NEWSLETTER

23rd September 2022

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15: 12-13)

OUR CHRISTIAN THEME THIS HALF-TERM IS

THANKFULNESS

"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We hope that you all managed to celebrate the life of HM Queen Elizabeth during Monday's Bank Holiday in a way that was fitting for you and your family.

Although this has been a shorter week it has certainly been packed full of fun activities for the children.

Firstly, thank you to Mrs Peacock for arranging the Roman Workshop from Past Productions on Tuesday. This term Foxes, Otters and Badgers classes are learning about the Roman Civilisation and they all enjoyed dressing up as Romans and taking part in the activities.

Today, we have launched Times Tables Rockstars and thank you to those parents that attended the workshop this afternoon run by Mrs Peacock. We hope you found this useful and that all our parents/carers encourage their child/ren in Years 2 to 6 to take part regularly.

Next week is Safety Week and we have lots of activities planned for the children to take part in. We are also having an open afternoon on Friday 30th September to enable you to see the children's work. The doors will be open from 2.30pm and you can take your child/ren home when you have finished looking at their work.

The teachers have been busy completing the Topic Webs for the Autumn Term and these can now be found on the school website (under the class pages or curriculum page) or via the links below:

Topic Web – Autumn Term 2022-Red Squirrels

Topic-Web – Autumn Term 2022 - Hedgehogs

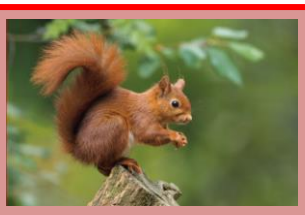
Topic Web - Autumn Term 2022 - Foxes

Topic Web – Autumn Term 2022 - Otters

Topic Web – Autumn Term 2022 - Badgers

Due to Dengie Sports Day being set for 6th July 2022 we have decided to move the date for Latchingdon's Sports Day to 5th July 2022.

Full details and times will be issued nearer the time.



RED SQUIRRELS

Well done to our new Reception children who stayed for lunchtime this week they have all been fantastic!

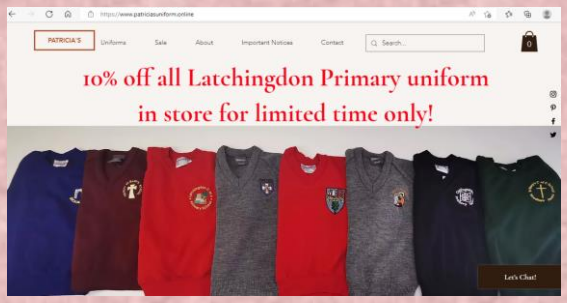
Helping Hands Box

Life is going to become expensive this year, with prices rising everywhere.

We all have days where we need some extra help and so we are going to put a box of food etc in the foyer, if you can donate the odd item great, if you need something please come and take it.

We all need to look out for each other.

Patricia's in South Woodham Ferrers currently have 10% off all Latchingdon CofE Primary School uniform in store for a limited time only!



Secondary School Admission – Sept 2023

The new secondary school admission round opened on Monday 12 September 2022, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school Year 7 place for September 2023.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2022.

Applications can be made online via:

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

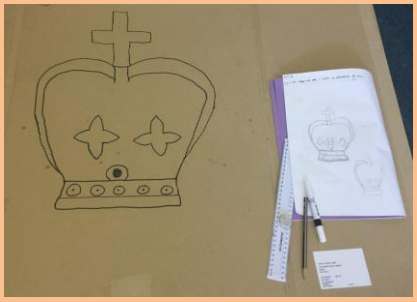
All the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2023-24 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions-booklets-policies-and-forms/admission-booklets

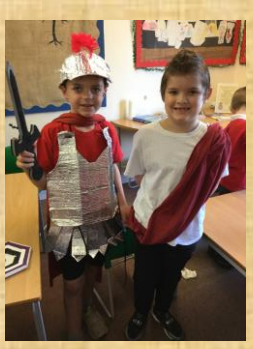
BADGERS

Last week Badgers class made a mosaic in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II – good teamwork Badgers well done!



KS2 ROMAN WORKSHOP

FOXES



OTTERS

BADGERS

Times Table Rockstars

Dress-up Day

BADGERS

OTTERS

FOXES

HEDGEHOGS

RED SQUIRRELS

Mr Pritchard, our Music Teacher, holds music lessons on a Tuesday morning for children in Year 2 or above.

