



HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Spring Term Newsletter Week 24

24th March 2023

Clubs

There will be **no clubs** during the last week of term.

This does not include the breakfast and after school club or boosters, which will continue until the end of term.



Important Information about MCAS

From **17th April 2023**, the only method for online payments, ordering school dinners or booking wrap around care for Hinguar Primary School will be via **MCAS**. **IRIS ParentMail will no longer be used from this date**. The ordering of school dinners and booking before and after school wrap-around care clubs for the summer term (w/b 17th April 2023) via MCAS will be available from **20th March 2023**. The Dinners option and the Clubs & Trips option will be accessible via the menu in the MCAS app and via a web browser.

If you do not have access to **MCAS**, please contact the school office who will be able to send you an *invitation code* and *link* to activate your personal account. **In July, end of year school reports will be available to access via MCAS. There will be no paper copies issued. Please make sure that you have activated your account before then to receive your child's report.**



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Tree Planting



Courtesy of The Conservation Volunteers, we have managed to obtain 4 fruit trees for our school grounds. This week, 2 apple and 2 pear trees were delivered to us. The Eco-Warriors were tasked with finding a location on the school field, before planting them using the new gardening equipment from Friends of Hinguar. The children took great care of the young trees and used the tools safely as they bedded the trees in. Hopefully, the trees will provide some shade for the children in the summer and produce fruit which the children can use in their cooking activities.



Thank you to James for helping us to plant the trees.

Mrs Newman

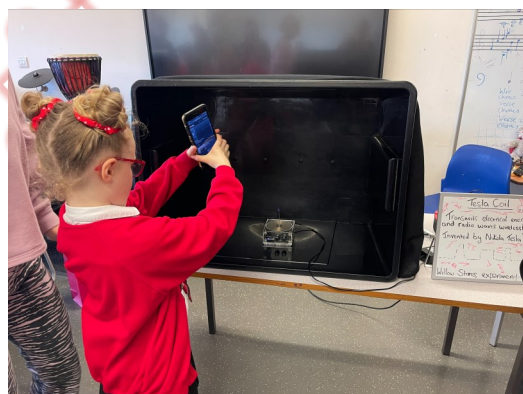


GARDENING CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Are there any green-fingered parents, grandparents or carers who can help us? We are in the process of revamping our allotment area and need volunteers who could lend a hand, would like a hobby, and provide some expertise. If you have a DBS and would be interested in helping to re-establish our allotment, please contact the school office on: office@hinguar.secat.co.uk



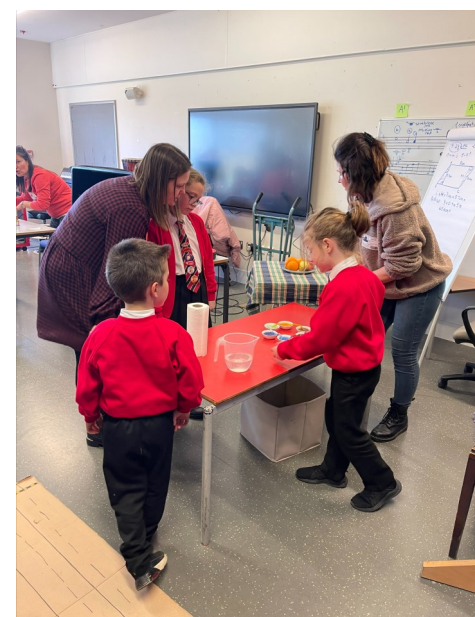
Science Fair



On Tuesday, we had our first family science fair. Families signed up to run their own stall with a science experiment to share with everyone. We had a range of activities for everyone to try from looking at making lava lamps, how soap helps to protect us from germs, an electric machine that lights up a light bulb and slime making to name a few.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families who took part or visited the fair. I look forward to hosting this event again next year.

