



March 28th 2024

Newsletter

Headteacher's News

As ever, we ended the term with a wealth of exciting events. Thanks to Miss Adams for organising our fantastic science week. Well done to our Gold football team who played incredibly well in the football league final but sadly lost at penalties. Well done to all who took part in our house cross country competition. Thanks to Mr Dunn and to Mr Brown for organising the sporting events. Please read about these below.

My thanks also goes to the PTA, who last week organised the book fair, the disco and, today, Break the Rules day. It is due to their amazing fundraising that we can run some of the fun aspects of our themed weeks, in this case our Fab Science workshops. If you are interested in getting involved with the PTA, please email them or contact the school office.

I hope you have a fantastic Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15th April.

Enriching the curriculum

Science week was a great success, starting on Monday with the House mix up event where the children were put into groups of different ages to conduct an experiment around reaction times. The aim was to find out who was quicker: older or younger children? Ask your child about the experiment as perhaps you can try this experiment at home! In their class, the children focused on developing their: presentation of data skills, collecting data and drawing tables and graphs. **Fab Science** visited school every day this week to run a number of amazing science workshops for our children based on the theme 'materials'.

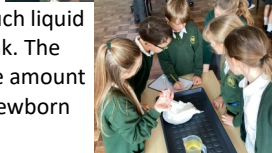
Year 5 looked at soundwaves, oobleck was put onto clingfilm and placed on top of a speaker, dance music was played through the speaker and the children watched as the liquid (oobleck) turn into a solid material as a result of the vibrations. Another experiment proved how much liquid a newborn's nappy could hold before it starts to leak. The children used pipets and apple squash to record the amount of liquid that soaked into the nappy. Surprisingly, newborn nappies can hold two litres of liquid! Today **Year 6** made a very sturdy dodecahedron pyramid in their session using bamboo poles and elastic bands. This helped the children to think about engineering and structure. Children throughout the school have deepened their science knowledge whilst having lots of fun.

The Wellbeing, Inclusion and Diversity committee designed an Easter quiz that all years took part in. Congratulations **Class 12** for winning the quiz, thank you to the PTA who bought them Easter eggs as a prizes. Thank you also to all the parents that helped with Easter crafts in Reception on Tuesday, the children really enjoyed this fun packed activity.

Sport

Throughout the week, selected children from Years 1 to 6 competed in a our house cross country competition. Congratulations to the Normans who came first. Well done to all the children that took part.

After winning 5-0 against Windhill21 last week in the semi finals, Northgate's Gold team played St. Joseph's on Wednesday evening at Manuden Village Community Centre. It was a great match, although sadly the boys lost on penalties. We feel the team should be very pleased with their achievement.



Important Dates

Mon 15th April	Start of term
April (TBC)	PTA Quiz Night at The Belgian Brewer
Mon 22nd April	Y3 Greek Day
Thurs 25th April	2.30pm Y5 Music concert
6th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Thurs 9th May	2.30pm Y4 Music concert
Fri 10th May	2pm PTA committee meeting
13th—16th May	Y6 SATS
WB 20th May	Neurodiversity week
Mon 20th May	Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew
Thurs 23rd May	2.30pm Y3 Music concert
27th—31st May	Half Term
Mon 3rd June	Inset Day
W/C 3rd June	Y4 National multiplication assessments
3rd—7th June	Y6 School Journey, Kingswood
Sat 8th June	PTA Summer Fayre
W/C 10th June	PTA Father's Day Shop
Mon 10th June	Y1 National phonics, screening.
Mon 10th June	Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony
Thurs 13th June	Visit from Herts & Essex Music Group
Fri 14th June	Y5 Egyptian workshop
Thurs 20th June	Visit from Woodwind Stortford
Fri 21st June	Y2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
Fri 21st June	Y4 Stansted Mountfitchet Visit
Wed 26th June	Y1 Trip to Audley End
1st July	Yr 5/6 rehearsal at theatre (timings TBC)
2nd July	Yr 5/6 performance (timings TBC)
Fri 5th July	PTA Sports Day After Party & Colour Run

Celebration of Achievements

This term the Excellence awards were presented to the following children for their consistent positive attitude to their learning. Well done everyone! To celebrate the children enjoyed cakes and refreshments with Mrs Tanner and Mrs Clynes.

R1: Thalia	Class 4: Vaarin	Class 9: Ruby
R2: Charlotte	Class 5: Lottie	Class 10: Elijah
Class 1: Kyan	Class 6: James	Class 11: Harry
Class 2: Novanna	Class 7: Bill	Class 12: Abigail
Class 3: Aaron	Class 8: Amber	



Attendance

If you are having problems with getting your child to school and you would like support, please contact Mrs Rogers, our pastoral leader.

**EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY**

Attendance this Term

Yr	%	Our target	96%
R	96.81	Whole school	95.13%
1	92.51		
2	95.58	0 days off	100% Fantastic
3	94.35	5 days off a year	97% Good
4	95.32	10 days off a year	95% Slight concern
5	97.14	20 days off a year	90% Concerned
6	94.83	30 days off a year	85% Very concerned