He currently has spaces so if you are interested in your child/ren learning to play the piano, keyboard or guitar then please contact him directly on:

steve.p.musicteacher@gmail.com

Monday 3rd October 2022

3.30pm to 6.00pm

at

Latchingdon Village Hall

It's HARVEST TIME – it could get very messy – why not come & see!

Letters sent home / info on website for w/e 23rd September 2022

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

- LETTER TO ALL PARENTS: Individual Photos – Thursday 22/9/22 (dated 20/9/22)
- LETTER TO ALL PARENTS: Harvest Festival (dated 23/9/22)

CAN YOU ANSWER THE MATHS CHAMPION QUESTION?

IF SO DON'T FORGET TO POST YOUR ENTRY BY 30/9/22!

Headteacher Stickers

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

Tom – Badgers
Grace – Badgers
Olivia – Badgers
Angel – Badgers
Adora – Badgers
Rylee – Badgers
Ruby - Badgers

The Worship Group have decided this year to collect for the Dengie Food Pantry based in Southminster.

We will be collecting donations from Monday 26th September to Tuesday 4th October 2022.

The items they would like are:

TINNED ITEMS:
Carrots, custard (tin or packet), rice pudding, meats (ie ham, corned beef pork etc), meat pies, hot dogs, hamburgers, meals in a tin (ie curry, chicken in sauce etc), fruit &tomatoes

JARS:
Chinese & Indian Sauces, lasagne sauces (red & white)

OTHER ITEMS:
Pizza bases, tomato paste, Passata sauce, biscuits, coffee, sugar, blue or green UHT ,ilk

No tea bags, Pasta or baked beans needed at this time.

We do appreciate that times are hard for some people but if you are able to contribute, however small, this would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

https://www.facebook.com/Dengie-Food-Pantry-Food-Bank-100408298274586/

Essex County Council

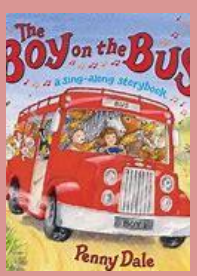
Every month during 2022 there will be a different story chosen and available on the Essex Library Service website.

The story for September is from BookTrust and is a signed version of The Boy on the Bus by Penny Dale.

There is also a suggested arts and crafts activity that the children could enjoy after listening to the story.

It can be accessed via this link:

Story of the Month- September



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about REDDIT

R/FUNNY

R/TRENDING

R/MEMES

AGE RATING 13+

Reddit describes itself as a social news website where users connect and share stories, opinions and support; debate issues; ask questions; and chat to people with similar interests. Discussion topics are organised into communities (known as subreddits) that are created, run and populated by users, who remain anonymous throughout. Free speech is encouraged, and users – or 'redditors' – can vote posts 'up' or 'down' so they get more (or less) attention. Reddit is free to join, although signing up to Reddit Premium unlocks an advert-free version of the platform.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MINIMAL MODERATION

As sharing opinions on Reddit is easy (and anonymous), offensive or age-inappropriate content is frequently posted. Moderation by admins and bots *does* occur, but can't cover every community – so Reddit relies on users voluntarily moderating these spaces. Subreddits marked NSFW ('not safe for work') can contain anything from profanity to pornography, so are not suitable for under 18s.

HARASSMENT AND TROLLING

If someone on Reddit doesn't agree with your child's opinion, they may feel compelled to say so – in no uncertain terms. This could lead to a public bombardment of hurtful messages. Likewise, Reddit users are highly likely to encounter trolling (where someone posts a deliberately inflammatory comment to provoke a reaction) on the platform, which can be distressing.

FAKE NEWS

Absolutely anyone can post a story on Reddit, so sub-reddits are occasionally prone to bias, misinformation and opinions being repeated as if they are facts. Fake news articles often grab users' attention with catchy or controversial headlines, and Reddit is no exception. It's important that young people are able to identify fake news – and disregard it rather than sharing it.

GIFTING AND SPENDING

Users can gift awards to the authors of posts that they like (thereby encouraging their favourite redditors to keep contributing) by spending Reddit Coins. This virtual currency can be bought on demand (with real money) or received as part of the paid-for premium package. Users sending a gift can also leave an anonymous private message, a feature which has been abused by groomers.

'SUPPORTIVE' STRANGERS

By definition, Reddit users interact with strangers in public through their community – but also have the option to do so privately. Groomers could repeatedly up-vote a child's comments or respond encouragingly to their posts to win their trust. Once they've built a rapport, the predator then begins messaging the child in private to obtain personal details or try to lure them into meeting in person.