Mrs Attard





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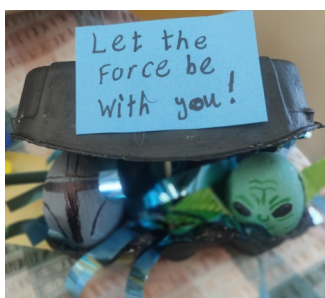
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More Science Fair



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Easter Competition



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Here are some of our Egg-cellent Entries !

Mrs Oakley will find it difficult to choose the winners.

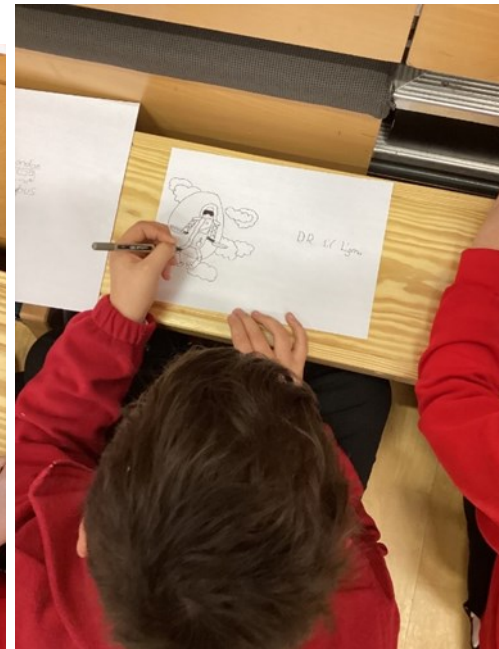
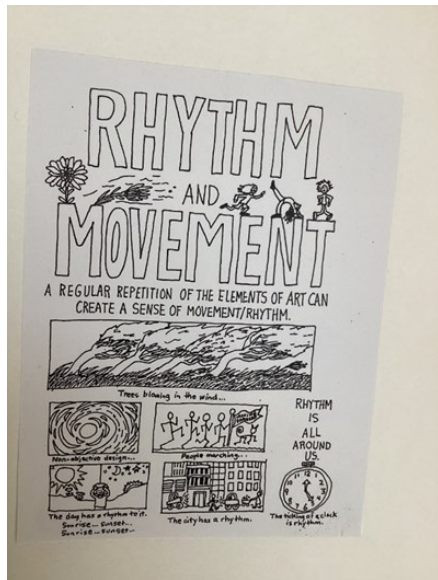
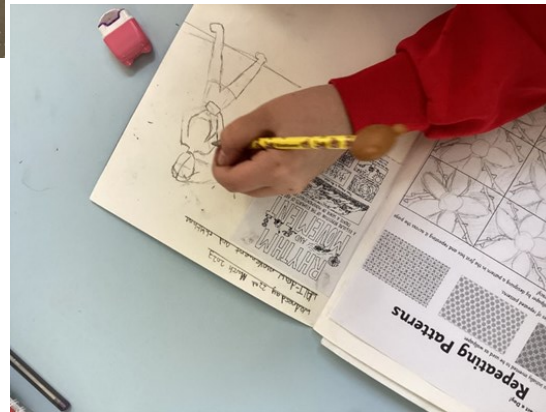
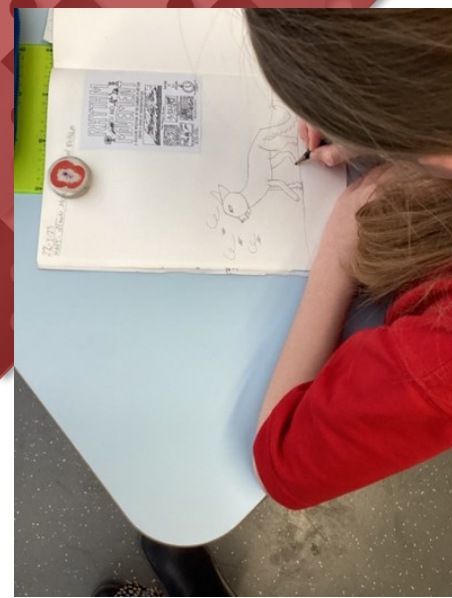
Avocet Class

This week, Year 6 have completed their final mock SATs before their actual tests in May. They have all applied themselves in a mature and diligent way to achieve their best. Well done, Year 6!

