



HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Autumn Term Newsletter Week 14 16th December 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

This term has been a very positive one, as you have seen from our weekly news letters. Not least the fantastic news, this week, that Hinguar has been ranked 34th in the top 500 primary schools in the country list, compiled by The Times newspaper. It is a credit to everyone at the school. Thank you too to the many parents who have commented on and congratulated the school for this achievement over the last couple of days.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the goodness in our lives and to show thanks to others. The staff, at Hinguar, continue to collectively provide such wonderful opportunities for the children and I am very proud to work with such a dedicated team. I am also so grateful for the work of the Friends of Hinguar in their support for the school in providing the children with various events and activities this term, including the wonderful Christmas tree, pantomime and magician, the children's Christmas Fair, to name a few. Their fundraising allows us to provide even more for the children and we appreciate the generous support from parents in attending these events during these difficult times for everyone. Thank you also, to our Governors who have supported and challenged us in their role this term, which is invaluable in moving the school forward.

Finally, a special mention goes to the children who bring such life to the school and demonstrate each day how well they learn, how well they progress and how much they contribute to the school, their families and their friends. To each and every one of you, well done!

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas, best wishes for the New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in January 2023.

Kind regards

Mrs Waite

Headteacher



Yesterday, Santa came to visit Hinguar to wish all the children a Merry Christmas and delivered sweets to them.

On behalf of everyone at Hinguar, we would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout this term. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe everyone and we will see you all on January 5th, 2023!



Southend East Community Academy Trust

Curlew Class

Wow, what a creative last full week we have had in Year 4!

We learnt how important international trade was to the ancient Indus Valley civilisation and about some of the goods which were imported or exported. We designed our own water vessels/vases and made merchants' seals out of clay.

We have fully embraced Christmas and made fabulous cards, calendars and decorations.

On Tuesday afternoon, we reinforced our geography topic about the water cycle. We exercised our drama muscles by acting out a 'Now Press Play' experience. All children successfully used their imagination and knowledge of the water cycle to fully immerse themselves in the roleplay.

In PSHE, we followed up last week's work about personal space and inappropriate touch by revising the very essential PANTS rule. We revised each important rule of the acronym and listened to the Pantosaurus song to reinforce this. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IL07JOGU5o>)

It has been a fantastic term and I am proud of each and every member of the class. Merry Christmas, Year 4. Have a fabulous, happy and safe holiday. Here's to another 2 wonderful terms in 2023.

Miss Eakins and Mrs Edwards

#learningwithEs



Curlew Class



School Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat	Ham Pizza, Couscous and Sweetcorn  	Spaghetti Bolognaise and Diced Carrots  			
Vegetarian	Cheese Pizza, Couscous and Sweetcorn  	Quorn Bolognaise and Diced Carrots  			
Dessert	Cookie    	Brownie    			

WEEK 2

School dinners need to be **ordered and paid for in advance on the IRIS Parent Mail app**.

School dinner menus will be published weekly for the following week to be ordered and paid for on the ParentMail app. Universal and Free School Meal children will still need to order their choices on the ParentMail app **but will not be charged**.

To order, open the IRIS ParentMail app and go to accounts. In accounts there is the School Dinner Register, tap on this to open the School Dinner Register and tap one of the days. This will take you to the screen with the menus for the week where you can order your choices for the individual day or full.

When we return we will be on week 3 of the menu Thursday and Friday. Thursday is Meatball & Tomato Pasta Bake and Friday is Salmon Nuggets. Please check the menu for vegetarian options.

Sanderling Class

1 whole term completed! We are so proud of you, Year 5.
What an amazing (tiring) week we have had.

At the start of the week, we had an exciting visit from 'Elf' who left us all an envelope to read from the North Pole. In the envelope, we had a job application to apply to be an elf.

The children used their excellent understanding of letter writing to write a persuasive letter to Santa to persuade him, although not having pointy ears, they were in fact the best person for the job. It was amazing to hear about how some children have baked for Mary Berry, made hot chocolate for the Queen and were even part of the 2018 football team.

All facts of course.

