



HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Summer Term Newsletter Week 28 5th May 2023

Year 6 SATs

Next week, our Y6 pupils will be sitting their SATs tests every morning following a huge amount of hard work over their time at Hinguar.

I would like to wish you all the best for next week. Remember everything that you have been taught, stay calm and do your very best. Everyone at Hinguar is so proud of each and every one of you. Team Hinguar at its best!

Y6— don't forget to join us for breakfast from 8.15 each morning, which will help set you up for the day and bring you all together before the tests begin.

Mrs Waite

School Uniform

Could we please remind everyone to adhere to our school colours for socks and hair accessories. Could we also request that any Alice bands, hairbands etc be simple and minimalist. Large bows and Alice bands with ears etc are not part of our uniform expectations. Also, shoulder length hair must be tied back. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Sensory Support Station

Guests or Company in the Home Cause Distress

Sensory Explanation:

Social interaction in a group setting is a multi- sensory experience and requires a nervous system which is able to adapt minute to minute. Often auditory, visual and tactile input is at a very high level and can be difficult for the child to process. The other higher level components include eye contact and communication skills which are also very demanding on the nervous system. Children with sensory differences tend to prefer structure, routine and predictability...all of which can be disrupted when company is in the home.

Ideas to Help!

- Provide earplugs and headphones
- Have a sensory space (their own space) available for the child.
- Respect the child's possible need to leave the social setting.
- Do not place demands on verbally engaging or making eye contact, as these two skills are extremely difficult for a child who is dysregulated.
- Prior to the guests arriving, help prep your child's nervous system by at least 15-20 minutes of calming sounds and movements.
- Allow the child to play outside during the gathering, if possible.



Southend East Community Academy Trust

Seagull Class

She is short.
She has blue eyes.
She has blond hair.
She likes football.
She is kind.

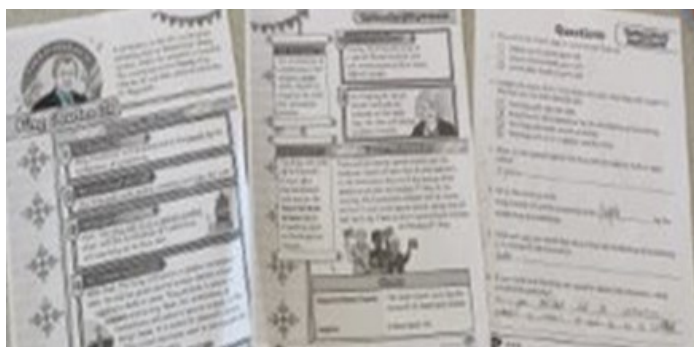
She has short hair.
She is very kind.
She is very loving.
She is very good at helping.
She has greenish blue eyes.
She is good at math.

This week in our RE lesson, we have been considering the idea that we are all unique and we all have special qualities, interests and appearances. We spent time thinking carefully about ourselves and considering what makes us 'us'. We also looked closely at our friends and considered what makes them special and unique. We completed some guess who riddles by describing one of our friends and asking our classmates to guess who we had described. It was lovely to see the children really thinking about the positive qualities they, and their friends, possess. The children were amazing at writing their clues!

He has brown hair.
He is wearing a tie.
He is wearing nike trainers.
He has tanned skin.



Also, this week, we have been looking forward to the coronation. We completed a reading comprehension challenge all about the coronation. The children have also enjoyed showing their friends their entries to the coronation plate competition. There were some excellent entries and the judging will be a real challenge. Mrs Oakley, Miss Brailsford, Mrs Tarling and Mrs Allen



Starfish Class



This week in Starfish class, our story focus has been 'Whatever Next?'

In the story, Baby Bear used an empty cardboard box as a rocket to travel to the moon. This led to lots of discussion about what each of the children would use a cardboard box for.

During our cooking activity this week, we made fruity rockets. The children developed their fine motor skills to thread the different fruits onto the skewer and we talked about healthy eating choices.

We have made some great space rockets and cut out pictures of ourselves so we can pretend to fly our rockets into outer space! We then created a background of stars in the night sky by splatter painting with yellow and white paint.