As a carry over from Aspirations Week, we had a visit from a Computer Game Designer who led a workshop where the children designed their own computer game character. We then continued this by encouraging them to create a story scenario for their character. There were some very imaginative ideas.

In Art, we have linked rhythm and movement to observe nature and sketch designs. As part of our Victorian study, we took part in an online workshop to explore the diversity of the population of England during this time period. Through studying census documents we were able to learn about interesting people who lived in 1831 London; their birth place and occupation.

Mrs Calvy and Ms Hardy



Seahorse Class



This week, we have looked at The Gingerbread Man. The children enjoyed repeating 'run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man' as they listened to the story. The children wondered why the Gingerbread Man could not go into the river and discussed that as a biscuit he might have 'dissolved' 'crumbled' 'melted' or got 'soggy'. The children also questioned where the Gingerbread Man was going as he never states this in the story.

As a class, we debated whether the Gingerbread Man should have spoken to and/or trusted the fox. This led to a conversation on strangers. We discussed how we should not talk to people we do not know, however, we also decided there were some strangers that we could talk to e.g. Policeman, Fireman, Doctor.

In Literacy, the children have been drawing family portraits and using their phonic skills to write a relevant sentence. We have also looked at how to read words ending in -ing, -s and -es. Using Now Press Play, the children became the Grandpa who made the Gingerbread Man, before performing the story. We have also watched a musical retelling of the story played by musicians from the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra.

In Maths, we have further explored number bonds to 10. We have sung the song '9 and 1 are number bonds, 8 and 2 are friends, 7 and 3, 6 and 4, 5 and 5 are twins' to the tune of Row, Row, Row your Boat. We have used double sided counters and ten frames to understand how many more is needed to make 10 when an initial number of counters are placed on the frame. We have orally used the number sentence "? add ? equals ?"

Throughout the week, the children have completed puzzles, drawn gingerbread men, role-played doctors, moulded with ginger scented playdough and built dens. In PE, the children have been working in teams to try and catch a ball.

DATE REMINDER:

Wednesday 29th March – Barleylands Trip

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny and Mrs Mota





Oyster Class

In Year 1 this week, we have been reading and enjoying traditional tales. We have looked at alternative versions of traditional tales and been making comparisons.

In Maths, we have been learning about capacity and volume. The children have been filling containers to show full, half full and empty. We have also been discussing the difference between capacity and volume.

The children have been measuring the growth of their bean plants which we are currently growing in the classroom. You can check out their progress on our Instagram page.

Hope you have a fabulous weekend!

Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Merton





Starfish Class



This week in Starfish class, our story focus has been The Gruffalo.

There has been lots of discussion around the different animals in the story. We thought about what noises the animals might make and how they might move around the deep dark wood. We took turns to play an animal game where we thought of an animal, then acted out movements and sounds for our friends to guess which animal we were pretending to be.

Our messy play tray was set up as a woodland kitchen with various cereals and herbs to spark the children's imagination to create some delicious woodland recipes. We thought about the

different utensils and ingredients we might need to create our recipes. The children used language relating to the measurement of time whilst discussing the process of following a recipe.

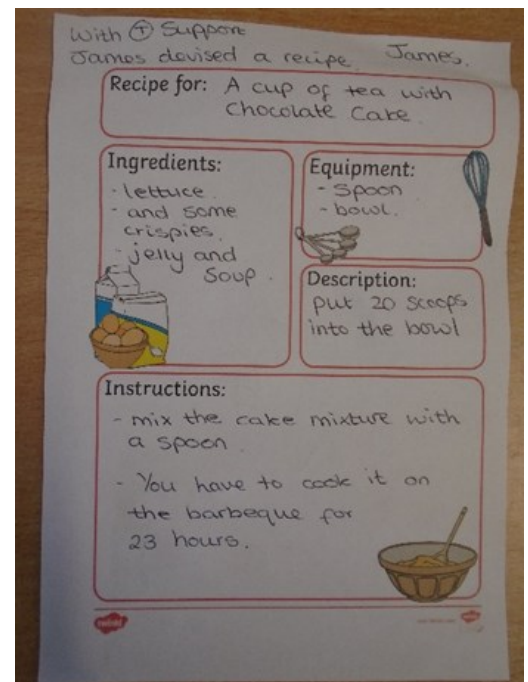
We have been developing our fine motor and scissor skills while cutting leaf shapes and have been comparing amounts when looking at groups of animals.

