

# NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance:  
97.4%

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Learning updates from around our school

## Year 3 visit to Colchester Zoo

Year 3 enjoyed a day at Colchester Zoo on Wednesday as part of their current learning about habitats and animal adaptation. Each class participated in a workshop session with one of the zoo's education officers where they considered how animals adapt to their environment in order to survive and thrive. Despite its size and variety of species in residence, the classes managed to get around most of the zoo and see a wide variety of animals up close. The pupils' behaviour and representation of Barnes Farm was very pleasing. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who offered their time and effort to attend.



### **Year 4 learn about the body**

Year 4 are learning about the body this term and have started weekly sessions this half term with 'Body Care', an organisation who teach about healthy lifestyles and diets through a variety of practical activities and first hand experiences.

Year 4 also benefited from a general first aid training session on Friday morning taught by the St John Ambulance Service. This covered some basic skills to enable them to make a difference in a first aid emergency, including how to put someone into the recovery position.

### **Year 5 line dancing**

Some pupils from Year 5 began to learn the moves for a line dance so that they can take part in a local show at the civic theatre in July. As well as being great fun and an element of the PE (dance) curriculum, this also contributes to their current topic about Texas (a geographical study of a North American locality). We look forward to seeing this in assembly one day soon!

### **Year 6 visit to the Isle of Wight**

Year 6 departed on Monday for their residential visit to the Isle of Wight. They had a very successful and enjoyable trip, visiting such places as Osborne House, Amazon World and Robin Hill Country Park as well as taking part in interesting activities such as surfing and a theatre workshop. We look forward to welcoming them back to school today and hearing all about their trip in the coming days - it hasn't been the same without them! Thank you to all the children, staff, governors and parents whose combined efforts made the visit such a success.



## **Year 2 transition visits**

We welcomed Year 2 pupils at lunchtime again this week on Wednesday and Friday as part of their transition activities. They also joined Years 3-5 in our commendation assembly on Friday. In the coming weeks they will be sharing in paired reading with Year 5 pupils, attending more assemblies and spending time with their new class teacher.

## **BFJS Sporting Achievements**

Children from our golf club took part in a local competition at Little Channels golf club on Monday and competed admirably - they were the youngest to participate and showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Well done to Oliver Dixon, Joseph Richards, Chi Chi Nnadi and Alfie Craven.

## **11am silence observed on Tuesday**

Once again, the whole school shared with the rest of the country in observing the government's request for a one-minute silence on Tuesday at 11am in remembrance of those who have been affected by the attack in London on Saturday night. Year 6 also stopped in the middle of their activities on the Isle of Wight at the same time to show their respects and thoughts.

Mr McIntosh talked to the children in Years 3-5 on Monday morning at the end of assembly about the silence; as before, the information shared was basic and brief, so that parents can decide how much and in what way to discuss the events:

- The school will be observing a 1-minute silence on Tuesday in the same way we did a couple of weeks ago
- This is to remember all those who were affected by an attack that happened late at night on Saturday in the centre of London
- We show togetherness as a country and our respect and compassion towards others by doing this

Miss Rudkin's assembly on Monday referred to the concert in Manchester on Sunday evening and how people can come together to show unity, strength, resilience and compassion in spite of events such as the Manchester attack. The school newsletter from 25th May contained links to some helpful guidance regarding speaking to children about incidents such as these, should you wish to refer to them, and they are repeated below:

[https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/?utm\\_source=twitter\\_nspcc&utm\\_medium=nspccsocialmedia&utm\\_campaign=owntwitter\\_tweet](https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/?utm_source=twitter_nspcc&utm_medium=nspccsocialmedia&utm_campaign=owntwitter_tweet)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-40011787>



## Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017



6MS Olivia Horncastle  
6C Katie Pankhurst  
6S Chloe Groves  
5M Millie Page  
5V Connor Randell-Walsh  
5C Cameron Thompson  
4P Theo Dafter  
4S Ellie Spurr  
4CK Rhys Ekins  
3S Isla Francis  
3HM Liam Wright  
3B Rubi Wild  
Mid-day Marian Rodriguez

## Key Dates

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June** 9:15pm Y6 Isle of Wight Assembly  
**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June** Sports Day  
**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> June** Parent Voice meeting 9am in the Barn  
**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June** Y2-Y3 transition information meeting for Year 2 parents at 6.30pm in the Hall  
**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June** 9:15am 3HM Class Assembly  
**Weds 5<sup>th</sup> July – Weds 12<sup>th</sup> July** Book Fair in school  
**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July** Display Evening  
**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July** Summer Fete 3:30pm onwards  
**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July** End of term  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** INSET Day 1  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept** First day of Autumn term for pupils

## Summer first half-term

### High-flying Hand Writer

6MS Thomas Jansen  
6C William Wilson  
6S Jack Sykes  
5M James Pavitt  
5V William Sharp  
5C Grace Shea  
4P Matt Abraham  
4S Oliver Dockerill  
4CK Cecelia Robertson  
3S Jacob Nutbeem  
3HM Harrison Cracknell  
3B William May-Dries

