The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

JAKKI SIBLEY HEADTEACHER **26TH JANUARY 2024**

A FINAL PIECE OF ADVICE

Our Year 6 pupils had a special visit this week from PC Spike! As one of his last official duties, Spike came in to chat to Year 6 as they are now 10 years of age and legally responsible for their own actions. He talked to them about bullying - what it is and why people bully. He also talked about respecting each other and that some aspects of bullying can get children in to trouble with the law – in particular, with cyber bullying. Discussions were also held around online gaming and age-restricted games.

Spike will be in attendance for our school assembly next Friday, 2nd February, so we can say a proper farewell and thank you.

SCHOOL CAR PARKS – REMINDER!

Please do not allow your children to play in the school car parks – they are not play area's and it is not safe for them. This also applies when dropping/ collecting children at Olivers Lodge as staff vehicles are still parked, or parking and children must not enter the car park to Olivers Lodge on their own in the mornings when dropping off as this is the busiest time for staff arriving for the day and it isn't safe for children to be wandering/ playing in the car park.

Both the car parks at school are for **STAFF ONLY**! They are not for use by parents/ carers at drop off or pick up times or to collect from an after-school club. If seen, staff will ask you to move on which we expect to not be met with unnecessary rudeness. We appreciate that parking near to school is difficult, but we don't have enough parking for staff, so please do not use what little space they do have.

FUNDRAISER

One of our amazing Year 5 pupils, Lyla Wood, is donating her hair to help create children's wigs for the Little Princess Trust. It can cost up to £700 per wig to make so she would really like to raise as much money as possible as well as donate her own hair!

Lyla will be going for the chop on 23rd March and you can support her amazing efforts on her just giving page (www.justgiving.com/page/clare-wood-1705872396850

NATIONAL ON-LINE SAFETY APP FOR PARENTS

The following is a link to a fantastic app for parents/ carers whose children are actively using the internet https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372 Please do take the time to download and discover the dangers to our children using the internet, along with its many advantages.

Key dates – 2023-24	
February 2024	
15th	Break The Rules Day!
16th	Non-Pupil Day
19th – 23rd	Half Term Break
27th	Year 6 NHS Height and Weight Checks
March 2024	
5th	Year 5 Planetarium Visit (in school)
7th	World Book Day! Year 1 Animal Workshops (in school)
15th	Comic Relief Day!
21st	Year 6 Trip to Layer Marney
26th	Year 6 Danbury Trip meeting for Parents 6:30pm
29th March – 01st April	Bank Holiday Weekend
April 2024	
2nd – 12th	Easter Holidays

Attendance champions

Congratulations to both **5E** and **6A**K classes whose attendances were a fantastic **96%** for this week!!

Well done for working so hard!

Lola Turner – Fantastic use of vocabulary to bring her writing to life. Amazing!

Phoenix Emery-Brown – Incredible written work which has blown me away. Phoenix – write a book, I'd read it!!

Hayden Burkhill – Such amazing progress in Maths. Hayden has completed some amazing work this week.

Mia Gugacz – For believing in herself leading to great achievements in Maths.

Robbie Burlton – Trying his very best in Maths over a whole week.

David Dennis – Reading fantastically to his grown-ups. We are so proud of you!

Jesse Bailey – Excellent number work and great communication!

Olivia Parkin – For great writing that really captured the readers imagination.

Lacey-Mae Dixon – For a brilliant effort with reading – your resilience and hard work is really paying off! Well done!

3PR Weekly Totaliser Champions!

This week's winners are **6AK** Class!

Inspiring all children to create and achieve

Agents of CHANGE

Together we CHANGE

Lots of our Agents have been super busy over Christmas and at the start of the New Year with many of them thinking about how they can help other people!

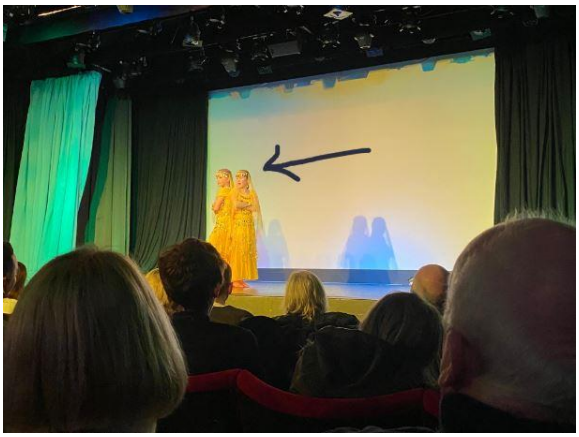
A number of children have clearly had a toy clear out and have made donations to charity shops.

