

Message from Mrs Branton

We welcomed the fantastic Joe and Willow from the Really Big Pants Theatre company this week. KS1 children dressed up in their pyjamas for a wonderful bedtime story! It was the story of 'Clare and Cory share a glorious story' which is Joe and Willow's book. See all the pictures on twitter!



World book day

The children had great fun coming into school dressed as their favourite book characters, with a fantastic range of outfits in celebration of World Book Day. They enjoyed a wonderful day of rotations, visiting each of the classrooms to take part in various activities, from creating a new spell/potion to producing their own comic strips.



Sporting news

Tuesday was a busy day for football, with a team of boys from Year 2 and Year 5 attending a tournament at the Old Brentwood Rugby Club. The tournament was organised by the Shenfield Sports Partnership. The boys were all very excited to go out for a competition. Both teams had a great time and showed all of our school values throughout the tournament, they were a credit to the school. Well done boys!



A group of girls from year 6 went along to the District Netball tournament on Wednesday. The girls showed perseverance and resilience and their playing was something they should be really proud of, well done girls!

PTFA

We are struggling to recruit new members for our PTFA committee, please can you help. The PTFA organise a lot of fun activities for the children such as discos and the summer fayre, it would be such a shame if we had to stop events such as these due to a lack of support. On a positive note the PTFA managed to raise £50 from their pre-loved book sale this week, which will go towards new books for the library, well done ladies and thank you for giving up your time!

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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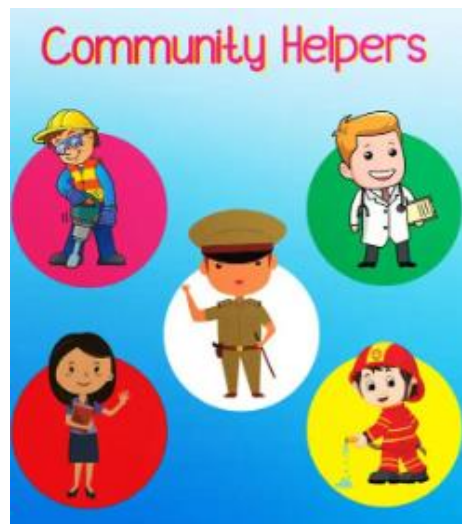
Science in the News

Dear Parents,

This year, our Science Week theme is 'Connections' and we would like to invite parents who have a profession that is related to Science or just love a good experiment at home, to be part of a Q&A session with their child's class. It would be a fantastic experience for the children to listen to your invaluable Scientific expertise and a great opportunity for our community to show their appreciation of Science.

A letter will be sent home shortly. 😊

Thank you for your continuous support.





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Once again, a busy week in Science. Here is what the children have done! Brilliant work, everyone!

Mrs Cindei - Science Co-ordinator



Whitebeam class have been learning all about animals. We have been talking about where different animals live. They had great fun exploring the nature area finding and identifying as many different habitats as they could. Well done!



Hawthorn class have now completed their unit on evolution and inheritance. We have looked at the variety of theories scientists have shared over the years and discussed their similarities and differences. We have also completed practical tasks to help us understand natural selection, for example, we used chopsticks and tweezers (representing beak size) to explore how easy it was to pick up small fruits and nuts (beads). This helped us to understand how the finches evolved on the Galapagos Islands, which is where Darwin came up with the theory of evolution.

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**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

There is a free 2-session workshop running for key stage 2 parents starting next week, 'Understanding Anxiety' which will be in the school hall on the 9th and 16th March. There are a few places still available on a first-come first-served basis. Please e-mail to book your place: gillian.brotherwood@essex.gov.uk or use the link [ACL Essex FFL4A42Y22 Understanding Anxiety 4 Parents Willowbrook School B'wood](https://www.essex.gov.uk/education/learning-and-skills/understanding-anxiety-4-parents-willowbrook-school-b-wood)

Workshop for KS2 parents
To book please on the Understanding Anxiety course please email gillian.brotherwood@essex.gov.uk. There are a few places still available.

@Willowbrook School

Understanding Anxiety

Thursday
9th and 16th March 2023
9:00-10:30am

Looking at the effects that anxiety has on children and exploring strategies to help us as parents/carers manage and support an anxious child.

FREE Sessions

ACL FAMILY LEARNING

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Thank you so much for all the Easter Eggs that have been handed in so far, we would still like lots more if you are able to donate one!



Raffle tickets are now on sale

All monies raised from raffle ticket sales will go towards a whole school event



Please donate an Easter egg or Easter chocolate for our Easter assembly from Monday 30th January.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 20th February. They will be taken around to class for the children to purchase during the school day.

20p a ticket or £1 for a strip of 5 tickets, please send money in a named envelope.

All chocolate donations to be in by Monday 27th March.

Last date to purchase raffle tickets will also be Monday 27th March.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Izzy, Charlotte and Harrison



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

slink

Key Stage 2

deviate



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WE STILL NEED LOTS MORE VOLUNTEERS TO GET 3PR BACK UP AND RUNNING



Dear Parents and Carers,

Pre Covid, with the help of our regular parent and child volunteers we were able to run a '3PR Parking Scheme'. Some of you may have seen the large green 3PR alien mascot that sits in the school office.

