NEWSLETTER

16th April 2021

AIM HIGH TO BE THE BEST

COURAGE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS TERM

WELCOME BACK TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMER TERM

Thank you to Mrs Robinson from the Parish Council, Mrs McConnell from Latchingdon PTFA and Mrs Keeble from Latchingdon CofE Primary School for organising the wonderful new nature walkway, during the Easter holiday.

We would, also, like to extend a massive thank you to Rochfords Tree Services https://www.facebook.com/RochfordsTreeServices/ for their extremely kind donation of bark.

Last, but by no ways least, thank you to everybody who volunteered their time and equipment to enable this community project to take place.

It has been lovely to see the whole of the local community coming together for the good of all. We hope that all our parents and families and Latchingdon Pre-School parents, as well as the residents, enjoy using this walkway.

Please see below a course being run by Abberton Rural Training, it is 12 weeks long and will provide learners with a Horticultural qualification. The course is being funded by Virgin Care Feel the Difference and a home growing kit is included. This course is proven to help individuals physical and emotional wellbeing as well as supporting a healthy lifestyle for the whole family. Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service will be linking with the tutors throughout the course, so families are offered additional community services such as slow cookers, home cooking packs and vouchers etc. The course can be accessed online or attended weekly at the growing beds at Blackwater Leisure Centre (free transport is available). The poster attached has the contact information if you are interested.

art RURAL TRAINING

FREE 'GROW YOUR OWN' GARDENING COURSES IN MALDON!

Supported by

Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service

Believe in children Barnardo's

virgincare

Charity No: 1169247 UKPRN: 10053247

Free one day a week Course in Gardening!

Learn basic gardening skills including how to grow your own vegetables.

12-week course – gain a Qualification and/or a Certificate of Completion.

Get outdoors, learn new skills and meet people.

All abilities welcome – no prior qualification needed.

Help build your confidence and self-esteem with inclusive wellbeing support.

The course can be accessed via online lessons. Face-to-face sessions will be available when restrictions allow. These sessions will be in Central Maldon with transport available.

Contact us now on:
01787 228269/07929 286836
info@abbertonruraltraining.org
or ask at the Job Centre

The school currently has a nature area/pond which has not been used for many years and was totally overgrown.

Mrs Tyler is very passionate about nature and outdoor learning and has very kindly prepared a plan of action, to enable this area to be reclaimed, to create a wildlife haven and learning space for our children to enjoy.

Phase one of this refurbishment took place over the Easter holidays when Mrs Tyler and the "Reclaim Team" cleared the area.

As you can see it is amazing what teamwork can achieve (the motivation of cake and ice-cream certainly helped!)

All the cut down branches and twigs were used to make a dead hedge to attract lots of insects for not only the children to learn about, but also for birds and other animals.

A new log pile was created again for a haven for bugs and a willow tunnel was made as the new entrance.

The second phase is due to take place over the Half Term break. The "Reclaim Team" will be focusing on re-establishing the pond and adding some wildflower planting to hopefully attract frogs, toads and newts!

Easter Colouring Competition

Thank you to all the children that entered our Easter Colouring Competition. All the entries were lovely and the winner from each class received an Easter Egg.

All the entries will be used in a display within our Worship area.

Latchingdon Pre- School – Enrico

Red Squirrels – Humza

Hedgehogs – Elijah

Foxes – Scarlett-Rose

Otters – Lilyrose

Badgers – Poppy

Headteacher Stickers

This week Mrs Kemp has given Headteacher Stickers to the following children:

8 Latchingdon Pre-school children doing their first PE Lesson

George – Otters

Charlie V – Badgers

Emily – Red Squirrels

Nancy - Hedgehogs

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Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust

Vine School Trust Logo Competition

Thank you for all the wonderful entries to the Vine School Trust Logo Competition.

These have been forwarded to the Trust and fingers crossed one of our children wins the Fire 7 Tablet!

School Uniform

Thank you for sending your children into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. We have found this has saved time and enabled the children to enjoy a longer lesson.

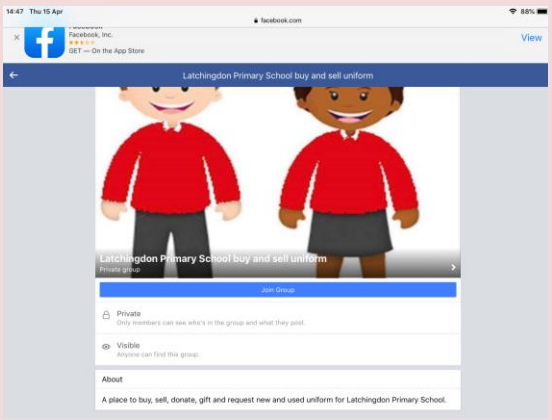
We appreciate that it has been difficult to obtain the correct uniform during lockdown but now that restrictions have eased and the shops are open we would appreciate your co-operation in ensuring your child/ren are wearing the correct uniform.

The uniform details are listed on our website.

Items with logos can be purchased from Patricia's in South Woodham Ferrers.