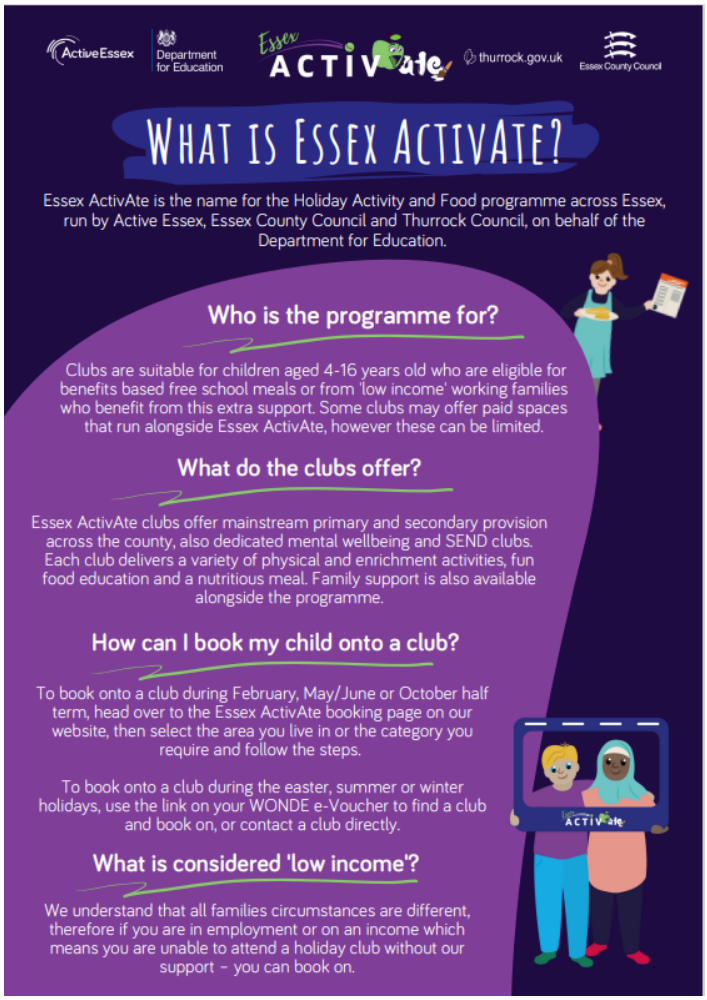
One of our Year 6 boys ran a raffle over Christmas and donated the money he raised to 'Spread a Smile' a charity that helps poorly children https://spreadasmile.org/

At the same time, 2 brothers have collected and donated spare football kits and boots and donated them to the KitAid charity https://kitaid.net/
KitAid distribute donated kit to children all over the world- particularly in Africa. Many donations go to orphanages and refugee camps and each small gesture puts an enormous smile on children's faces in other countries.

They will organise a whole school kit collection in a couple of months time as the junior football season comes to an end and the kits and boots that children have grown out off. We will let you know more about this when we have organised it but please keep hold of any kit or boots that you may otherwise get rid of!

Some of our Agents have also bee busy 'treading the boards' taking part in a number of plays and productions- a really great way to develop new skills, meet new friends and improve confidence.





COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Free Activate February Camps!

We are excited to announce that throughout the February Half Term, we will once again collaborate with Active Essex to offer our ActiVate Camps for children in Colchester. These camps will be held at Shrub End Community & Sports Centre and Colchester Academy School. Each venue has its own booking link, so please use the appropriate one for your preferred location. To participate, kindly register based on your child's status, either for Free School Meals or as part of a Low-Income Family. It's important to note that there won't be a complimentary hot meal provided for Low Income families; the funding will exclusively cover the food expenses for children on free school meals. However, there is an option to purchase a meal at £3.50 per day for those in Low Income families.

Throughout all days on camp, your child will participate within a range of different multi sports activities and enrichment activities.

Our ActiVate Camp Will Include:

- Gifts and Prizes To Be Awarded
- High Quality and Safe Facilities & Equipment
- Possible Colchester United 1st Team Appearances or club mascot 'Eddie The Eagle'.
- External Providers To Enrich Our Camps

Shrub End Community & Sports Centre, CO2 9BG – PRIMARY
Dates: Tuesday 20th February, Wednesday 21st February & Friday 23rd February 2024.
Time: 10am-2pm
Age Range: 5-11 years old
Free School Meals Link To Register: https://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/camp/436
Low Income Link To Register: https://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/camp/438

Colchester Academy School, CO4 3JL – PRIMARY
Dates: Monday 19th February, Wednesday 21st February & Thursday 22nd February 2024.
Time: 9.30am-1.30pm
Age Range: 5-11 years old
Free School Meals Link To Register: https://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/camp/434
Low Income Link To Register: https://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/camp/437

Half Term Trampoline Taster Session at the Rec Club

Friday 23rd February, 1-2pm

£8.75 / £8.25 for ECRC members

Visit our website to book:
www.dimensionstrampolineclub.org.uk/tastersessions

Ages 3+. Limited spaces.

Contact Becky:
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