For the 2022 World Cup, every class has been given 4 countries, 1 to focus on with greater depth. On Tuesday, we studied Brazilian traditions. We watched videos from the Rio de Janeiro carnival, made carnival masks and baked

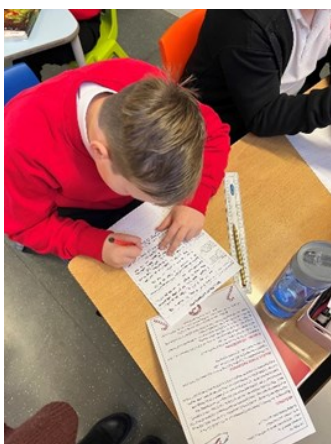
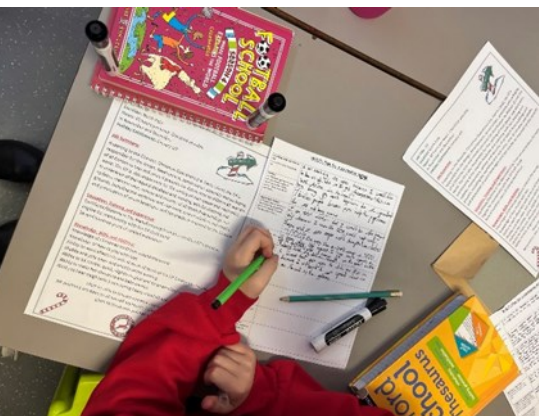
Brigadeiros (Brazilian truffle).

On Thursday, we had a science morning, which consisted of separating mixtures and irreversible changes. For the first hour, the children worked in groups to turn a jar of mud, water and leaves into a clean jar of water using various bits of equipment. After, the children were given heated milk and vinegar. This made a chemical reaction, an irreversible change.

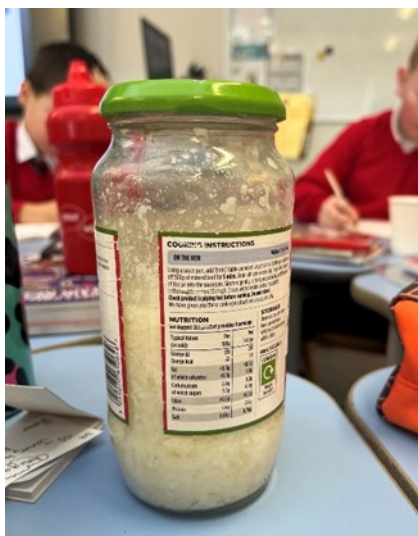
On Friday, the craziness continued. We had a DT day making Viking Longboats in house teams. The children had to design individually, combine ideas to make a big design, create, paint and evaluate their designs. Mrs Allen and I were blown away with their hard work and teamwork skills. The end product was amazing.

2 days until the Christmas holidays! We can do it!
Rest up, have an amazing Christmas and we will see you in the New Year!

Miss Mountier and Mrs Allen



Sanderling Class





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Avocet Class



Year 6 have had a busy last full week in school, despite being struck by illness. In English, we have continued to experiment with different types of poetry and have focused on creating similes and metaphors. Finally, everyone chose their favourite type of poem and wrote their own on a Christmas theme to share with their family next week. As the end to our novel study of Goodnight Mr Tom, we watched the film version and completed a comparison with the book. Many were surprised by the way the characters were portrayed in the film – very different from the ideas we had created in our heads!

In Maths, we have revised co-ordinates and created some lovely Christmas designs at the same time. In Art, we have explored the Northern Lights and drawn our own representation using chalks and pastels. We have also created some Christmas crafts to share with our families next week.

We would like to congratulate all of Year 6 on their hard work and progress this term. We hope you all enjoy the Christmas holidays with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Mrs Calvy, Mrs Attard and Ms Hardy