Mrs De St Jorre has set up a group facebook page to buy/sell uniform at:

Latchingdon Primary School buy and sell uniform



Letters sent home / info on website for w/b 12th April 2021

The following letters have been sent out and/or put on the school website (under Key Information/ Information Hub/ Letters Home).

- ESSEX CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE: Let's Talk Disordered Eating
- ESSEX CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE: Let's Talk Self-injury
- ESSEX CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE: Loneliness & Isolation
- ESSEX CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE: Let's Talk Social, Emotional & Mental Health Pillars

School Office Opening Hours

The School Office will be open Monday to Friday between the following hours:

8.30am to 12.30pm
1.30 pm to 4.00 pm

If your child/ren need to leave for an appointment during school hours they need to be collected/brought back in before 12.30 pm or after 1.30pm.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Music Lessons

Mr Pritchard, our Music Teacher, has recommenced his socially distanced 1:1 music lesson on a Tuesday morning for children in Year 2 or above.

If you are interested in your child/ren learning to play the piano, keyboard or guitar then please contact him direct on steve.p.musicteacher@gmail.com

Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember

SUMMER TERM

May 2021

3rd May - BANK HOLIDAY
31ST May - BANK HOLIDAY

June 2021

1st - 4th June - HALF TERM
7th June - NON-PUPIL DAY

July 2021

21st July - NON-PUPIL DAY
22nd July - START SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Attendance – w/e 16/4/21

The winning class for the week ending 16th April 2021 is Otters.

Each Friday we hold a raffle for all pupils in school, on time all week. This week the raffle was drawn and the winning pupil was Isaac - Foxes class.

The Government expects our attendance to be 96%.

If your child is not in school, please remember to phone each morning before 9 am and leave a message. We must have a reason to enable us to authorise the absence.

If you receive a text message, please contact the school to explain the absence. If we do not hear from you telephone calls will be made.

Safeguarding requires the school to know why a child is not in school. Every child legally has to attend school and parents/carers have a duty to notify the school.

Stars of the Week – w/e 16/4/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Amelia & Arlie-Blaiz
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Jason
3 (Foxes)	Rylee
4 / 5 (Otters)	Maddison & Thomas
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Lilly & Leo

Star Writers – w/e 216/4/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Oliver
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Phebe
3 (Foxes)	Archie
4 / 5 (Otters)	Evelyn
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Meade

Good Manners – w/e 16/4/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Ruby & Abigail
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Carter & Tommy
3 (Foxes)	Poppy
4 / 5 (Otters)	Laila-Bo & Adora
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Charlie W & Blake

Lunch Time Stars – w/e 16/4/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Elouise
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Edith
3 (Foxes)	Isaac
4 / 5 (Otters)	Laila-Bo
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Leo

Well done to all those children.

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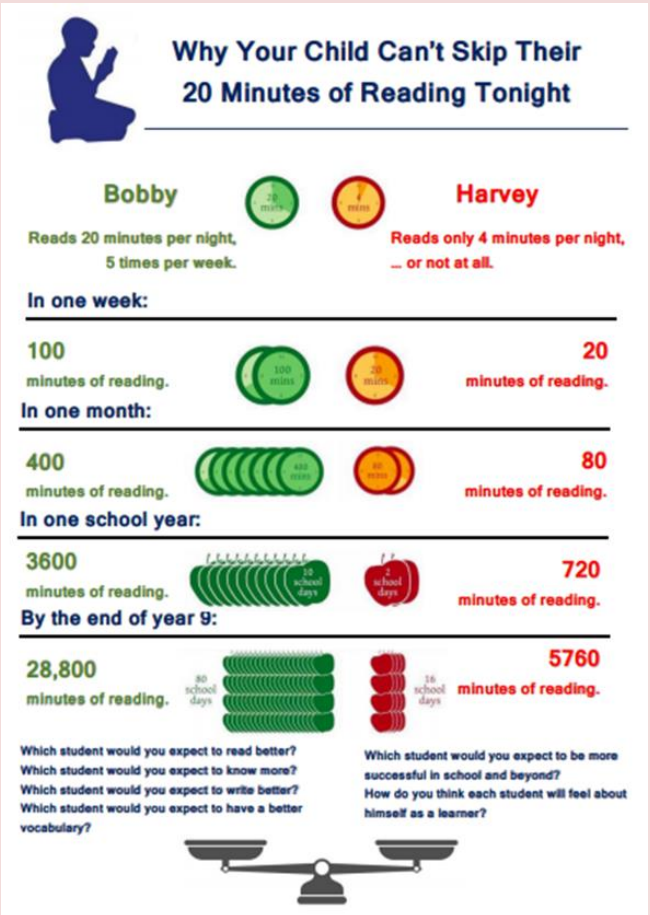
READING CHALLENGE

The Reading Challenge is to encourage all the children to read at home. At the end of each week all classes will earn stickers to put on the class jar. The larger the percentage of children who read at home, the more stickers the class will earn. The winning class at the end of the Summer Term will earn an afternoon treat.

It would be great if all the children read at home 5 times a week.

We would very much appreciate your co-operation in ensuring your child/ren's Reading Record is signed daily.

As you can see below the importance of regular reading.