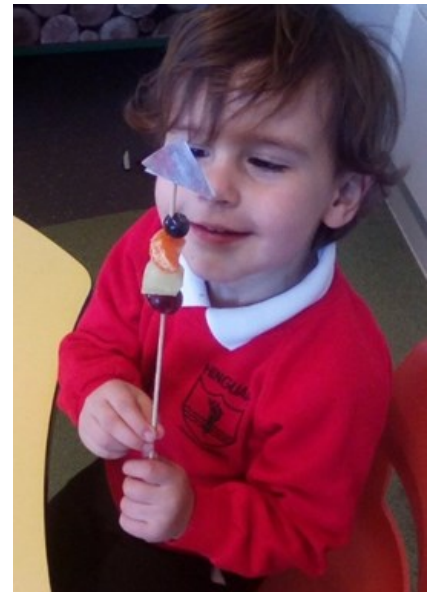
The children have expanded their vocabulary, learning about the different names and features of the planets in our solar system.

We watched a video of a rocket launch. The children enjoyed counting down from ten to zero. We then acted out being rockets, counting down, then blasting off into space.

Our story focus next week will be 'The Naughty Bus?'

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

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



Avocet Class



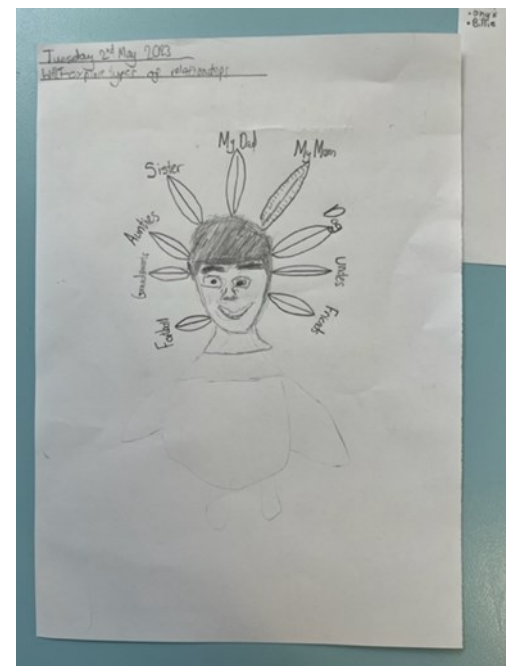
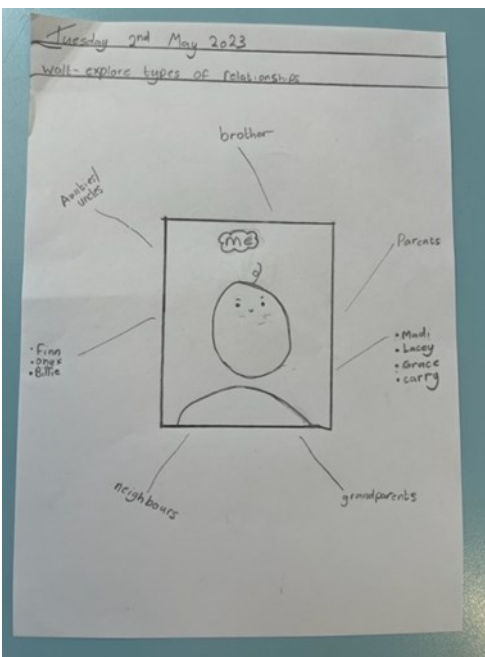
This week, Year 6 have been revising all their Maths knowledge from their time at Primary school and applying it to a variety of SATs questions. In English, we have continued our Alma unit with a focus on how to identify micro-expressions made by characters and use these within our own writing.

In Art, we have continued to create our African masks by adding details and extra layers. In PE, we have continued our Athletics training and have enjoyed our first swimming lesson of 2023.

In PSHE, we have begun our new unit linked to relationships and growing up. We discussed the different types of people and things we may have relationships with and how they may differ now and in the future.

Hope you all have a lovely relaxing weekend and come in next week ready to give your best. Good luck, Year 6!

Mrs Calvy, Mrs Attard and Ms Hardy



Other Achievements

Diving Competition



Mollie competed in the regional qualifiers last weekend in Southampton. She qualified on both the 1 and 3 metre springboards and 5m platform, gaining new pb's in each competition, winning Gold on 5m. She is now eligible to compete at the Age Group National Championships on 1m, 3m and 5m in Sheffield this summer.

Well done, Mollie! We are so proud of your achievements and look forward to hearing even greater things in the future.

Dance Festival



On Wednesday 3rd May, the KS2 dance club performed at this year's dance festival at Alleyn Court School. The children have worked so incredibly hard for the last 8 weeks to learn their routine, dedicating some lunch times to dance rehearsals. It has been wonderful to watch the group support one another and boost each other's confidence in preparation and on show day. Their energy and beaming smiles shone on stage with the audience clapping and cheering throughout the performance.

Well done, Team Hinguar!
We are so proud of you!