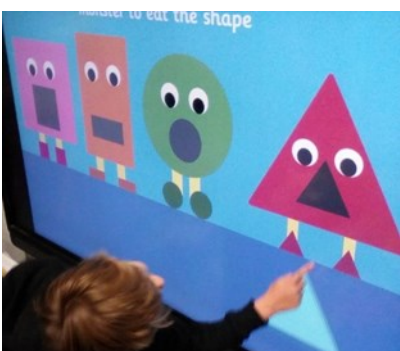


Seahorse Class



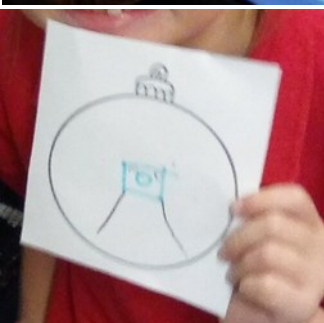
We began the week by listening to the story 'What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas'. Throughout the story we stopped to discuss vocabulary such as: cunning, canary, Great Dane, and Siamese to ensure the children understood their meaning. We have also been working on inference, by looking at the pictures to see if they are telling us something to provide further meaning to the plot.

In the story, Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len were going to steal the Christmas presents. This led to the children making wanted posters and security cameras in the guise of baubles to ensure Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len did not steal anything from our classroom!



The children have been busy writing their Christmas cards inserts and decorating the outside. In Phonics we are reviewing digraphs and tricky words through games such as spot the missing word, match the digraphs and sounding out words.

The children looked amazing in their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday. They enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner, or their packed lunch and loved pulling their Christmas crackers at the lunch table.



In Maths, the children have recapped 2D shapes. They were given clues about 2D shapes' properties and had to guess the correct shape. We have also worked on our reasoning skills to say why we know a shape is a particular shape. The children used their cutting skills to make pizzas using 2D shaped ingredients. Additionally, we have looked at whether a shape is still the same shape depending on its orientation.



Throughout the week, the children have listened to the original Grinch story, explored the ice on the play deck, made wands, created with empty cardboard boxes and threaded beads onto pipe cleaners.

We would like to wish all the children and their families a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny and Mrs Rawlings



Special Achievement



Mollie previously qualified and placed first in the East Region Qualifiers for the ESSA National Schools Diving Championship, representing Hinguar. On Sunday, the National Championship final took place at the London Olympic pool where Mollie placed 7th overall.

Well done, Mollie. Everyone at Hinguar is super proud of you!

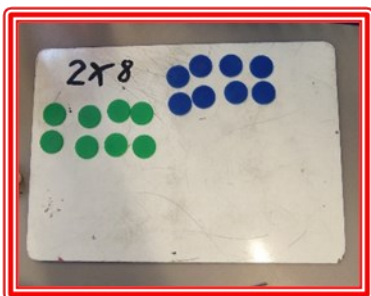
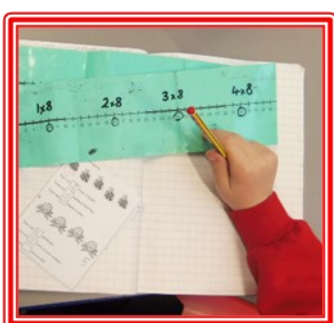
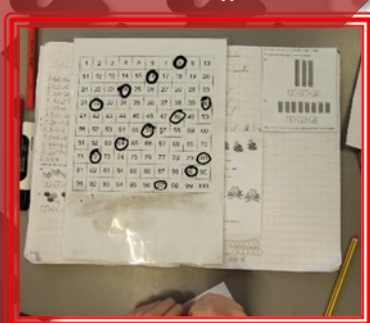


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Heron Class



Our Happy Herons have hurtled heroically through the last week of term with a phenomenal amount of learning and fun!

At the beginning of the week, in English, they wrote some beautiful letters to Father Christmas.

However, unlike previous years, this time the children thought of all the wonderful things he does for us and wrote him a thank you letter instead of a request for gifts. In Maths, they have explored different ways to multiply and divide by 8 if you don't know your 8 times-table (which of course they all will by the end of the year!). In

Science, they learned all about how forces push and pull and carried out a great experiment with

Santa's Sleigh (which was most definitely his sleigh and not a toy bus with a picture stuck on the side 😊). They then explored magnetism and magnetic fields and particularly enjoyed watching how like poles of a magnet repel each other.

They even took part in a Scrapyard Challenge and separated the magnetic from non-magnetic materials – the children were interested to discover that not all metal is magnetic.

The children have been amazing this term, showing resilience and perseverance that is both admirable and remarkable for ones so young.

