

## Autumn Term Newsetter Week 13 8th December 2023



Enzo the Elf visited Hinguar on Thursday. The children had lots of fun dancing around the playground to Christmas music and playing some party games. This is the third year Enzo has visited the school as the children have been good all year. I am sure he will let Father Christmas know how good they have been on his visit!



### Staffing Update

I am sad to say that Mrs White, our SENCo, will be leaving us at the end of this term to work in another Southend school. Mrs White has worked at Hinguar for the last 8 years and has supported many children in school and their families. We are also saying goodbye to Milo, our school dog, who will be leaving us too, to support the children in Mrs White's new school, which I know the children will be very sad about. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs White for all her hard work, not only with SEND and Pupil Premium pupils but with everyone at Hinguar. I know that you will join me in wishing her well in her new job. Mrs White's last day will be Thursday 14th December.

In the interim, the Trust's Inclusion Lead and a SENCo from one of the other SECAT schools will be supporting us until we are able to appoint a new SENCo. We will also be looking to introduce a new dog in support of the children, hopefully some time in the spring term, as having Milo in school has been so beneficial. We will keep you updated.

Should you wish to discuss anything regarding SEND or Pupil Premium, please do continue to contact either Mrs Wilson, Mrs Attard or myself, who will be happy to help.

Kind regards Mrs Waite



## Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Starfish class, we have put up and decorated our Christmas tree. The children loved helping to select decorations from the box and hanging them on the tree.

We have been busy creating our Christmas cards, which are helping us develop our hand-eye co-ordination. Next week, we will be mark making and writing our names inside.

We have been continuing to practice our Nativity and are looking forward to performing a dress rehearsal to show the rest of the school next week.

We had great fun with Enzo the Elf, who visited us on Thursday for some dancing and fun games on the playground.

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

Mrs Attard, Mrs Brant, Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Bowser, Mrs Loe, Mrs Mota, Mrs Edwards and Ms Burgess.



## Seahorse Class



This week in Seahorse class, we have listened to the story What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas. We began the week by stopping at the plot point in the book where Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len had broken into the house to steal the presents. The children were then tasked with thinking of how we could stop them. Ideas included: gluing them to the floor, building a jail, calling a superhero and handcuffing them together.



We then read the rest of the story to see if any of our ideas appeared. As a class, we found out that the animals put a sheet over the Great Dane, who pretended to be a ghost to scare the robbers away. This led onto our Literacy task, where the children wrote a short sentence about how to stop Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len.

In Maths, the children have been exploring size. We have looked at the vocabulary we could use when describing and comparing objects of different sizes. The children then arranged Christmas trees from smallest to biggest. In continuous provision, the children have used multi-link bricks and rulers to measure ghosts.

A magical elf has been moving around the classroom causing chaos! The children all wanted to name the elf, so a class vote was taken on the children's suggestions. After counting the votes, we have named the elf Sweet Chocolate.



Throughout the week the children have been building traps to capture Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len, drawing with whiteboard pens, having tea parties and completing puzzles.

Date Reminder: Nativity performance - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Mota





## Oyster Class



The children have done ever so well this week. Year 1 absolutely smashed their singing performance - we hope you enjoyed their amazing singing!

In our learning this week, we have been focusing on the story of Stick Man. The children are working towards writing their own Stick Man adventure next week and we cannot wait to hear them. We have still been focusing on subtraction of numbers within 10 this week. The children are becoming more and more confident with completing their number sentences.

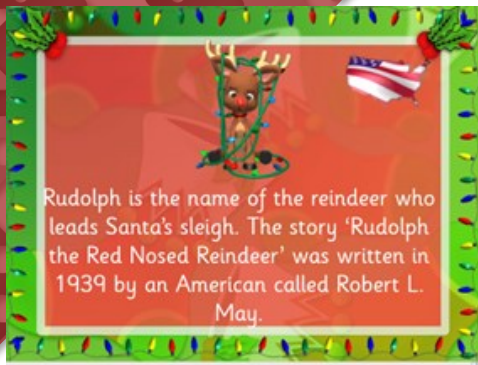
Christmas has truly begun in Oyster class; we have had a cheeky visit from Jingles the elf and have had great fun exercising with Enzo the elf this week too!

We hope you have a good weekend!

Miss Bradley and Mrs Tarling



## Seagull Class



This week in Year 2, the children have been very excited for Christmas. They have enjoyed talking about the festive preparations they have made at home and the cheeky things their elves have been getting up to. The children were extremely excited to perform their Christmas songs and poems for you and we were incredibly proud of them! We have also been sharing an interactive Advent calendar which reveals a new fact linked to Christmas traditions each day.



In our Maths lessons this week, we have been exploring 3D solids. We have been thinking about the properties of the shapes, identifying the number of faces, vertices and edges each shape has. We have also been sorting the shapes in different ways and explaining the criteria used.



A great week, Year 2. Well done!

Mrs Oakley and Mrs Merton



## Heron Class



This week, Year 3 have had a fabulous time watching the KS1 and Reception Christmas performances. Lots of the children were incredibly excited to see their siblings in the performances and I know we were all super proud of how fabulous all of the children were.

