



# HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

## Spring Term Newsletter Week 25 28th March 2024

### Important Reminders for the Summer Term

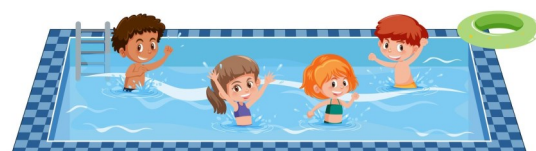
Due to swimming starting during the first week back after Easter, PE times will be changing for some year groups as below for the summer term only:

Monday pm - Yrs 5 & 6

Tuesday pm - Yrs 1 & 2

Wednesday pm - YR

Friday pm - Yrs 3 & 4 (no change).



### Swimming Timetable

	9.30 - 10.00	10.00 - 10.30	10.30 -11.00	11.00 - 11.30	11.30 - 12.00		1.15 - 1.45	1.45 - 2.15	2.15 - 2.45
Wednesday	Y1	Y1	Y2	Y2	Y3		Y3	Y4	Y4
Thursday	YR	YR	YR	Y5	Y5		Y6	Y6	Y6

Please may I also take this opportunity to remind you that the children will require a swimming costume (1 piece), swimming shorts, swimming hat and towel. They will also need flip flops or crocs (plastic slip-on shoes). Everything **must be named** and placed in a **named waterproof bag**.

In line with the school and government policy, no child will be allowed to swim wearing earrings or any other jewellery, unless worn for religious purposes only.

If for some reason you do not wish your child to swim, perhaps because of illness, please ensure you provide the class teacher with a letter stating this reason.

**The children will return to school after the Easter break in their Summer Uniform.**



Southend East Community Academy Trust

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## Year 1's Visit to Kathryn Court

Following their fantastic performance at the Palace Theatre a couple of weeks ago, on Tuesday, Year 1 once again showcased their talents. This time it was the lovely residents at Kathryn Court Care Home who were fortunate enough to be their audience.

After performing all their songs, the residents then joined in for one extra one, as it was a class member's birthday that day.

Before leaving school, each child had chosen a book to take with them. Once the singing had ended, they then shared these with the residents and chatted with them.

Finally, everyone joined in with a riotous version of the Hokey Cokey (as it turns out that this IS what it is all about!)

All children behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.

Thank you to the 4 kind parents, who gave up their time to come along with us.

Miss Eakins and Miss Bradley





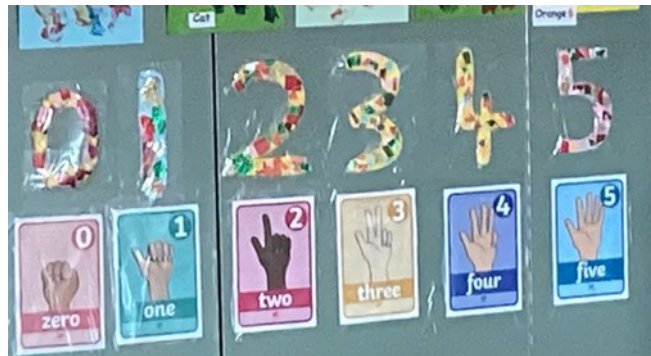
## Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Nursery, we all had an EGG-cellent time with lots of Easter themed activities. We all danced to the Sleeping Bunnies song and moved in lots of different ways. We all made chocolate Easter cakes using melted chocolate and noticed the way it changed as it cooled and became firm.



In Turtles class, we have been reading 5 Little Easter Bunnies and tried to join in with the repeating parts of the story counting the bunnies. We have finished working together to make a lovely sparkly number line 0 to 5 using cutting and sticking, which is up on display in the room. We looked at numbers one to five on large eggs and sequenced them, and we sang five 'hot cross buns in the bakers shop'. In the tough tray we explored an Easter themed filling and emptying activity with tiny chicks and bunnies. We have also been working on our motor control by using coloured tissue paper to stick on to an egg shape.



In Starfish class, we have been reading We're Going On An Egg Hunt and we had great fun finding eggs hidden around the garden, using positional vocabulary such as under, behind on top, next to. We learnt about the first Easter and the reason we celebrate Easter through talking about a story about Jesus. For our maths activity, we matched bunnies with the numbers 1 to 10 by counting the amounts of carrots on their tummies. In the tough tray we had cracked eggs to match up with little chicks then later in the week we used tweezers to fill little eggs with pasta shapes, developing our fine motor skills. As a challenge on the writing table, we had dot to dots with numbers up to 20. This helped us to work on our pencil control.