Mrs Tarling and I wish you all a peaceful and healthy holiday and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Mrs Emmings and Mrs Tarling



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Christmas tips for children with SEND and their families

Christmas can be an exciting and fun time, but new activities can be overwhelming for some of us. We've compiled a list of tips for the festive period. With good planning and clear communication, we hope these will help you have an enjoyable Christmas.

Key to preparing for a successful Christmas is to plan and share what is important for you with those you are spending Christmas with.

Preparing Many people can find any kind of change difficult. Planning and preparation are key in making Christmas as enjoyable as possible.

Think about ways you can enjoy the festive season that work for you – don't feel pressured into doing things just because that's what other people do.

Make sure all plans are shared and you know what you will be doing and when, and who else will be there.

If it is helpful, use visual aids such as calendars, lists and schedules to help plan your Christmas.

Think about and plan around sensory differences that could cause you distress or discomfort, consider ear defenders etc for times of potential sensory overload.

Create or find a quiet space where you can take a break if you get overwhelmed. You may want this to be a completely Christmas-free area, particularly around the main days of Christmas or at key times that there may be additional stress.

Don't just plan for Christmas Day, plan for the whole festive break, and give yourself quiet days to recoup if needed.

Especially this year, don't spend money you don't have on Christmas gifts you can't afford. Make sure you budget for buying Christmas gifts.

Presents

Presents can also be overwhelming: the number of them, the wrapping and unwrapping of them; the unclear expectations about how to respond after receiving a present. You could try asking and telling family and friends what their preference is in advance, including:

- The number of presents – make a list of presents they would like to receive and share this with your family and friends. This also removes any element of surprise if you find that difficult.
- Explaining whether they want presents to be wrapped or not.

"Last year my son chose his own main present, and checked it was right when it arrived, then it was wrapped. He felt better knowing his present was right, and it wouldn't be a surprise, so started the day calm."



Oyster Class

In Year 1 this week, we have been busy completing our Christmas crafts.

The children have been making Christmas calendars and cards ready to take home.

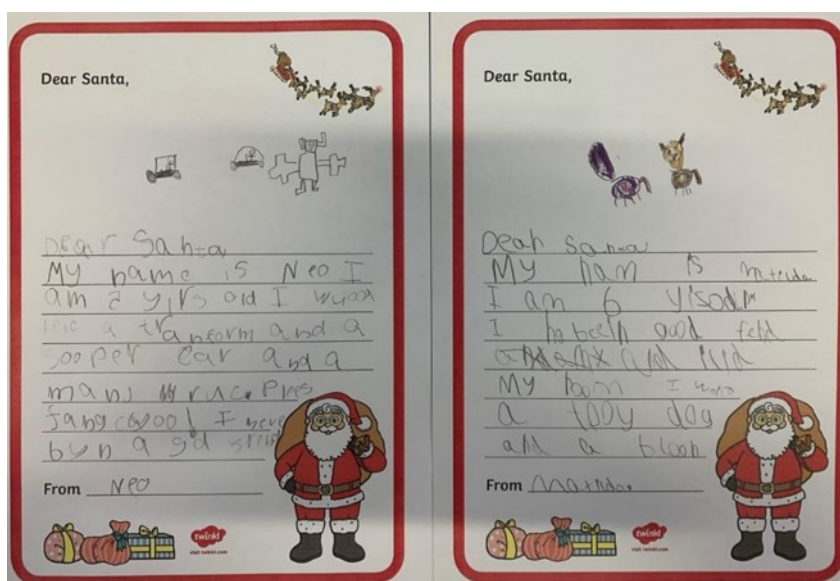
We have been continuing our Jolly Christmas Postman learning in English and as part of this we have written letters to Santa. It was lovely to hear all of the kind things the children have done at home and in school to be deserving of Santa's "Good list"

We were incredibly proud of the children's singing, signing and instrumental skills during our Christmas performance, this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing their loved ones in the audience and could not stop talking about how excited they were.

As this is our last newsletter for the term the Year 1 team would like to wish you all a fantastic Christmas break, I hope you all return well rested and ready for the Spring term.