We continued the week by really getting into the Christmas spirit by decorating our class Christmas tree. On Thursday, we had a visit from Enzo the Elf which all the children loved, and we have really enjoyed getting back into our normal routine with Mrs O'Donnell.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone!

Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Edwards





# Curlew Class



It has been lovely to get back to normal this week. The children have, of course, been fantastic.

For the past few weeks, the children have been researching authors and the benefits of reading for pleasure. This week, the children wrote their own persuasive letters to the SECAT CEO Mr Stickley, in order to request a monetary gift to pay for an author to visit the school. All the children worked extremely hard to include all the points that we have focussed on in our sentence stacking lessons and to use appropriate language to convey their message.

We have had a history double-bubble this week! The subject of our daily guided reading has been about the River Nile and how the ancient Egyptians created effective irrigation systems. We have also been finding out about ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses. The children looked at a number of books, that we currently keep in class, to find facts about the deities and to carefully draw them.

This week, we have been assessing times table knowledge. In addition to ANOTHER 8 children, who have achieved a certificate this week, we have all taken the assessment test out of 25. Every child has increased their score since September and is making very impressive progress. Keep practising, Year 4. We have another 6 months until the national test and everyone is very capable of scoring very highly.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

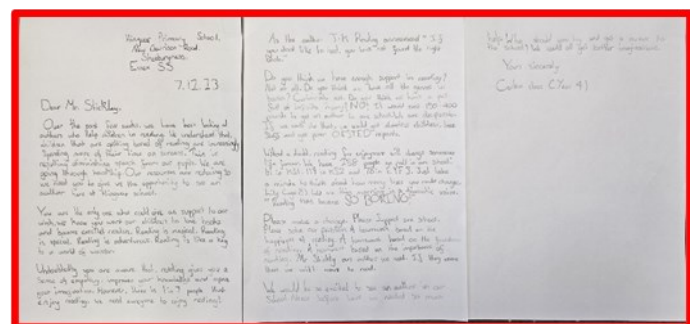
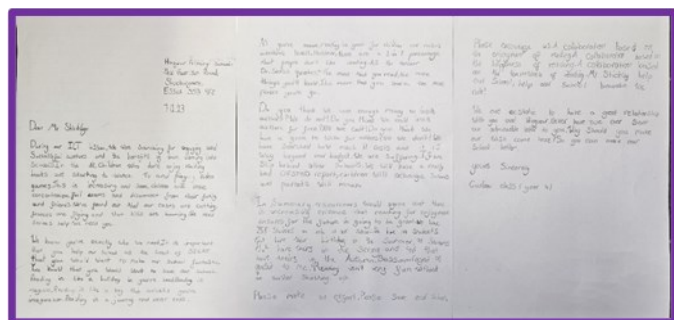
Only 1 ½ more weeks until a well earned break.

Miss Eakins, Mrs Allen and Mrs Bowser

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## Avocet Class







Year 6 had a fantastic day exploring IWM Duxford on Tuesday. They had the opportunity to see in real life many of the aircraft, vehicles and items associated with our topic of World War 2. The volunteer tour guides were particularly knowledgeable, and the children asked them some very mature questions during the tours. The children all behaved impeccably and thoroughly enjoyed the experience – especially the gift shop!

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford



# School Menu

Week commencing: 11/09, 02/10, 30/10, 20/11, 11/12						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK 2	Meat	Salmon mac & cheese with sweetcorn	Battered chicken chunks with rice & peas	Turkey Christmas Lunch 	Spaghetti bolognaise with carrots (H)	All day breakfast
	Vegetarian /Vegan	Mac & cheese with sweetcorn	Vegetable nuggets with rice & peas	Quorn Vegan Fillet Christmas Lunch 	Quorn spaghetti bolognaise with carrots	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	Christmas Biscuit 	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo
	Dessert	Frozen smoothie	Shortbread	Chocolate coated ice cream Christmas tree 	Cherry sponge with custard	Frozen mousse

Please note there have been some changes to the menu

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This year's Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at a cost of £3.00 for those who pay for school lunches. All lunches must be booked in advance using MCAS, regardless of whether you pay or not. The children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day with their normal uniform.

Christmas Lunch will be available to Nursery children who usually attend Wednesday lunchtime.







## Awards and Notices

**Ashley Banjo**



**Mo Farah**



**Ellie Simmonds**



**Jamie Oliver**



### Dress for Success

The class which achieves the best attendance, every half term, will be allowed to come to school in non-uniform the following Monday.

In the lead for this half term are,

KS1 Oyster Class, having attendance of 96.25% overall  
and in KS2 Avocet Class with 95.66%.



### 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 95.50% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Sanderling Class with 97.50 %.