We listened to the story of the Gruffalo's Child to find out more about the characters. We spoke about the job of an author and illustrator and named the different parts of the book.

Our story focus next week is We're Going On A Bear Hunt.

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

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



Heron Class



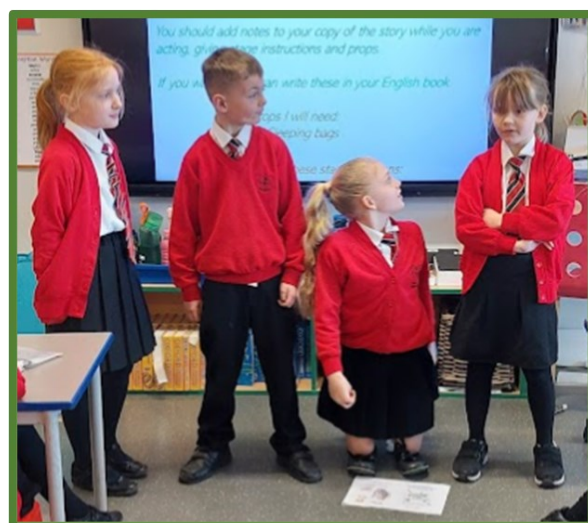
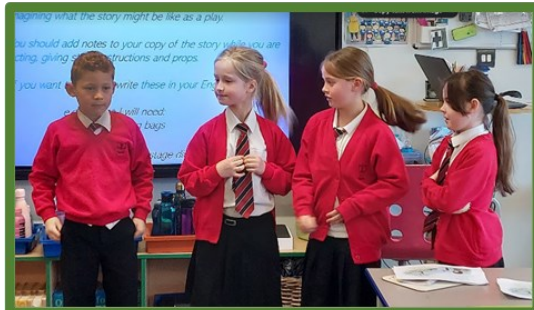
This week, our Hearty Herons have worked extra hard rehearsing for their performance of Hoodwinked, which they will perform on the 26th and 27th April. In addition to that, they have started their Maths unit on Mass and Capacity and shown what whizzes they are when it comes to reading scales. In English, they have been focussing on the genre of Playscripts.

We had an exciting visit this week which had been postponed from Aspiration Week. Rob Glenister came in to talk to the children all about designing video games and creating soundtracks to go with them. There were some absolutely fantastic ideas from our incredible children and he was extremely impressed by their creativity and imagination.

Another fantastic week!

Have a great weekend and take care,

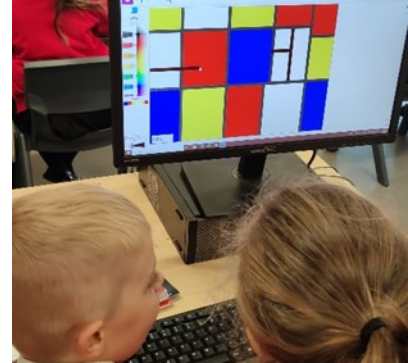
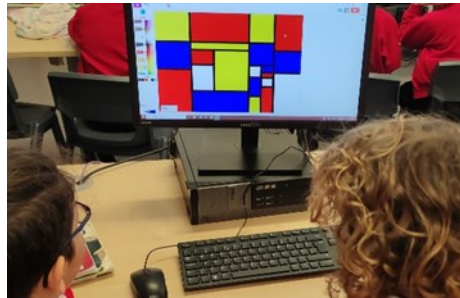
Mrs Emmings and Mrs Tarling



Seagull Class



We have had a busy and varied week, this week. In our computer lesson, we explored the straight line and fill tools to create our own art work inspired by Mondrian.



