The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

JAKKI SIBLEY HEADTEACHER **15TH MARCH 2024**

EXOTIC ANIMALS VISIT ECPS!

Our year 1 pupils were very lucky to have a visit from some exotic animals this week. The children were able to get up close and touch a leopard gecko, a Californian king snake and a skunk! They also got the chance to look at a scorpion, some meerkats and an Australian tree frog. The children found out all about the different animal groups and learnt lots of information about each of the animals. One of the children's favourite facts was that a leopard gecko can drop off their tail if they are being chased by a predator and more amazingly it can grow back!!

SCIENCE WEEK

To celebrate National Science Week, across the school the pupils have been completing lots of incredible science experiments and investigations. The week began with an assembly led by Mr Easterbrook and Mr Woodcock whereby they demonstrated some awe and wonder associated with science: inflating a balloon using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, separating hot and cold liquids and inflating a balloon using hot water. Videos of all of these experiments can be found on the school website.

Alongside enjoying different scientific experiments, the children have been focusing on the different skills associated with science: asking questions, making predictions, setting up tests, observing and measuring, recording data, interpreting results and evaluating. Ask your child what experiments they have been taking part in this week and what skills they have been focusing on.

FUNDRAISING FOR AN AMAZING CAUSE

One of our amazing parents are fund raising for Macmillan Cancer Support by doing a sky dive!!
To find out more about the fundraiser or make a donation, please visit their JustGiving page by clicking here
https://www.justgiving.com/page/donna-odwyer-heath-1701790359615?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fdonna-odwyer-heath-1701790359615&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email

Key dates – 2023-24	
March 2024	
19th	Parents Evening
21st	Year 6 Trip to Layer Marney Parents Evening
25th	Rock Steady Concert
26th	Years 3 & 4 Easter Service Year 6 Danbury Trip meeting for Parents 6:30pm
27th	Years 3 & 4 Easter Service Re-scheduled 3H Parent Evening meetings
28th	Re-scheduled 3H Parent Evening
29th March – 01st April	Bank Holiday Weekend
April 2024	
2nd – 12th	Easter Holidays
May 2024	
6th	Bank Holiday
13th – 17th	Year 6 SATs Week
21st	Year 1 Trip to Boydells Farm
27th	Bank Holiday
28th – 31st	Half Term

3PR Weekly Totaliser Champions!

This week's winners are **GIRAFFES!**

Well done for working so hard!

Jessica Knowles-Reeves – A great attitude and really 'attacking' her work

Ralph Briggs – For such incredible progress in writing. Ralph has 'wowed' me today with his use of vocabulary and sentence structure. A great read!

Attendance champions

Congratulations to **6S** class, whose attendance was a superb **98%** for this week!!

Inspiring all children to create and achieve

SCHOOL GRID BALANCES

Can we ask parents/ carers of all KS2 pupils (Years 3-6) to be please ensure your child's School Grid accounts have sufficient funds to cover tuck items. Each tuck item is 30p and pupils can have up to two items a day. You can set their accounts to either allow them one or two items but they MUST have the funds available in their accounts. Please top up accounts and ensure funds are available until the end of this term.

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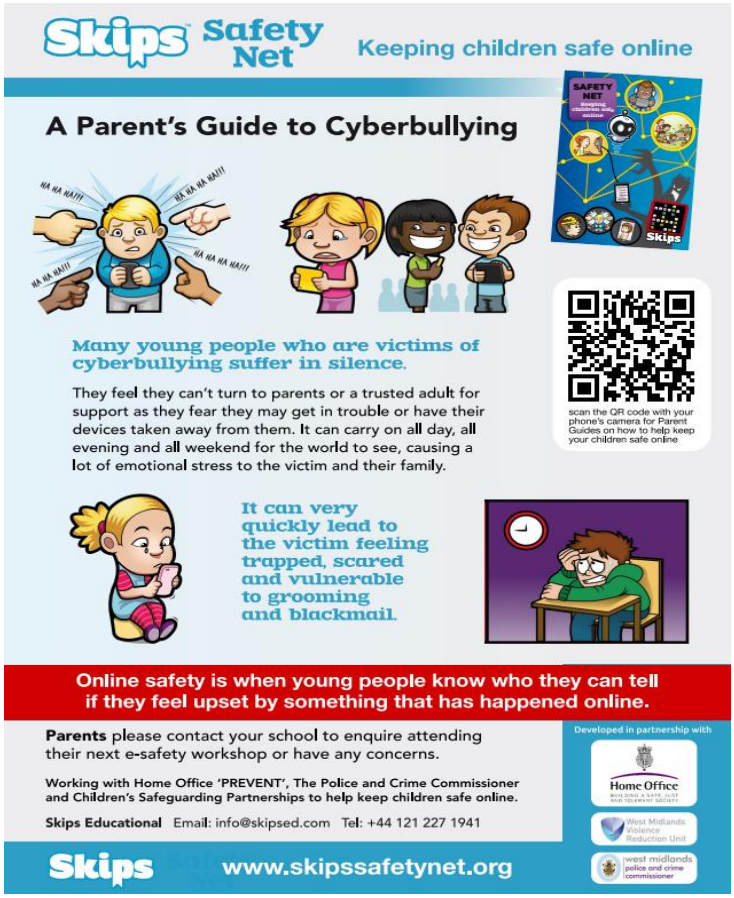

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Jakki Sibley
Headteacher

JOB VACANCY

Catering Assistant Position

Monday – Friday 9.15am – 1.45 pm

Scale 2, Point 3 (Range 3-4) Actual salary £11,535 per annum.

22 hrs 30 minutes per week – term-time only

Start: ASAP

We are seeking to appoint a Catering Assistant who is an enthusiastic, hardworking and dependable team member to work in our busy school kitchen.

Position to include:

Assisting with lunchtime service

Cleaning of kitchen in accordance with the cleaning schedule

Checking of food temperatures

Putting food up for service

Baking

Clearing and washing up during and after service

Assisting with deliveries

To be flexible and help with additional hours when required.

Level 2 Food Safety an advantage but training is available.

If you feel you have the required skills, please make an application via essexschoolsjobs.co.uk.

Closing date: 18th March 2024 midday

All appointments are subject to safer recruitment requirements to ensure the safeguarding of children and young people. All positions will involve appropriate checks and clearances.

COLCHESTER UNITED FC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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GOLDEN TICKET

YOU'RE INVITED

COLCHESTER UNITED FC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH | 12.30PM-2PM | SHRUB END COMMUNITY & SPORTS CENTRE (CO2 9BG)

Colchester United Community Foundation Invites you to join us for a FREE Neurodivergence and Down Syndrome Friendly Football Session

Saturday 23rd March – 12.30pm-2.00pm

Colchester United Community Foundation are hosting a free taster session for our new **Neurodivergence & Downs Syndrome friendly football sessions** for young people aged 5yrs-17yrs at Shrub End Community and Sports Centre (CO2 9BG) on Saturday 23rd March between 12.30pm-2pm.

Our disability sessions offer football-based activities in Colchester for under 18s who may have a physical disability or additional needs, including autism and ADHD. Our players may gain opportunities to represent Colchester United against other pan-disability squads in competitions or tournaments.

Downs Syndrome Football Taster session (5yrs-17yrs) LINK TO BOOK - https://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/camp/467

Autism and Neurodivergent Football Taster Session (5yrs-17yrs) LINK TO BOOK - https://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/camp/473

For more information about the event, please email Francesca.brooke@colchesterunited.net

We hope to see you on the 23rd March!

TO INSPIRE, ENRICH AND UNITE OUR COMMUNITIES

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