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

### Student of the Week

#### Award Board

**Avocet Class—  
Will**

**Sanderling Class—  
Aiza**

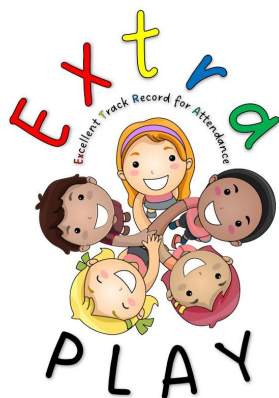
**Curlew Class—  
Catty**

**Heron Class—  
Albert**

**Seagull Class—  
Alisha**

**Oyster Class—  
Eva**

**Seahorse—  
Lucas**





## 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 Carly, Amelia, Harry, Mia, James, Albie and Alfie in Oyster Class, Mikaela, Mila and Anastasia in Seagull Class, Jacob and Halle W in Curlew Class and Henry and Miley in Avocet Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me! Award.

Well done also to Neo and Lily in Seagull Class and Florence and Emily in Curlew Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me! Award

### Times Tables

Congratulations to Emily, Jake and Oliver in Curlew Class on achieving their Bronze Times Tables Certificate.

Congratulations to Ethan, Lily, Oscar, Darci-Mae and Florence in Curlew Class on achieving their Silver Times Tables.



### Information regarding Clubs at the end of term

Sports Clubs have now finished with the exception of KS1 football & KS2 Gymnastics which will finish next Friday. Teacher led clubs eg choir, homework club and 11 plus will continue until Friday 15th December.


**Boosters will finish on Friday 15th December.**



### Reminders for Parents

Now that the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child brings a warm coat to school, especially in Early Years where they have access to outdoor play throughout the day.

Please also provide your child with a water bottle for class so the children can stay hydrated.

**NHS**  
Essex Partnership University  
NHS Foundation Trust

## FLU VACCINE CATCH-UP CLINICS

Time is running out to vaccinate your child with this season's flu nasal spray\*.

The flu vaccine reduces the risk of serious illness and will top up their protection even if they've been vaccinated before.

Drop into one of our catch-up clinics for primary and secondary school aged children:

**9 December**  
10am - 2pm  
Leigh Primary Care Centre, 918 London Road, Leigh on Sea, SS9 3NG.

**No booking required. Just walk in.**

\*flu injection is offered as an alternative to the nasal spray

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# Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

**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.**

## Autumn term 2023 dates (updates in red)

FOH Secret Santa	11th, 12th & 14th December 2023 (lunchtimes)
Reception Nativity	12th December 2023 @ 3.30pm
Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	13th December 2023
Nursery Nativity	14th December 2023 @ 9.30am
FOH Christmas Raffle Draw	15th December 2023
<b>Panto 'The Great Christmas Robbery' (Years 1-6 )</b>	<b>18th December 2023</b>
<b>Magic Show (Reception and Nursery)</b>	<b>18th December 2023</b>
Carols at the Church Yrs 1—3 and Yrs 4 –6	19th December—am ( children only)
Santa and his Sleigh visiting	19th December 2023—pm

## Spring Term 2024 dates (updates in red)

Pupil Advocate Meeting	5th January 2024 1.30pm—2.15pm
Y6 SATs Parent Meeting	18th January 2024 @ 6.30pm
Choir at the O2	30th January 2024
FOH Adult Quiz Night	9th February 2024
Whole School Assessment Week	w/b 12th February 2024
Mother's Day Stalls	4th, 5th & 6th March 2024
Y2 Arctic and Antarctic Workshop	27th March 2024
Parent Consultations	5th & 7th March 2024 3.30pm—6.30pm
World Book Day	7th March 2024
Aspirations Week	w/b 11th March 2024
Reception Stick Man Day (Danbury Park)	27th March 2024
FOH Easter Egg Hunt	28th March 2024



## Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

### Summer Term Dates 2024 (updates in red)

Bank Holiday (May Day)	6th May 2024
Y6 SATs Week	w/b 13th May 2024
Y6 to Chigwell	20th—24th May 2024
Father's Day stalls	10th, 11th, 12th June 2024
YR—Y5 School Assessment Week	w/b 24th June 2024
FOH Discos	27th June 2024
Sports Day & Picnic	1st July 2024
Y6 Transition Day	5th July 2024
Yrs R-5 Transition Morning	5th July 2024
FOH Summer Fair	6th July 2024
Reserve Sports Day	8th July 2024
Whole School Open Evening	11th July 3.30pm—5.30pm
Hinguar's Got Talent	15th July 2024
Volunteer Afternoon Tea	16th July 2.15pm
Y6 Graduation	18th July 2024 2.00pm
Y6 Leavers' Disco	18th July 6.30pm—8.00pm

### Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

Spring Term: Thursday 4th January 2024—Thursday 28th March 2024	<u>Inset Days 2023/24</u>
Half Term 19th February –23rd February	Friday 16th February 2024
Summer Term: Monday 15th April 2024—Monday 22nd July 2024	Friday 28th June 2024
Half term 27th May –31 May, and May Bank Holiday 6th May	Monday 22nd July 2024

### Inset Days 2024/25

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th September 2024  
 Friday 29th November 2024  
 Friday 14th February 2025  
 Monday 24th February 2025