Miss Mountier and Mrs Cochrane





Seahorse Class



This week, our theme has been Royalty and we have focused on King Charles III's coronation. We began by listening to King Charles III's Colourful Coronation by Campbell Books. From this story we discovered that the King would be coronated in the King Edward's crown, which had 444 jewels on it. On the mark-making table the children made their own crowns using sequins and the royal colour of purple, before designing Union Jack flags. Later we listened to the King's Pants by Nicholas Allan. The children were then tasked with designing underwear for our King.



In Literacy, the children have explored the words past, present and future. We used a timeline of George VI, Queen Elizabeth II, King Charles III, Prince William and Prince George to show how the past represents events that have happened, the present is now, and the future is what is to come. The children placed the pictures in order before labelling their timeline.



In Maths, we have looked at addition past 10, using 10 as the base number. We have used the stem sentence "First we have 10, then we add 4, now we have 14 altogether" to show the addition process. The children placed 10 bears in a bed, before choosing a number card to add bears to a second bed. The children then counted on from 10 to solve the calculation.

Throughout the week, the children have enjoyed constructing carriages and cars from the outdoor resources, made patterns and pictures using the pegs and boards, tried a variety of climbing challenges on the 'A' frame and had tea parties in the kitchen role play area.



Well done, Seahorse Class for your first swimming lesson.

After speaking to the children, they told me that the teacher is called Chris, the swimming pool is warm, and they loved it! Thank you to the parents volunteers who helped the children get changed.

On page 18 of the reading record, you will find the Gold Times table challenge to practise with your child.



Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny and Mrs Mota



Sanderling Class

This week, Year 5 started their narrative based around 'One Small Step' from dad's perspective of the story. They planned their story in a very new way, using a narrative map and scale. It was fantastic to see how quickly they picked this up and excelled in the task.

We were lucky enough, this week to take part in a Virtual Reality workshop where we blasted off into space and truly immersed ourselves in life outside of planet Earth. The children were able to witness how the planets orbit the sun and the distance, scale of the planets. We quickly transported from Space to Mount Everest, giving the children the unique opportunity to relive the expedition as if they were a part of it. A brilliant end to our spring term topic and an exciting start to our topic of mountains.

Miss Mountier and Mrs Allen



Oyster Class

A short but busy week for our Year 1 children, this week. We have started a new unit of work in English based on the book Storm Whale by Benji Davis. The children have been learning a new structure to our English lessons and have enjoyed our new way of working.

In Maths, we are now learning fractions concentrating on halves and quarters of a shape, object or amount.

This week, Year 1 had their first swimming lesson. The children were absolute superstars and it was lovely to see how enthusiastic they were before, during and after their lesson. Please could all children come to school with all of their clothing labelled (including shoes) as we did have a few mix ups at changing times.

Finally, on Thursday we visited the church. The children prepared questions for Reverend Louise before we went. They were absolutely amazing the whole morning. They enjoyed learning about the church, what happens in each area of the church and all about the history of the church.

Enjoy your long weekend, Year 1. You deserve it!

Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Merton



Curlew Class

Wow, what an exciting week it has been!

Last Friday, we enjoyed a fabulous Roman immersion day with a visit from Portals to the Past. All the children looked fantastic dressed up and participated fully in an extremely beneficial experience.

This week has been a return to 'normal' following our show last week and the children have been absolute superstars as always.

We were fortunate enough to be visited by dental hygiene nurse, Mrs Paterson, who gave a fabulous presentation

about tooth hygiene. She clearly explained the importance of brushing our teeth twice a day for 2 minutes using a fluoride toothpaste, and the impact of sugary foods and drinks.

In addition to this, we also enjoyed an amazing experience in virtual reality. During the two exciting sessions, we revisited our topic of volcanoes and explored ancient Roman houses and lifestyles. All the children immersed themselves fully in this exciting experience and loved the opportunity to 'witness' the places and times they are learning about.



Have a right royal rest this weekend and a radiant, raucous and regal ruckus!

Miss Eakins and Mrs Edwards

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Heron Class

This week, Year 3 have begun a new unit of writing based on the book *The Secret of Black Rock*. In Maths, they have begun the second unit on fractions and in RE they looked at the differences between Christian and Muslim prayer. In Computing, the children learned how to receive, open and reply to emails; in French they learned how to ask someone's name and tell them their name and in Art they finished their Henri Rousseau inspired collages. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the amazing Virtual Reality workshop and had a brilliant time celebrating the new King's Coronation by dressing up in patriotic colours and enjoying a special lunch.

Have a wonderful, long weekend!