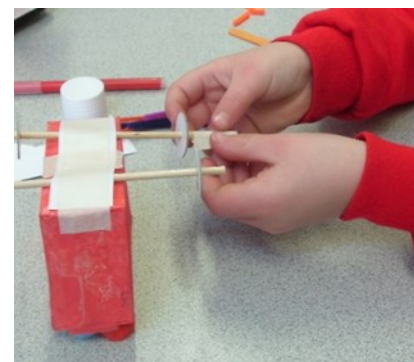
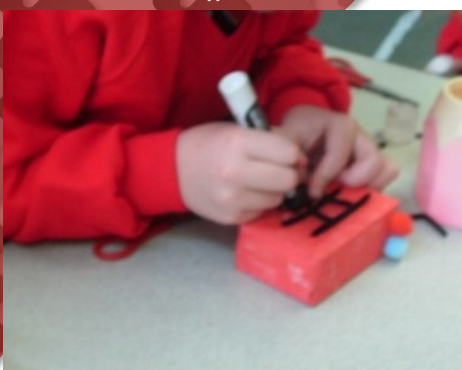
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Mrs Merton

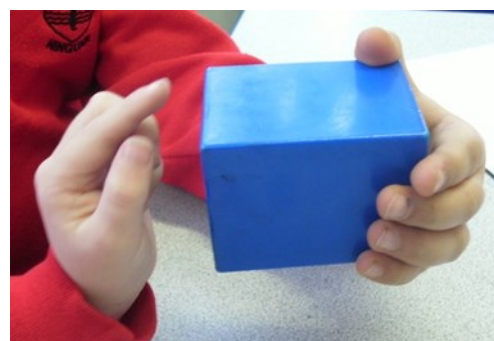


Seagull Class

This week, as we have reached the end of our topic looking at The Great Fire of London, we have completed our model fire engines. The children demonstrated great problem-solving strategies in order to create their own individual models. They were able to add details such as hoses and ladders. Each model had moving wheels and axles.



Also, this week, we have been exploring 3d shapes, calculating the number of faces, edges and vertices. Sorting shapes using a variety of criteria and creating repeating shape patterns.



We were extremely proud of the children's performance for our Christmas Concert. The children enjoyed sharing their talents introducing each song, singing, playing ukuleles and using sign language. There was a real buzz of excitement in class as we prepared to share our performance with our loved ones.

A great week, Year 2.

As this is our last newsletter for the term, the Year 2 team would like to wish you all a happy, healthy Christmas break.

Mrs Oakley, Mrs Merton, Mrs Rawlings

Starfish Class



This week in Starfish class the children have enjoyed our Santa's workshop mark making area. The had great fun wrapping presents and writing gift tags to put under our Christmas tree.

We have been exploring the outdoors in the cold weather and the children were very excited to discover ice in the nursery garden. We used our senses to explore the ice, talked about how the ice got there and shared our previous knowledge and experiences of ice. Lots of children linked ice to their freezers at home and discussed how ice can be slippery.

We had a lovely time eating our Christmas lunch whilst wearing our Christmas jumpers this week. The children are developing physical skills when using cutlery, using lunchtimes to develop social skills, as well as trying different foods. We had fun pulling our Christmas crackers together afterwards.



Next week we are looking forward to our Early years Christmas party with Seahorse class with a magic show.

Our topic for the Spring term will be 'Happily ever after' where we will be learning about traditional tales and favourite stories. Our first week back will focus on Nursery rhymes and rhyming words.

Well done Starfish class on another busy week of fun and learning.

We would like to thank our families for their kind words, Christmas cards and gifts, it is much appreciated.

We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Mrs Brant, Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Bowser, Mrs Loe and Mrs Mota





Photography Competition



The Great Outdoors Photography Competition Winners



Well done to everyone who submitted their photographs which we will celebrate in our final assembly of the term on Tuesday. There were some fabulous entries and the judges at Shoebury-ness High School had a really difficult job to select the winners.

The winning photographs for each category are:

Animals in the outdoors

EYFS – James C - (Nursery)

KS1 – Henry A (Year 2)

KS2 – Holly M (Year 6)

Shapes in the outdoors

EYFS – Harry W (Reception)

KS1 - Lara T (Year 1)

KS2 – Olivia M (Year 4)

Colours in nature

EYFS – Eden-Grace L (Nursery)

KS1 – Zaha A (Year 2)

KS2 – Logan H (Year 6)

The seaside

EYFS – Arthur M (Reception)

KS1 – George H (Year 1)

KS2 – Eli H (Year 4)

The winning photographs will be added to the school website and printed onto a canvas which will be displayed in school for everyone to enjoy.



