing a poem and have the chance to be published in a real book.

# FREE RESO

- Exciting Video to introduce your pupils to This Is Me!'
- Ready-Made Lesson fun activity to help your pupils write a poem
  - PowerPoint Presentation complements the lesson plan and includes examples
    - Engaging Examples inspire your pupils to write original poetry
      - Idea Generator classroom fun to help fire up imaginations



www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/me All available today at

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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 | Freddy F  | For listening and following instructions  |
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| RMB | Bobby     | For trying really hard with his name writing.   |
| REC | Nick Z    | For his determination in his writing .  |
| RFC | Elijah    | For listening well and following group instructions .   |
| 1BA | Jamee I   | For his hard work and excellent contributions in class.   |
| 1FK | Nojus     | For being an excellent role model.  |
| 1CH | Luke T    | For giving any given task a go this week!   |
| 1GC | Isla-Rose | For being such a helpful member of 1GC.   |
| 2VC | Amelia T  | For working hard in Math with week.   |
| 2RS | Kian R    | For working hard when partitioning two digit numbers.   |
| 2NL | Lucas T   | For his determination and positive attitude to learning.  |
| 3RM | Blake DW  | For his effort with reading .   |
| 3NM | Deborah D | For being an excellent role model, demonstrating the co-operative values of self responsibility.                      |
| 4MR | Zakariah  | For improved attitude toward learning and contributing to class discussion.   |
| 4JP | К         | For making a great effort with improving his work in English.   |
| 4SA | Jasson    | For good understanding in maths and always contributing great ideas during class!                                     |
| 5CP | Teddy L   | For Working exceptionally hard to improve his written work.   |
| 5NB | Chloe M   | For bring positivity to the class; being a consistent role-model within and outside class.                            |
| 5BG | Lily F    | For writing a very detailed story using all the features.   |
| 5TH | Layton C  | For being a valued member of the class, and a pleasure to teach over his time at ETP. We wish him well in his future. |
| 6LC | Lilly J-W | For working hard in English.  |
| 6JM | Davey E   | For excellent attitude to his learning.   |
| 6VP | Renie N   | For a consistent positive attitude in all lessons.  |

# Maths Marvels



A huge well done to 6LC this week. They are the true Rockstars this week!! Lets see who can be our TT Rockstars leaders next week!





# Support Maths Learning At Home

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates and links about how you can support your child's Maths learning at home.













On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the selfings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games













### COMMIT TOBEFIT!

#### PE Kit

We still have few children who are not bringing PE kit. If your child is to perform at their best, and more importantly be safe when doing so, they need correct PE kit and plimsolls or trainers.

#### Hair

Hair must be tied back for PE if it is likely to go in your child's eyes. This is to keep them safe.

#### **Earrings**

We recommend that earrings are not worn on PE days. Taking earrings out is time consuming and fiddly for many children and earrings are easily lost. Recently pierced ears can be taped for the first month after piercing but the tape must be provided by the parent/carer. We cannot provide this.

#### Extra-curricular clubs

Clubs have started this week and it's been wonderful to see so many children participating in so many things, including outdoor learning, football, netball, multisports, mindfulness, boardgames and creative writing to name a few.

We have two teams entered in both the Football and Netball leagues this year after a long Covid enforced absence. The children are raring to go, and fixtures are being arranged with the local schools who play in our leagues.

#### **Regional Gymnastic Success**

A big congratulations to Sebastian in Year 6 who has recently come through the Regional Qualifiers in Pipers Vale to book a place in the National Finals for Gymnastics. He has worked incredibly hard over many years to accomplish this and we wish him luck in the finals, to be held in Telford in November.

#### 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

Dear Parents,

We are about to launch an exciting new project to make our play times even better, in conjunction with OPAL. (<a href="http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/">http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/</a>). OPAL has won the best active schools' programme in Europe award and been cited in two



Parliamentary Reports as outstanding practice. OPAL is working closely with Sport England to promote more active childhoods.

We strongly believe that: "Play is freely chosen, personally directed, intrinsically motivated behaviour that actively engages the child. Play can be fun or serious. Through play children explore social, material and imaginary worlds and their relationship with them, elaborating all the while a flexible range of responses to the challenges they encounter. By playing, children learn and develop as individuals, and as members of the community" (Play Council 2001).

The project will start in June. and our hopes are that this project will change the way we think and how we play together. To facilitate this project we will need to buy some new resources, move some things around on the playground and we will also require some loose parts. Loose parts are any materials that can be easily moved, combined, and incorporated into children's free play. The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtime (see below for some examples):

Suitcases of any size and type, anything on wheels/castors

Plastic milk crates and keyboards

Briefcases, especially hard cased ones

Cones and Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)

kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards

Tools like spades, trowels and brooms

Tubes of various sizes and various materials, buckets, nets and ropes

Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric)

Foam sheets / body boards

Wooden pallets and cable drums

Guttering and pegs (to help to set up dens)

#### N.B. Anything that will **shatter** or is **sharp** is **NOT** suitable.

We will be holding another collection week during the week beginning **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June**...... The sooner we do this, the sooner the children will be able to play with the items! Please do not bring your donations in before this date as we will have nowhere to store them. If objects are really large, such as wooden pallets, we will ensure that there is someone available to help you carry them into school. There will be more information to follow at a parents session later in the year. We are really excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtimes for all children.

#### Thurrock Council secondary school admissions

If your child has just started the last year of primary education, you must now apply for a secondary school place.

### Important information – applying for a secondary school place for September 2022

If your child was born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011, you must apply for a primary school place for September 2022.

#### Apply online from 1 September at thurrock.gov.uk/admissions

Go to thurrock.gov.uk/admissions and select 'Secondary school admissions'. You will be able to open an online copy of our prospectus for Thurrock primary schools, booklet called **Secondary Admission Information September 2022**, which you should read carefully before applying.

You must have an email account to apply online.

You should also try to join us online at one of the briefing sessions before you complete an application.

Three briefing sessions for parents will be held on Thursday 16 September 2021 via webinar on the council website.

First Session: 1pm - 2pm; Second session: 4pm - 5pm; Third session: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Go to thurrock.gov.uk/admissions and select 'Secondary school admissions' to access the webinar.

Offers will be available for applicants via your online account from 12:30am on 1 March 2022.

#### Apply for a secondary school place

When making an application you can list up to six schools that you wish to apply for, in your order of preference. You can list schools outside of Thurrock – including grammar schools – if you wish.

If you are applying to any school that is religious by character, make sure you also complete their supplementary form and return it direct to the school by the closing date for applications.

If you have more than one child transferring to secondary school, you must apply separately for each child needing a place.

If you do not complete the application and return it by the closing date of **31 October 2021** you may be given a place at the nearest school with a space available, after all on-time applications have been dealt with.

If you have read all our information online and still have questions, please contact our Admissions Team by emailing school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk or phoning on 01375 652 883.



#### 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