The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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20TH OCTOBER 2023

THIS WEEK WE HAVE……

Visited West Stow Saxon Village and Colchester Zoo!

West Stow - On Tuesday 17th October, Year 5 visited the Saxon Village of West Stow. This visit closely linked to their history topic of 'Invaders and Settlers'. The day was split into two halves: the morning in the museum and the afternoon exploring the village itself. In the museum, the children viewed many different Saxon artefacts and even tried on Saxon clothing. They also had access to feely bags which contained Saxon artefacts and pupils surmised what each item might be. In the afternoon, the children explored the village in groups looking at the different Saxon buildings and finding out what each one was used for. Before leaving, pupils took part in a Q&A session with a Saxon expert to find out even more.
A very successful trip was had with lots of knowledge gained and beautifully behaved children.

Colchester Zoo – Year 4 had a fantastic day at the zoo yesterday, the weather was even kind to us! We observed species such as the chimpanzees and baboons within their social group and recorded our observations. Just like Jane Goodall, we observed these species using tools, showing aggression as well as building friendships through play. We also explored how animals are classified, based on their characteristics through a series of zoo activities and were given the opportunity to ask the zoo keepers questions! Well done Year 4 for representing our school so well!

3PR Weekly Totaliser Champions!

This week's winners are **3H** Class!

Key dates – 2023-24	
October 2023	
23rd – 27th	Half Term break
31st	School Photographs
November 2023	
4th	Friends Fireworks!
16th	Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle
17th	Children in Need
20th	Flu Immunisations – Whole School
23rd	Year 1 trip to Hollytrees Museum
December 2023	
5th & 6th	KS1 Nativity - 1pm
7th	Reception Nativity – 1:30pm
11th	Rock Steady Concert – 9:30am
19th	EY & KS1 Carol Concert 9am KS2 10:15am
20th	Christmas lunch Last day of Term!

Well done for working so hard!

Mariyah Rashid, Harry Vandecar and Freddie Briggs – For creating an amazing rap in English! It's 80's good!
Jakub Smith – For brilliant handwriting.
Robbie Burlton – Incredible independent working in both English and Maths. Well done!
Edward Franklin – Great art work – fantastic focus!
Drew Cant, Woody Yallop, Stefan Webb, Scarloett Saunders, Bodhi Keenan, Flori Wood and Eleanor Davison – For fantastic writing and vocabulary use that simply 'wowed' Mrs Sibley!
Flower Percival and Leo Anslow – For beautiful flower sketches, showing such careful detail and skill

Attendance champions

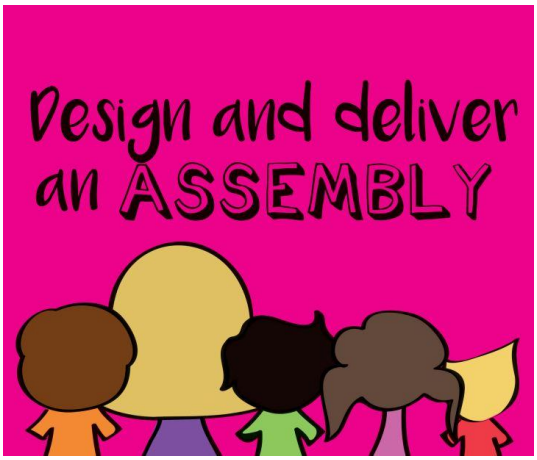
Congratulations to **5E class** whose attendance was a fantastic **98%** for this week!

Congratulations to every class this half term on their attendance! The overall improvement has been massive and we have already beaten the government's goal of 95%, with 96% attendance! Let's see if we can keep up the good work and smash it even further in the last half term and make it as close to 100% as we possibly can!

Agents of CHANGE

We have been out and about in school this week stamping passports for the children who have already completed their projects- remember to upload a picture onto their Dojo portfolio and we will give them their stamps. When they have seven they will be able to choose one of our badges when we hold an Agents of Change assembly.

It's been another great week of change at school this week with more stamping and more projects completed



This is a project that has really gripped 5E! Three children have been inspired to share what they are passionate about.
-Star Wars: Why it is amazing!
-ADHD: What it means!
-Horses: Why they are great!

These three children have had the courage to stand in front of the class and talk to their friends about something they are passionate about. Half term would be a great time to plan an assembly about something or someone that inspires them.

Their presentation can be found on the school website at https://www.earlscolneprimaryschoolandnursery.co.uk/Gallery/

We clearly have a large number of children who like to keep busy and help out whenever they see a job that needs doing.

There will be plenty of opportunities for children to complete projects over half term.
Working together can involve things as simple as
- tidying their room
-putting the dishes away
or could be mucking out the horses or building a shed!

As always, upload what your Agents have done to their Dojo portfolios and we will give them there stamps when they come back.

CHANGE
For the better

FINAL REMINDER - SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2024

Please apply online for your child's secondary school place starting September 2024.
Online applications can be made up to and including the closing date of **31 October 2023**.

Any applications received after 31 October 2023 deadline will be treated as late and will only be processed after all on-time applications.

You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Carmel Jane Photography are visiting us on the 31st of October 2023, to take individual & sibling photographs.

All parents MUST pre-register to enable access to your child's photographs. Registration only takes a minute via the following link - www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk and enter the following code:
JRUMPWA
You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register/ legal name.

Once registered, as soon as the photos are available you will receive an automatic email notification to inform you that your child's photos are ready to be viewed and purchased.

SCHOOL MEALS

The new menus are now **LIVE** on school grid and meals can booked up to the last week of term. We will advise once the final weeks meals become available. Use the below QR code to link through to the School Meals page on the website!