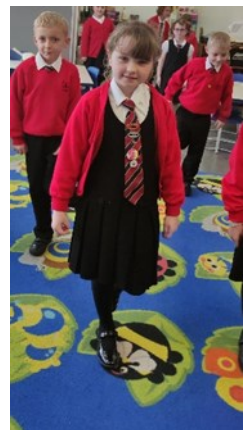
On Tuesday, we were fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Rob Glenister, who works in the video game industry, adding sound effects to video games. He talked to the children about his job and the process involved in developing new games. He challenged the children to design their own character and think about the world they would inhabit.



Also, this week, we have been exploring how our bodies change when we exercise. The children completed challenges involving coordination, balance and cardio. We reflected on the effect on their body after each activity.



The children are very excited for our open morning on Tuesday and we are looking forward to welcoming you into the classroom to learn with us.



Sanderling Class



A fantastic week, Year 5.

In English, the class are preparing to write their own narrative inspired by 'Can You Catch a Mermaid'. We have looked at dialogue between two characters and today they wrote a character description for one of their characters. Next week, they will be writing their narratives.



In Maths, we have been learning about perimeter and area.

In science, they carried out a science experiment on air resistance. The children investigated which material would make the best parachute for a toy figure. They dropped the figures from the top of the stairs and timed how long it took for the parachute to reach the floor.

In Art, they have been learning about constellation of stars. Over the next two weeks, they will be creating a picture using water colours and string. I look forward to sharing the finished pictures next week, and to display in the class-room.



In History, we looked at Dorothy Vaughan, the first African American woman to receive a promotion and supervise a group of staff at the centre. The children used computers to research.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Mountier and Mrs Allen



Curlew Class



This week, we enjoyed a visit from Rob Glenister, who works for Netspeak Games. His job is to add music and sound effects to video games, and he told us all about his role. The children all had the opportunity to design their own characters, imagine the world in which they might live and who they would interact with. Wonderfully creative characters were invented, such as Clookie the Leprechaun Camel, Charlotte the Envelope and Badly Drawn Peppa Pig!

We have at last read the final chapter of 'The Iron Man'. We considered the vocabulary used in the last chapter and appreciated how Mrs Edwards very ably managed to illustrate the definition of the word wizened! After answering comprehension questions about the text, we then looked at the features of a newspaper report, ahead of writing our own next week.

Also, this week, we have managed to get into the hall to begin proper practises of our upcoming play. We have been impressed by how the children are projecting their voices and look forward to them all having learnt their lines. Please continue to practise these at home.

Well done, for another fabulous week foursies. 1 more to go until a well-earned rest.

Miss Eakins and Mrs Edwards

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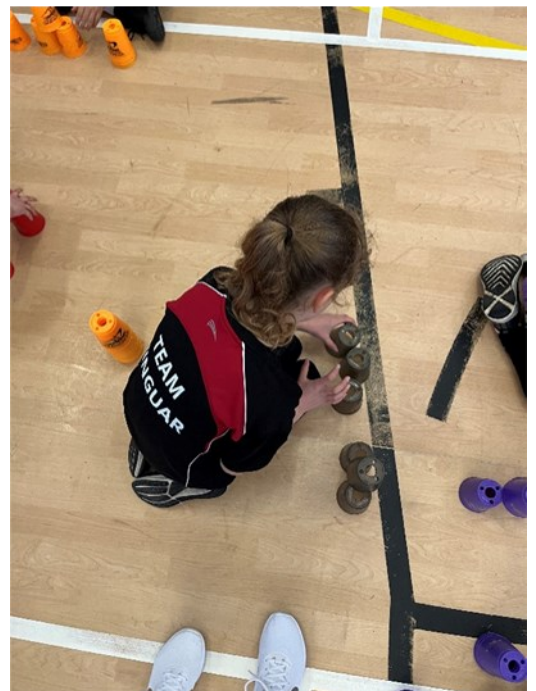
Sporting Activities



On Thursday, Hinguar hosted their first Football home game in 3 years, against Fairways. After a difficult 50 minutes, we drew 1-1. They showed excellent determination and teamwork through out.