Take care,

Mrs Emmings and Mrs Tarling





School Menu

Week commencing: 20/02, 13/03, 17/04, 08/05, 05/06, 26/06, 17/07

WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meat	Coronation Bank Holiday	Sweet & sour chicken, brown rice and sweetcorn	Roast Turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Meatball & tomato pasta bake with diced carrots	Halal battered chicken nuggets, chips, beans, spaghetti or peas
Vegetarian /Vegan		Sweet & sour vegetables, brown rice and sweetcorn	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Vegan meatball & tomato pasta bake with diced carrots	Quorn vegan nuggets, chips, beans, spaghetti or peas
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
Dessert		Marble cake & custard or Jelly	Jelly	Fruit sponge or Jelly	Raspberry ripple ice cream pot or Jelly



Thank you to Friends of Hinguar for decorating the hall this morning for our special lunch to celebrate the King's coronation. The children were so excited to see all the bunting, balloons and flags.

Every child has also received a commemorative pin and union flag as a memento of the occasion courtesy of Friends of Hinguar.





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 Alisha in Oyster Class, Darci-Mae, Halle W and Amelia in Heron Class and Rory in Sanderling Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me Awards.

Well done to Felicity in Seagull Class and Oliver in Heron Class on achieving their Gold Catch Me Awards.

Reading Champions

Well done Bjorn in Oyster 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.'



Times Tables

Congratulations to Matilda and Charlotte in Oyster Class on achieving their Silver Times Tables Certificate.

Congratulations to Matilda in Oyster Class on achieving her Gold Times Tables Certificate.





AWARDS

Ashley Banjo



Mo Farah



Ellie Simmonds



Jamie Oliver



Student of the Week

Award Board

**Avocet Class—
Grace & Sophie**

**Sanderling Class—
Jack & Mia**

**Curlew Class—
Alice & Sienna**

**Heron Class—
Buddy & Sammy**

**Seagull Class—
Kayden & Brooke**

**Oyster Class –
Sammy V**

**Seahorse Class—
Hudson & Arthur**

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 95.51%
and in KS2 Curlew 96.82%.

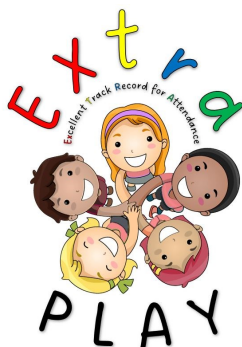


100% Attendance and Punctuality Prize

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 93.55% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 96.67%.

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



Half Term Activities



Essex Fire Museum Open Days
Sunday 28th May 2023
Tuesday 30th May 2023
(10.30am to 4.00pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via:
museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

**Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS**

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

Half Term 30 May – 2 June

King's Coronation Bank Holiday May 8th 2023

Summer term dates (updates in red)

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)

Gifted and Talented Geography workshop (pupils only)

9th May 2023—pm

Heron class parent open morning

15th May 2023 9.15—10.15

Gifted and Talented RE workshop (pupils only)

16th May 2023—pm

Y6 My Future, My Southend—Hospitality

16th May 2023 pm (in school)

Curlew class parent open morning

17th May 2023 9.15—10.15

Gifted and Talented PE workshop (pupils only)

18th May 2023—pm

KS2 Music Festival area rehearsal

22nd—26th May (date tbc)

Gifted and Talented Computing workshop (pupils only)

23rd May 2023

Oyster class parent open morning

24th May 2023 9.15—10.15

Gifted and Talented Outdoor Learning workshop (pupils only) 6th June 2023—pm

Class photos

7th June 2023

Gifted and Talented MFL workshop (Yrs 3-6 only)

8th June 2023—pm

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

8th June 2023—2.45

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)

Gifted and Talented Music workshop (pupils only)

13th June 2023—pm

Gifted and Talented DT workshop (pupils only)

15th June 2023—pm

FUDGE (EYFS only)

16th June 2023—2.00—3.00

KS2 Music Festival

16th June 2023 (evening performance)

Year 4 Lullingstone Roman Villa visit

20th June 2023

Gifted and Talented Reading workshop (pupils only)

20th June 2023—pm

Sanderling class parent open morning

21st June 2023 9.15—10.15

Y2 visit to Colchester Zoo

22nd June 2023

Pupil Advocate meeting

23rd June 2023

Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term contd (updates in red)

FOH Colour Hamper Non- Uniform Day	23rd June 2023
Sports Day and Picnic Lunch	26th June 2023
Gifted and Talented Writing workshop (pupils only)	27th June 2023—pm
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
Gifted and Talented PSHE/RSHE workshop (pupils only)	4th July 2023—pm
Gifted and Talented Art workshop (pupils only)	6th July 2023—pm
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
SECAT Community Day	21st 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.