By following the 3PR 3 parking rules we are able to create a 3PR Zone in Rosen Crescent, which in turn reduces the traffic and congestion, which unfortunately builds up at drop off and pick up times.

We encourage the children to enter the 3PR zone by foot and in doing so they are rewarded with a token that they collect from a bucket each morning. The token is then taken to their class and put in a collection box. Each half term we have a count up of the tokens to see which class is our 3PR winners. They will be presented with the 3PR cup by the Alien himself in assembly.

How do we create the 3PR Zone?

This is where our regular team of parent/carer 3PR volunteers come in.

There are several ways in which we can achieve this: -

- Asking our families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
- Our volunteers will be visible in their high viz tabard and present at the start and end of the school day to encourage anyone parking in the zone to move on and find a parking spot away from the zone.
- Then finally, we would like to be able to go back to offering a drop off point. The drop off point would be available each morning from 8.35am. Parents can drive to the allocated point in Rosen crescent, where one of our volunteers will help your child/children out of the car, leaving you free to drive off and not have to worry about finding a parking spot. Your child/children would then be walked safely down to their classrooms with one of the volunteers.

The 3PR team of volunteers seems to have worked best when we were able to have lots of volunteers covering one morning or afternoon session each. During the morning session your own child/children will be able to be part of the team by holding the buckets from which the children collect their tokens.

Morning volunteers will be required from 8.40am until 9am and afternoon volunteers from 3pm to 3.15pm.

Please contact the school office if you are able to volunteer and together let's work on making a safer environment with less traffic and congestion for the children.

Thank you for your support

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Children's lunch menu

WK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 6 th March 2023					
Main Meal RED	Cumberland Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Sticky Glazed Chicken	Creamy Pesto Chicken with Fusilli Pasta	Breaded Fish Fingers
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy (Ve)	Vegetable Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)	Vegetable & Bean Stuffed Pitta Pocket (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Tomato & Lentil Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Peas (Ve)	Steamed Carrots (Ve)	Spicy Potato Wedges (Ve) & Coleslaw (V)	Pan Fried Leeks (Ve)	Chips & Baked Beans (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Apple & Carrot Flapjack (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Cherry Cornflake Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)
(V) suitable for vegetarians (Ve) suitable for vegans & vegetarians Salad Bar available daily					



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Parent Coffee Morning!



Wednesday 15th March 08:50-10:00am
To be held in the school hall

You are warmly invited to join us in the hall from 08:50 onwards for free tea/ coffee and biscuits.

It is a chance to have a catch-up with fellow parents from across the school. There will be a play area for your younger children whilst you have a cup of tea and a chat!

Does your child find it difficult to manage their emotions? Are they able to verbalise how they feel? Would you like to know what we do in school to support emotional wellbeing? Miss Cox will be dropping in to talk about our, 'Zones of Regulation.'

Feel free to join us and leave at any time between 08:50 and 10am.


The PTFA will have Southend Adventure Island tickets and second-hand school uniform on sale. There will also be a chocolate tombola stall.


Every adult who joins us will enter a raffle to win a prize!



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 Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities (SEND)

SEND Roadshow

Are you the parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)? Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex through Health, Education and Social Care? Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at the Roadshow. There will be representatives from Essex Family Forum, SENDIASS, health, social care as well as representatives from the education teams, SEND Navigation Leads and local support groups. The roadshow is a drop-in event with no need to book.

In South it will be taking place on:

Wednesday 26th April from 9.30am to 3pm

Address: The Holiday Inn, Festival Leisure Park, Waterfront Walk, Basildon, SS14 3DG
Free parking all day

Throughout the day there will also be FREE parent/carer workshops. The workshops running are:

- Behaviour and communication in children with SEND with Tasha from Dream Box Education
- ADHD and coexisting conditions with Steve Challen from ADHD plus
- Planning for educational transitions with Hannah Knight from Essex SEND IASS
- Mindfulness with Relax Kids

Please go to the Essex Local Offer to find out more and book your place (link below).
Booking opens on February 20th.
Places are limited so please sign up



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Diary Dates

Please note dates and times are subject to change, please check the weekly newsletter and the website for updates. Thank you.

SPRING TERM 2023	
9 th March	9-10:30am Understanding Anxiety (KS2 parents) ACL course
9 th and 10 th March	One Plan Meetings
10 th to 19 th March	British science week
15 th March	Young Carers Action Day – Theme for 2023 is Make Time for Young Carers – wear funky socks to school
15 th March	Parent Coffee Morning drop-in 08:50-10:00. Supporting children’s emotions.
16 th March	9-10:30am Understanding Anxiety (KS2 parents) ACL course
16 th March	KS2 mums (Pine, Oak, Cherry and Hawthorn)– Mother’s Day tea and cake after school in the hall Further information to follow
16 th and 17 th March	One Plan Meetings
17 th March	Mother’s Day assembly for Beech, Whitebeam and Chestnut class parents at 9:15am in the school hall
17 th March	Year 5 to St peters Church for the Love Easter lesson
23 rd March	EYFS class trip to Marsh Farm
27 th March	The RockSteady concert at 2:15pm
30 th March	Easter hat and Easter egg assembly
1 st April to 16 th April	Easter Holidays
17 th April	Back to school

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SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday
1 July 2023
12pm - 3pm

- RAFFLE • GAMES • FOOD AND DRINKS •
- ICE CREAM • STALLS •
- AND MORE •

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