Team Hinguar at its best.

Last Friday, we took 10 children to Cecil Jones School to take part in a Speed Stacks event. Speed stacking develops fitness, agility, concentration, and reaction time. The children had to complete tasks, working as a team. Excellent representatives for Hinguar.



Friends of Hinguar

Raise £20.23
for 2023



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Amelia
Burgess

Eden-
Grace
Lovelace-
Court

Riley
Patient

Ronnie
Pater

Amelia-
Primrose
Gorman

Harvey
Dawson

Our 2023 fundraisers will receive a certificate and rosette
at a special celebration assembly after Easter.

Thank you to all the children that took part, and thank you
to all the grown-ups that supported their efforts!

Friends of Hinguar

The Charitable Purpose of Friends of Hinguar as set out in our 2016 Constitution:

The object of the association is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

We are working hard to fulfil this objective!



Registered Charity Number 1169420

Get in contact:
friendsofhinguar@outlook.com

What have we funded

So far in 2023, we have purchased another year's subscription to **Now Press Play** (an interactive, immersive audio system), bought new **science equipment**, provided an **Easter Challenge** and **Easter egg** for every child. Most recently we have granted a teachers' **wish list** providing goods to the value of £1,200 across the 8 year groups. In addition we will be spending £300 on new **children's cookery equipment**, £300 on **sensory items** and will be gifting the children a small commemorative item for the King's Coronation.

Friends of Hinguar meet at regular committee meetings and we work very closely with the Headteacher to ensure we fulfil our Charitable Purpose. If you would like to get involved, our Summer Fair is fast approaching and we need all the help we can get!

Save the date: Saturday 8th July 2023 11am to 3pm.



Wish List s 2023





Together we achieve

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School Menu

Week commencing: 06/03, 27/03, 01/05, 22/05, 19/06, 10/07

WEEK 2		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Meat	Ham pizza, couscous and sweetcorn	Spaghetti bolognaise with diced carrots	Roast Turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Mild chicken curry, brown rice and green beans	All day breakfast
	Vegetarian /Vegan	Cheese pizza, couscous and sweetcorn	Quorn spaghetti bolognaise with diced carrots	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Mild chickpea and spinach curry, brown rice and green beans	Vegetarian all day breakfast
	Jacket Potato	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo
	Dessert	Cookie or Jelly	Brownie or Jelly	Jelly	Lemon drizzle cake or Jelly	Frozen mousse or Jelly

NEXT WEEK IS WEEK 2 AND OUR LAST WEEK OF BOOKING THROUGH PARENTMAIL

New Booking System for School Dinners—MCAS (starting 17th April)

Please see the attached guidance for MCAS payments and dinners. If you have not signed up for mcas yet please speak to the school office.



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Awards and Notices



Reading Champions

Well done to Oliver E and Megan S in Heron Class, Skylar in Curlew Class and Gracie-Mai in Sanderling Class who are our latest Reading Champions.

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.'

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 Eddie in Seagull Class on achieving his Bronze Catch Me Award.

Well done to Ronnie C, Mia, Matilda, Carly, James, George, Fraser and Alyssa in Seahorse Class, Hollie, Amy, Emir, Albert, Kayden and Piper in Seagull, Rosie, Zachary, Jacob, Alice, Finley S, Sammy, Harvey and Buddy in Heron Class and Coleby in Curlew Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me Awards.

And a special well done to Mattas in Seagull Class, Eli in Curlew Class and Oscar in Sanderling Class on achieving their Gold Catch Me Awards.