Congratulations to all the winners!



Hinguar Stars

Avocet Class—Sophie, Mollie, Georgia, Logan, Kensi, Toby, Layla, Holly, Lucy, Evelyn, Jasper, Parker, Noah, William T, Charlie, Scarlett and Isabel.



Sanderling Class—Austeja, Joey, Andrew, Max, Jack, Stanley, Betsy, Peyson, William, Maisie, Mia, Arthur, Issie-Lou, Ben, Amelie, Oscar.

Curlew Class —Aiza, Lottie-Mae, Harry, Sigourney, George, Bonnie, Olivia H, Eli, Olivia M, Hugo, Sienna, Zack, Seb, Keegan, Alice, Alex and Sophie .



Heron—Zach, Finley, Alice, Sammy, Finlay, Megan S, Oliver, Halle W, Harvey, Catty, Jamie, Oscar, Kyle, Megan A, Amelia, Jacob, Buddy. Chloe and Sophelia.



Seagull—Lewis, Chloe, Mattas, Zaha, Olive, Bella, Louie, Emir, Lois, Albert, Ella, Paddy and Laurence.

Oyster -Matilda, Riley, Ariana, Lara, Nicholas, Neo, Ayva D George, Reuben Willow Ava P Lucia and Maya.



Seahorse—Matilda, Fraser, Daisy, Olive, Hudson, Poppy, Ronnie, Amelia, Olivia-Louise, Summer, Willow, Carly, Alfie, Oliver G, Albie, James, Eva, Jack, Alyssa, Arthur, Mia, Zara, Logan, Ronnie-Scott, Sienna, George, Macsen, Oliver V, Harry and Jensen.



Well done to all the children who will receive their Bronze Hinguar Stars in our final assembly of the term, on Tuesday.





Awards and Notices

Catch Me! Awards

This is a system that rewards the children for doing the right thing all the time, whether it be being polite, helpful, ready to learn etc and any adult in the school can award the Catch Me! signatures to the children.



Well done to Tommy, Cody, Bella, Brooke, Amy in Seagull Class and Joey, Peyson, Teddy, Henry, and Maisie in Sanderling Class for achieving their Bronze Catch Me Awards.

Well done to Summer in Seahorse Class, Henry, Mattas, Ella, Lois and Paddy in Seagull Class and Stanley and Layla-May in Sanderling Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me Awards.

And a special Well Done to Ben in Sanderling Class and Sophie and Scarlett in Avocet Class on achieving the first Gold Catch Me's this year. They will be treated to afternoon tea with Mrs Waite.

Times Tables

Congratulations to Bella, Emir, Albert, Stanley, Amy, Hollie, Piper, Issy and Lewis in Seagull Class, Amelia, Finley, Darci-Mae, Halle M, Zachary, Ethan, Sammy, Finlay and Halle W in Heron Class and Olivia M in Curlew Class on achieving their Bronze Times Tables Certificate.



Reading Champions

Well done to Sofia in Heron Class who is our latest Reading Champion. If you would like to be awarded a Reading Champion badge, you must read a selection of challenging books from a variety of genres and then write a short review of ONE book that you have read. We have plenty more badges waiting to be handed out so let's see who will be next! We thank all families for their continued support in enabling our children to be Reading Champions and in fostering a love of reading. 'Together We Achieve.'



A Reminder for Parents

When bringing children to school in the morning, please park in a safe place and walk your child to the gate.

For safety reasons, do not allow your child to exit the vehicle whilst queuing or temporarily stopped in the road.

Please park safely and legally without blocking the car park entrance to the school.





AWARDS

House Points



Canute



Guthrum



Thorkell



Houston



Birthday Celebrations

This week in assembly we celebrated Ronnie-Scott, Nicholas, Lottie-Mae, Cody, Finley and Marvin's birthdays.