We all had a turn at an Easter egg hunt on the play-deck and would like to say thank you to FOH for our Cracking Easter eggs. We wish you all a wonderful Easter.  
The Nursery Team



# Seahorse Class



Seahorse Class have had a very busy last week of the Spring term. We began the week by learning about the Easter story. We discovered what the cross on a hot cross bun represented, and why eggs symbolise new life. On Thursday, the children took part in an Easter egg hunt, where they found plastic eggs and exchanged them for the chocolate ones.

On Tuesday, we took part in Bikeability. The children learnt how to put a helmet on safely, before listening to instructions



on how to ride a bike. All the children grew in confidence, and we are so proud of their perseverance and resilience. Well done, Seahorse Class.

On Wednesday, we travelled by coach to Danbury Park. We were extremely lucky with the weather! At Danbury, we were met by Julia, our Ranger. Throughout the day we took part in activities inspired by the story The Stick Man. The children made their own stick man, created a flag from tree rubbings, splashed in puddles, designed a cape by squashing grass, leaves and flowers in between fabric, explored trees, attempted to play 'Pooh' sticks, and looked for insects. Thank you to the parents who helped on our trip. We could not do it without you!



Throughout the week, the children have made Easter cards, completed dot-to-dots, built with the tyres outside and found number bonds in our Easter themed builder's tray.

We wish you a relaxing Easter break.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny Mrs Bowser, and Mrs Mota





## Oyster Class

Year 1 have been amazing this term! The children have taken part in lots of exciting activities and explored new places and have made both myself and Mrs Tarling proud.

This week, in particular, the children have had great fun learning about how to measure length and height in Maths. The children explored the classroom and found different objects to measure using both the cubes and rulers. The children have been keen to find further objects that are longer or shorter than their original item.



On Tuesday afternoon, Year 1 had the opportunity to perform for the residents at Kathryn Court. The children did so well and made everybody smile. After their amazing performance, they enjoyed sharing their books with the residents too.

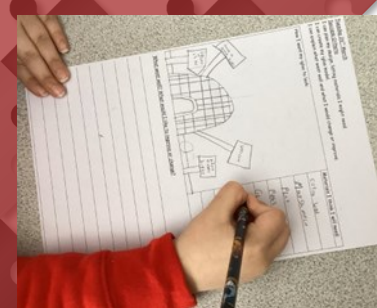
Keep up the excellent work, Year 1 and have a lovely and restful Easter holiday!

Miss Bradley and Mrs Tarling





## Seagull Class



This week, we have reached the end of our Polar Explorers topic. The children have enjoyed learning about significant explorers who have travelled to both the North and South Poles. They have also explored the polar habitats and the animals and plants found there. To finish off the topic, we had a D&T day where we designed, made and evaluated our own model igloos. First, we researched how igloos are constructed. The children were interested to discover that there are several different types of igloos used for different purposes. Some igloos are large enough for up to 20 people to share!



Several of the children had already created their own model igloo as part of their homework this term and they were able to transfer some of the skills involved to their new model. The children enjoyed becoming 'experts' and sharing top tips with their friends.



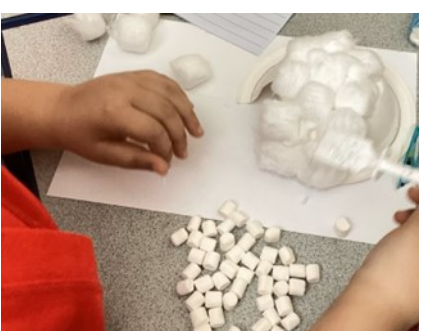
During the making process, there was a great deal of 'in the moment' problem solving. It was lovely to see the children referring to their design throughout the building process and making adaptations as they went along, both in their design and in their models.

The end results varied a great deal, each model having its' own unique style. We then took time to reflect on what had worked well and how we would make changes to improve our models the next time we built an igloo.

Great work, Seagull Class!

Have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Oakley and Mrs Merton.



# Heron Class

This week in Year 3, we have been focusing on spellings. The children have really enjoyed being given a hypothesis to investigate and then finding out whether it is always, sometimes or never true. This week we investigated "Words can have either -tion or -sion, added to them. It does not matter which."

The children looked in the dictionary to help them find words with the given endings and wrote about their findings.

We also looked at prefixes and whether the words ended in -sure or -ture, as well as investigating words that ended in il.

We have also been preparing for Easter and had a fabulous Easter Egg hunt in the afternoon with the Friends of Hinguar.

Have a fabulous Easter break!

Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Edwards

Monday 25th March 2020

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- I can read the word
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  - I can break the word

accidentally

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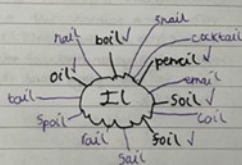
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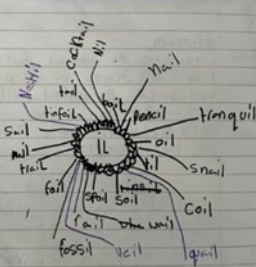
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Tuesday 26th March 2020

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Could not → now couldn't  
Would not → wouldn't  
Did not → didn't

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## Curlew Class

Year 4 cycled into the last week of the spring term by completing their Level 1 Bikeability. All children performed fabulously, and it was fantastic to see the growing confidence and skill of all participants as the session progressed. Well done to you all.

This week, we concluded our Sound Waves topic by finding out about Eric Kirkham Cole, who was the founder of the Southend based EKCO company. Nearly all the children recognised photos of the Aldi store that now stands on the company's former site and learnt how the business expanded over the years.

How can we possibly be two thirds of the way through the school year already? It has been another fantastic term and I hope everyone has a fun, safe and chocolatey Easter holidays.

Keep practising those times tables – and also our show scripts and song words.

Miss Eakins, Mrs Allen and Mrs Bowser

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## Sanderling Class



This week, Year 5 have been busily working on creating an alternative ending for the poem The Highwayman and challenging themselves to see if they could turn it into a new stanza following the poem's rhyming scheme. In Science, they investigated air resistance by experimenting with parachutes and challenged themselves with their teamwork skills. In Geography, they tested their compass skills and in Art they finished their amazing flying machines.

We hope you all have a fabulous Easter break. Please keep up the reading and hopefully we will have some Reading Champions after the holidays!

Take care and enjoy!

Mrs Emmings and Miss Brailsford





## Avocet Class

Well that brings us to the end of the Spring Term for Year 6, leaving us just one more term left at Hinguar. Also, concluding our study of the Victorian era which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. In English, we finished reading our class novel of *Street Child* and all felt deeply moved by the last few chapters, all agreeing what an emotional journey Jim has been on.

In Geography, we considered the human uses of rivers and the impact this can have. This led to us writing an argument for one of the uses considering the positive and negatives of the river.

In Art, we have continued with our self-portraits; a tricky concept that everyone has tried really hard to complete.

Hope you all have an egg-cellent Easter holiday and come back refreshed for our final term together,

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford































































## School Menus

## Spring/Summer Menu

SECAT

Week commencing: 15/04, 06/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07

WEEK 1		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
	Meat	Salmon fishcake, new potatoes and broccoli   	Ham pizza, wedges & sweetcorn   	Roast Halal Turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy    	Cheesy Halal chicken quesadilla with rice & carrots    	Pork sausages, chips & beans or peas  	
	Vegetarian /Vegan	Tomato pasta bake with broccoli 	Cheese pizza, wedges & sweetcorn   	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy    	Cheesy vegetable quesadilla with rice & carrots    	Vegan Quorn sausage, chips & beans 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    	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo    	
	Dessert	Frozen yogurt 	Macaroon traybake  	Fruity jelly	Fruity flapjack 	Ice cream 	

DADS' CLUB  
AT  
INDIROCK SOUTHEND

INDIROCK

1ST FLOOR,  
VICTORIA SHOPPING CENTRE,  
SOUTHEND,THURSDAY 4TH APRIL  
7:00-9:00PM

FREE SESSION!

Would you like to have the opportunity to meet other Dads and take part in a range of fun and varied activities?

Join our Dads' Club, where you can expand your community, with like minded people.

Are you an expectant Dad and/or a Dad of an under 4 year old?

Join us for an evening of rock climbing and a light bite to eat.

A chance to meet other Dads and be part of conversations with the Engagement Team about Dad's services in Southend.

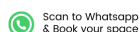


For more information or to book your space, contact Sam on:

[spooley@savs-southend.co.uk](mailto:spooley@savs-southend.co.uk)

07951 078 863

This session is for expectant families and/or families of carers of 0-3 year olds living in 6 wards across Southend. Visit the ABS website to check your area: <https://abetterstartsouthend.co.uk/locations/>



Scan to Whatsapp  
& Book your space



We have a new menu for the Summer Term.

This will be sent out with the newsletter.

Lunches must be booked in advance on the MCAS app.

If you have forgotten to book please let the office know in the morning. You will not be able to order a jacket potato at such short notice due to the length of cooking time.