Times Tables

Congratulations to Sammy MJ, Maya, Ava P, Jessica, Florence and Amelia in Oyster Class on achieving their Bronze Times Tables Certificate.

Congratulations to James and Oliver G in Seahorse Class and Alisha, Lucia, Maya, Ayva D and Lily in Oyster Class on achieving their Silver Times Tables Certificate.





AWARDS

Canute



Guthrum



Thorkell



Houston



Student of the Week

Award Board

Avocet Class—
Holly, Charlie,
Logan & Isabel

Sanderling Class—
Miley

Curlew Class—
Leon

Heron Class—
Finlay

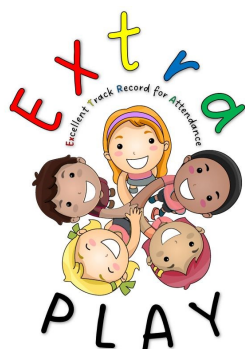
Seagull Class—
Laurence

Oyster Class –
Ariana

Seahorse Class—
Macsen

Race to the Park

The winning classes for half term are rewarded with a trip to the local park. The winners of the race this term are,
KS1 Seahorse Class having attendance of 95.58%
and in KS2 Sanderling Class 96.65%.



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 95.69% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Curlew Class with 98.71%.

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

21st July 2023.

Term Dates 2022 / 23

Summer Term 17 April 2023 – 21 July 2023

May Day Bank Holiday 1st May 2023

Half Term 30 May – 2 June

King's Coronation Bank Holiday May 8th 2023

Dates for Diary (updates in red) Spring Term

Year 6 Residential

27th—31st March 2023

Seagull class parent open morning

28th March 2023 9.15—10.15

Reception Trip to Barleylands

29th March 2023

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

30th March 2023 2.45—3.45

Pupil Advocate meeting

31st March 2023

Bikeability Reception Class

31st March 2023

Summer term dates (updates in red)

Weekly Swimming Lessons Begin

19th April 2023

Seahorse class parent open morning

19th April 2023 9.15—10.15

Avocet class open morning

24th April 2023 9.15—10.15

Starfish class parent open morning

26th April 2023 9.15—10.15

Years 3 & 4 production

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

VR Workshop Yrs 3, 4, 5

2nd or 4th May dates TBC 2023 (in school)

Creative Dance Festival

3rd May 2023 9.30—12.00

Non-uniform day and themed lunch (King's Coronation)

5th May 2023

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)

Heron class parent open morning

15th May 2023 9.15—10.15

Y6 My Future, My Southend—Hospitality

16th May 2023 pm (in school)

Curlew class parent open morning

17th May 2023 9.15—10.15

KS2 Music Festival area rehearsal

22nd—26th May (date tbc)

Oyster class parent open morning

24th May 2023 9.15—10.15

Class photos

7th June 2023

FOH Coffee Morning (Women's Health)

9th June after morning drop off

KS2 Music Festival

12th - 16th June 2023 (date tbc)

Father's Day stalls

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



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term contd (updates in red)

KS2 Music Festival	16th June 2023 (evening performance)
Year 4 Lullingstone Roman Villa visit	20th June 2023
Sanderling class parent open morning	21st June 2023 9.15—10.15
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
Year 6 Transition Day	7th July 2023 (all day)
Meet New Teachers (Yrs R—5)	7th July 2023 (am only)
FOH Summer Fete	8th July 11am - 3pm
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

Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

Autumn Term: Friday 1st September 2023—Wednesday 20th December 2023

Half Term: 23rd October –27th October

Spring Term: Thursday 4th January 2024—Thursday 28th March 2024

Half Term 19th February –23rd February

Summer Term: Monday 15th April 2024—Monday 22nd July 2024

Half term 27th May –31 May, and May Bank Holiday 6th May

Inset Days 2023/24

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Friday 16th February 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Please note that school, including Nursery, will close to pupils at 1:00pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023 and Friday 19th July 2024. There will be revised lunchtimes on these days. Breakfast club will run as normal on these dates, but there will be no after school club.