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We we are all
Maths writers ...



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Essex Year of Reading

On Page two of the newsletter is a letter from the Director of Education and the Head of Essex Libraries.

Essex Year of Reading aims to inspire every child to become a confident reader and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Being sent home today and separate to this newsletter every child in the school (actually in Essex) who is Year 7 or below is receiving their own library card, with it's own unique bar code and a book-mark.

As per the letter, children can use their card to choose books, join in with out of school activities and use free computers.

There is also a free Reading app.

'The Essex Year of Reading app will inspire you or your child to read with confidence. Use the free digital library to enjoy immersive audio readings, animations, quizzes and download texts to read offline anytime, anywhere.'

www.essexyearofreading.co.uk



The **Big** Question for this Summer Term Assessment Period – How do I make Good Decisions?

Our Assembly Theme next week is: Reading is the Key

Our Jigsaw Theme for the Half Term—Relationships.

School Development Priorities—Priority 1

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

Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift.

Kate DiCamillo

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Our EYFS Outside Garden

A few frustrations from our EYFS team, especially first thing in the morning before school. Often the EYFS team have put out specific resources/items they want to use that morning for the children's learning.

It is then very frustrating when there is a melee each morning with children who are moving these, reallocating them, before the start of the day, whilst they wait for the doors to open.

Could I please ask all parents who wait in the EYFS garden, most particularly those of you with older children to keep an eye on your children and ask them not to move things around.

The solution, if it keeps happening will be to keep the gates closed to the EYFS garden until 8.30a.m. and parents/children will have to wait on the path that leads to the school's main door.

Many thanks.

Awards

STAR— Jimmy (MM), CHARIOT— Arthur (RREX), JUMBO- Kurtas (RREX).

EAGLES— Ronnie& Maya (CC), ROSES— Amelia (RREX), CIRCUS- Sofia (RREX)

MERCURY— Whole Class (MM), CLAUDIUS- Whole Class (MM), ROMANS- Whole Class (MM).

DUTCH— Ellis (RROX), ICENI— Ollie (MM), PAXMAN— Zain (MM).

CASTLE— Jack & Habib (MM), CAVALIER— Charlie (MM), GARRISON— Sunny & Jack (CC).

OYSTERS- Domas (RREX), MAGNETS- Lexi-Anna (MM), RAEDWALD- Isabelle (RREX)

CYMBELINE— Jakov (RROX), TRINO-VANTES— Beau (MM), LATHES- Stanley (MM).

ATTENDANCE— Romans

Parking and Driving

Part of my regular plea to parents to stop treating the front of the schools like a race track.

There is nothing to be gained from speeding/overly accelerating by a school other than a child's injury/death.

In 2020, there were 1,472 fatalities in reported road accidents and 22,014 seriously injured, followed by a further 91,847 slightly injured. Of these there were 52 child fatalities.

What I'm saying is that it's not worth it—drive sensibly, park sensibly—NOT on the Zig Zag lines and help safeguard the lives of every child in the school, including yours.



Computing

On Monday, we took 10 children to St Mary's School for a Computing Experience. The children had a session focused

on encryption, in which they created their own Cipher Wheel. This came from Julius Caesar; Caesar rotated each letter forward three times to encrypt, so that A became D, B became E, etc. They then used these cipher wheels to decipher messages; each message had a clue, which then enabled the children to work out the key for the cipher wheel, which would determine where the alphabet would be placed on the wheel.



The website the children used was called "Crypto Club" - and we went onto games - Desert Oasis.

GET Outside!

So as we go into the summer a slight change of focus—things to do outside.

This week—Birdseed Ornaments

<https://www.countryfile.com/how-to/outdoor-skills/how-to-make-birdseed-ornaments/>

Well Done

To be fair to the two boys below they have had to wait a few weeks to get a mention in the newsletter.



Firstly Beau, a huge well done as he was recently named the 'Most Improved Junior Swimmer' for the Phoenix Club. I did swim with Beau once when he came along with his grandad on a Saturday morning. Fortunately he spent most of the time in the fast lane so I never really knew how many times he lapped me!



And also to Charlie, who at the last Colchester game of the season hung around at the end to get some selfies with the elite of League 2 football. This is Charlie with Brendan Wiredu.

Children and young persons update (From Essex Police)

Our Town Centre Policing team have been dealing with a large number of reports of young people gaining access to the roof tops in the town centre and running along them, jumping between them and sometimes just hanging around on the top of them. Not only is this extremely dangerous as a fall from such height would be life changing, if not life ending, it is also seeing damage caused to the roof tops which could see these young people end up with criminal records. It is also important to note that the businesses could take their own civil action against you or your children for trespassing on their properties. So far, the town centre team have spoken to 18 young people who have been identified as being on top of the buildings along with their parents to highlight the dangers and in an attempt to keep them safe. The youngest person they have spoken to was 12 years old. So if your children are hanging around in the town, please ensure you know what they are up to. Three teenagers have also been arrested for damage offences and have all been issued acceptable behaviour contracts.

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Contact colchestercommunitypolicingteam@essex.police.uk

May 2022

Dear colleague,

Get involved in the Essex Year of Reading

To mark the Essex Year of Reading 2022, Essex County Council has been working on a range of initiatives to inspire every child in Essex to become a confident reader and develop a lifelong love of reading. It also seeks to address the impact that Covid-19 has had on children and young people's education by providing events, activities and opportunities to help improve their reading levels.

We know that to achieve these goals, it is vital that every child has access to engaging reading materials and resources, giving them the opportunity to discover what topics, style and formats are right for them. Therefore, we are really pleased to provide all primary school children and those in Year 7 of secondary schools across Essex with their very own library card and bookmark. Each library card has its own unique bar code, so all children need to do is bring this card along to any Essex Library to register it in their name and they can get started right away. Children can use their library card to choose books, join in with out of school activities, access homework help, use free computers and lots more.

Once they have signed up for the library, children will be able to take part in this years' Summer Reading Challenge which is a national initiative that encourages children to read books throughout the summer holidays, collecting a medal, stickers and a certificate along the way.

The locations of all Essex libraries and more information can be found at www.libraries.essex.gov.uk

Parents and carers (or older children) can also download the free Essex Year of Reading app to discover further online reading materials, fun activities and competitions for children and families to take part in. Visit www.essexyearofreading.co.uk for more information.

To ensure your school community can make the most of this opportunity, a digital version of this letter has also been shared with your school for you to pass on to parents and carers. Please also include in your next school newsletter if possible.

Yours Sincerely,



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