## Awards and Notices

**Ashley Banjo**



**Mo Farah**



**Ellie Simmonds**



**Jamie Oliver**



### Student of the Week

#### Award Board

**Avocet Class—  
Oscar**

**Sanderling Class—  
Olivia M**

**Curlew Class—  
Oscar**

**Heron Class –  
Grayson**

**Seagull Class—  
Emily**

**Oyster Class—  
Whole Class**

**Seahorse—  
Whole Class**

### Dress for Success

The class which achieves the best attendance, every half term, will be allowed to come to school in non-uniform the first day back of the next term which will be Monday 15th April.

The winners for this half term are  
EYFS/ KS1 Oyster Class, having attendance of 93.34% overall  
and in KS2 Sanderling Class with 96.37%.

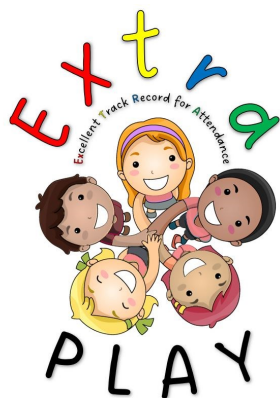


### 100% Attendance and Punctuality Prize

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

This week in EYFS/KS1, Alice the Bunny was won by Seahorse Class with 90.80% and in KS2, the attendance cup was awarded to Curlew Class with 96.67%.

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







## 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 Nyah in Seahorse Class, Sienna, Macsen, Zara, Olive, Hudson, Mia, Alyssa, Poppy, Olivia, Oliver V, Summer, George, Fraser and Daisy in Oyster Class, Max in Seagull Class and Marvin in Curlew Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me! Award

Well done to Lizzie in Sanderling Class on achieving her Gold Catch Me! Award.



Children who have achieved their Gold Catch Me! Award will be treated to afternoon tea with Mrs Waite after the Easter break.

### Times Tables

Congratulations to Hollie in Seahorse Class on achieving her Bronze Times Tables.

Congratulations to Hunter in Seahorse Class for achieving their Silver Times Tables.



### Reading Champions

Well done to Eden-Grace in Seahorse Class, Albie in Oyster Class and Olive in Heron 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.'





## Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

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

Y6 final residential meeting—Chigwell	16th April 2024, 3.30pm
Years 3 & 4 Production	23rd April 2024 @ 6.30pm
Years 3 & 4 Production	24th April 2024 @ 9.30am
Class Photos	25th April 2024
Y4 Roman Day	26th April 2024
Pre-loved Uniform sale	26th April 2024
Polling Day Local Elections (school closed)	2nd May 2024
Bank Holiday (May Day)	6th May 2024
Y6 SATs Week	w/b 13th May 2024
Y6 to Chigwell	20th—24th May 2024
SEESMA choir rehearsal (Hamstel School)	20th May 2024—pm
Yrs 2—5 Drumming and Percussion Workshop	21st May 2024 9.30—11.00
Pre-loved uniform sale	24th May 2024
Father's Day stalls	10th, 11th, 12th June 2024 (lunchtime)
<b>New Reception Parent Welcome Meeting</b>	<b>13th June 2023 @ 3.30pm</b>
SEESMA Concert—KS2 choir	14th June 2024 @ Cliffs Pavilion
<b>Reception to Y1 Parent Transition Meeting</b>	<b>17th June 2024 @ 3.30pm</b>
Y2 to Colchester Zoo	20th 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
<b>Teddy Bear's Picnic—New Reception Intake</b>	<b>5th July 2024 1.30pm—3.00pm</b>
FOH Summer Fair	6th July 2024
Reserve Sports Day	8th July 2024
Whole School Open Evening	11th July 2024 3.30pm—5.30pm
Hinguar's Got Talent	15th July 2024
Volunteer Afternoon Tea	16th July 2024 2.15pm
Y6 Graduation	18th July 2024 2.00pm
Y6 Leavers' Disco	18th July 6.30pm—8.00pm
School closes for the summer	19th July 2024 @ 1pm





## Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

### Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

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

**School Closed for Polling—Thursday 2nd May 2024**

Half term 27th May –31 May

May Bank Holiday 6th May

### Inset Days 2023/24

Friday 28th June 2024

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

### Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn Term : 3 September 2024—20 December 2024

Half Term 28 October—1 November

Spring Term: 6 January 2025—4 April 2025

Half Term 17 February—21 February

Summer Term: 22 April 2025—23 July 2025

Half Term 26 May—30 May



**FRIENDS OF HINGUAR**  
**EGM**

April 18, 2024  
1.45 – 2.45pm

George Suite, Hinguar Primary School & Nursery

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**  
**STAY INFORMED & GET INVOLVED**

The poster features an illustration of four people sitting around a table, engaged in a meeting. A potted plant is on the left. The background is a light yellow with subtle patterns.