

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.3%

[Winter Menu Week 3 this week](#)

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Star of the Week Hall of Fame



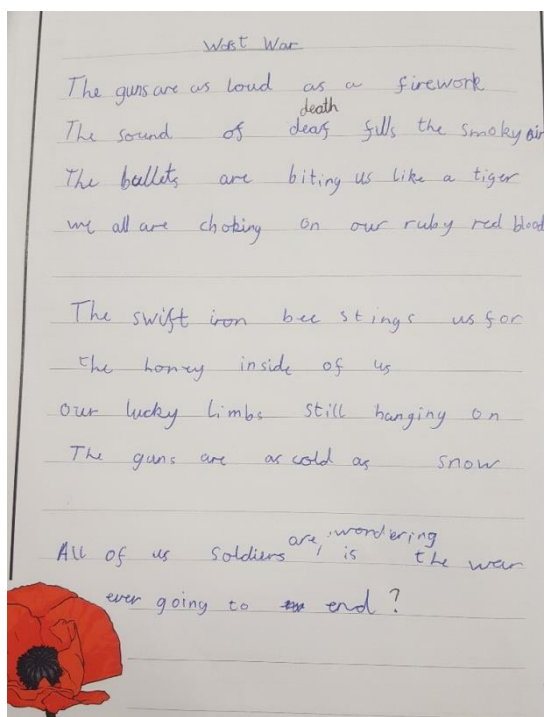
Friday 12th Jan 2018



6MS Alexandra Williams
6C Henry Humm
6S Luca Gooch
5M Abigail Ellis
5V Kalen Hart
5C Jayden Reed
4P William Meek
4S Grace McKenna
4CK Lucy Oliver
3SG Ruby Brown
3HM Evie Hughes
3B Liam Plumb

Key Dates

Mon 22nd Jan Clubs restart
Thurs 8th Feb 5V class assembly
12/2/18-16/2/18 Half term
Mon 19th Feb Non-pupil Day 4
Tues 20th Feb Chinese New Year activity week
Thurs 1st Mar World Book day
4CK class assembly
Thurs 15th Mar 3HM class assembly
Weds 28th Mar Y5-led Easter Concert at Church of Our Saviour
Thurs 29th Mar Last day of Spring Term
Mon 16th Apr First day of Summer term
Mon 7th May Bank Holiday Monday
Tues 8th May Y3-Y5 assessment week
Mon 14th May KS2 SATs week
21st-23rd May Y5 Mersea visit
Fri 25th May Non-pupil Day 5



The Worst War
by Louis Kirby
Y5

Clubs Update

Our clubs all begin next week and run until Tuesday 30th March. Every afternoon club finishes at 4:15pm - please be prompt for pick-ups and take note of the place from where the club is dismissed. There are currently spaces in the following clubs:

Tennis - Wednesday AM

Multi Sports - Tuesday AM

Netball 3 + 4 - Thursday 3:15 - 4:15

Hockey 5 + 6 - Thursday 3:15 - 4:15

Gymnastics 5 + 6 - Tuesday 4:15 - 5:00

Cheerleading - Tuesday AM

Cross-Country - Wednesday PM (Y3/4 offer)

Please contact the office directly to register an interest. Places will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Times Tables Rock Stars

One of our new year's resolutions at school is to increase our pupils' fluency with their times tables. To help this to happen, we have signed up to a great product - Times Tables Rock Stars. All classes have used this in school and have loved it and the attached letter explains how it can be used at home too.



Learning Updates from around school - Y3/4 focus

Y4 Roman detectives



Y4 have been investigating Roman artefacts and trying to work out what they were used for. Can you identify how these objects might have been used?



How do sugary drinks affect our teeth?



Year 4 have been experimenting the effects of sugary drinks upon our teeth. They used eggs because an egg shell is a similar material to our teeth enamel. Year 4 have been observing eggs which have been submerged in liquids such as milk, orange juice, diet coke and coffee. The children have been observing any changes in appearance and texture of the egg shell. Year 4 now recommend that you drink a glass of orange juice just once a week, or to have a small amount topped up with water! - Miss Pyne

Y3 Chocolatier visits Barnes Farm



With the financial support of parents, a chocolatier visited each class in Y3 to share their expertise in working with this tasty material. This supported Year 3's recent science topic of changing states. They learnt how to melt chocolate properly as well as temper it and use it in various different ways. They all created something tasty to try by the end of the session.

Miss Butterworth

3B writing



The children in 3B have been using their learning and experiments in Science on different states of matter, including understanding what happens with the particles in different states, to write a non-chronological report. They have been reflecting on and improving their writing, which has been written not only in Literacy lessons but also in Science lessons, before selecting their best ideas. They then edited and improved further before publishing their work, just as real writers would.

Schoolgames Update

Sports Hall Heat Victory!



We are extremely proud of our Indoor athletics team and are delighted to share news of their recent success. Children from Years 5 and 6 competed in the first round of the Chelmsford Sports Hall competition. They took part in a range of track and field events, including relays, long jump, javelin and speed bounce. After a fantastic display of teamwork, sportsmanship, speed and skill they went on to win the competition. They will compete in the Chelmsford School's final on Tuesday 24th January. Huge congratulations and good luck for next week! - Mrs Vickers

Office Chair Offer



We have recently upgraded our seating in the ICT Suite but have a number of good quality, fabric, junior-sized, height-adjustable office chairs available. Local schools do not need these so we are offering them out to parents in return for a donation. If you are interested please contact the school office.

Job Vacancies

We are currently advertising for two part-time office-based roles at our school for maternity cover. If you are interested or know of anyone with school finance experience, please visit www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk

Class assemblies

The following classes will be presenting their assemblies on these dates:

5V	Thursday 8 th February
4CK	Thursday 1 st March
3HM	Thursday 15 th March

Family members are welcome to attend for a 9.15am start.