Student of the Week

Award Board

**Avocet Class—
Sammy**

**Sanderling Class—
Freddy-Lee**

**Curlew Class—
Olivia**

**Heron Class—
Finley S**

**Seagull Class—
Whole Class**

**Oyster Class —
Whole Class**

**Seahorse Class—
Poppy**

Race to the Park

The winning classes for each half term are rewarded with a trip to the local park.

The winners of the race so far this term are,
KS1 Oyster Class having attendance of 93.94% and in
KS2 Curlew Class 95.76%.

100% Attendance and Punctuality Prize

Each week, during our celebration assembly, we congratulate good attendance as a whole class.

This week in KS1, Alice the Bunny was won by Oyster Class with 97.08% and in KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Heton Class with 94.17%..

The classes will be rewarded with an extra turn on the play equipment.

Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Inset Days for Academic Year 22022/23

10th February 2023, 21st July 2023.

Term Dates 2022 / 23

Spring Term 5 January 2023 – 31 March 2023

Summer Term 17 April 2023 – 21 July 2023

May Day Bank Holiday 1st May 2023

Half Term 13 February – 17 February

Half Term 30 May – 2 June

King's Coronation Bank Holiday May 8th 2023

Dates for Diary (updates in red)

Visiting Pantomime Yrs 1—6

19th December 2022 9.30am

Magic Man Show EYFS (including Nursery)

19th December 2022 10am

Dates for Diary (updates in red) Spring Term

KS2 Choir at the O2

24th January 2023

Yrs 4 & 5 My Future, My Southend—Green and Eco

24th January 2023 pm (in school)

Pupil Advocate meeting

25th January 2023

Y3 My Future, My Southend—Green and Eco

26th January 2023 pm (in school)

Tag Rugby Competition (re-arranged date)

8th February 2023

Year 3 Trip to the NHM Tring

9th February 2023

Y1 Hyde Hall visit

21st February 2023

Raise £20.23 for 2023

23rd February 2023

Aspirations Week

27th February 2023—3rd March 2023

Southend Makes Music

28th February 2023—Year 1

World Book Day

2nd March 2023

Parent Consultation Evenings

6th and 8th March 2023 3.30pm—6.30pm
2023

Science Week

13th—17th March 2023

Infant Music Festival

13th March 2023 - Year 2

Mother's Day stalls

13th, 14th 15th March 2023 (lunchtimes)

Yrs 4 & 5 My Future, My Southend People Who Help Us
Southend People Who Help Us

14th March 2023 pm (in school) Y3 My Future, My
16th March 2023 pm (in school)

Assessment Week

20th—24th March 2023

Year 6 Residential

27th—31st March 2023

Reception Trip to Barleylands

29th March 2023

Pupil Advocate meeting

31st March 2023



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term (updates in red)

Years 3 & 4 production

26th April 2023 @ 6.30pm and 27th April 2023 @ 9.30am

Bank Holiday (re: King's Coronation)

8th May 2023

Year 6 SATs week

9th—12th May 2023 (change of dates due to the Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation)

Y6 My Future, My Southend—Hospitality

16th May 2023 pm (in school)

KS2 Music Festival area rehearsal

22nd—26th May (date tbc)

KS2 Music Festival

12th - 16th June 2023 (date tbc)

Father's Day stalls

12th, 13th, 14th June 2023 (lunchtimes)

Year 4 Lullingstone Roman Villa

20th June 2023

Pupil Advocate meeting

23rd June 2023

Sports Day and Picnic Lunch

26th June 2023

Yrs 4, 5 & 6 My Future, My Southend—STEM

27th June 2023 pm (in school)

Y3 My Future, My Southend—STEM

29th June 2023 pm (in school)

Assessment Week

3rd—7th July 2023

Reserve Sports Day

10th July 2023 (change of date)

Open Evening

10th July 2023 4.30pm—6.30pm

Years 5 & 6 Production

12th July 2023 @ 6.30pm and 13th July 2023 @ 9.30am

Volunteer Afternoon Tea

18th July 2023 @ 2.00pm

Year 6 Graduation

19th July 2023 @ 2.00pm

Year 6 Leavers' Disco

19th July 6.30pm—8.00pm

Y6 T-shirt signing/fun swim

20th July 2023