

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have really enjoyed spending so much time with our families this week! On Tuesday, many parents and grandparents came in to take part in a Science Day as part of British Science Week. We are sure you will agree that it was a great day, filled with investigation and scientific enquiry. On Thursday, many family members braced the wind and the cold at Hylands Park to cheer on our pupils at the final Cross Country race of the series. Today, our EYFS pupils were joined for lunch by their mums and grandmas, in celebration of Mothering Sunday. Thank you to Mrs Sexton and Mrs Patten, as always, for providing delicious food for so many. Thank you also to the PTA who have provided gifts and cards for the children to give to their mums. It has definitely been a week of love and laughter in school. Monday sees the arrival of our eggs...we cannot wait for them to start hatching! Thank you all for your continued support. Have a great weekend!

Ms Walker, Executive Headteacher (NPQEL) & Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher (NPQH)



Our brilliant KS1 and KS2 Science teams (left) and Aida with her trophy for coming first overall in the Year 3 girls race series (below)



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

EYFS - 96.0%
Year 1 - 91.5%
Year 2 - 95.1%
Year 3 - 98.3%
Year 4 - 95.8%
Year 5 - 96.0%
Year 6 - 87.7%
Total - 94.3%



WELL DONE WOODPECKERS!

REMINDERS

Please don't forget to book your tickets on ParentPay for our Easter concert which is being held on Wednesday 25th March at Chelmsford Cathedral. Doors open at 7.00pm and the concert will start promptly at 7.15pm. Please come and experience a wonderful evening of song as we explore the hope and beauty of the Easter story. Price £3.00.

OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

EYFS - Ziggy for courage
Year 1 - Nathan L for Critical Thinking
Year 2 - Cleo and Fletcher for Courage and Collaboration
Year 3 - Henry for Creativity
Year 4 - Reece for Critical Thinking and Challenge
Year 5 - Amber for Courage
Year 6 - The whole class for all the values!



IMPORTANT DATES:

16 March: Chick-hatching project arrives
16 March: Year 3 sewing (DBS parent helpers needed!)
16 March: Year 3 & 4 Easter reflection workshops
17 March: Year 2 Infant Music Festival
17 March: Some of Worship Group to The Belfry
18 March: Book Fair 3.00-4.00pm in the hall
20 March: Red Nose Day - non-uniform (please wear something red!) in return for a donation to Comic Relief
21 March: Ghyllgrove Community Cup
23 March: Book Fair 3.00-4.00pm in the hall
24 March: Worship Group to The Belfry
25 March: Easter Service at Chelmsford Cathedral
26 March: PTA discos (4.00-5.15pm and 5.30-7.00pm)
27 March: PTA Easter Egg hunt and Easter crafts
27 March: We say farewell to the chicks 🥹

HEADTEACHER'S CUP

This week the award goes to Nula in Year 3 for an exquisite piece of home learning. She has created a wonderful tiled mosaic inspired by Antoni Gaudi that could be displayed in Parc Guell in Barcelona.