NEVER-ENDING NOTIFICATIONS

Reddit's default is for all notifications to be on. There are a total of 26 types of notification on the platform, ranging from chat messages and comments to updates and mentions of username. This would lead to a child's device being pinged almost constantly with alerts, frequently causing them to be distracted by incoming notifications rather than being present in the moment.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SORT THE SETTINGS

Reddit's user settings can help ensure that minors don't view adult material. Under the 'Feed Settings' tab, switch the Adult Content toggle to 'off', and enable Safe Browsing Mode (this blurs out any explicit images). Also in settings, you can turn off all unnecessary notifications, to prevent your child being distracted by every post or comment on Reddit, allowing them some tech-free time.

RISE ABOVE IT

If a person says something critical or offensive to your child on Reddit, it's natural that they'll want to respond. Explain to them, however, that is exactly the reaction that trolls look for. Don't give them the satisfaction: instead, report the comment to Reddit Support for investigation. Blocking a user stops them from messaging or following your child on the platform.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

It can often be difficult to tell if something online is real or fake – particularly for young people. It's important to encourage your child to double-check with reputable sources if what they've read is genuine. Remind them to consider what motives might be in the message – and to watch out for scams. Chatting about this regularly helps to develop critical thinking skills and good online habits.

AVOID PRIVATE MESSAGING

Through their Reddit profile, young people can control who's able to message them privately – with options including 'no-one' and 'accounts older than 30 days'. These controls help ensure potential groomers can't talk to your child in private, and that Reddit's admins and other users will be able to moderate and report anything they spot which causes them concern.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Sources https://www.redditinc.com/policies/privacy-policy-september-12-2021#EEA | https://www.redditinc.com/policies/content-policy

R/NSFW

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Maths Champion

- problem dated 16/9/22

KS1 Answer = B, D, C, A - WINNER – Umar – Red Squirrels

KS2 Answer = Imran is thinking of 64 - WINNER – NO ENTRIES!

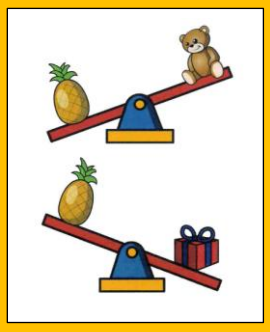
Well done Umar!

Maths Problem of the Week

KS1 (EYFS – Year 2)

The Problem

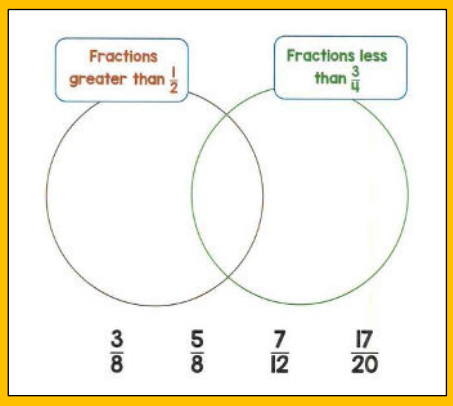
Which item is the heaviest?



KS2 (Year 3 – Year 6)

The Problem

Put the fractions into their correct position
In the diagram



If you would like to solve your KS problem, please put your completed answer, labelled with your name and class, in the **'Maths Competition' box in the main School Office Foyer by 8.40am on Friday 30th September 2022.**

A 'Maths Champion' of the week, will be announced in Celebration Assembly each week. Good luck!

Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember. Details of any events will be sent out nearer the time.

September 2022

27th Sept – Church – Harvest Festival with Rev. Julie Wilmott
26th Sept to 30th Sept – SAFETY WEEK
30th Sept – 2.30pm – Parent Open Afternoon

October 2022

3rd Oct – 3.30pm to 6pm – Messy Church
7th Oct – NON-PUPIL DAY
13th Oct – Life Support Roadshow – Year 5's
13th Oct – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening
14th Oct – Life Support Roadshow – Year 6's
18th Oct – 10am to 1pm – Mobile Library Outreach Van
20th Oct – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening
24th to 28th Oct – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

November 2022

9th Nov – 9.00am to 11.30am - Reception 2023 Tours
10th Nov – Flu Immunisations
13th Nov – Church – Remembrance Service
17th Nov – 9.30am to 11.30am – Reception 2023 Tours

December 2022

2nd Dec – 9.30am – Pantomime in School – Aladdin
13th Dec – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play
14th Dec – 9am – KS1 Christmas Play
19th Dec – 2pm – KS2 Carol Service
21st Dec to 4th Jan 2023 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January 2023

February 2023

13th Feb to 17th Feb – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
20th Feb – NON-PUPIL DAY
27th Feb to 3rd March – MATHS WEEK

March 2023

3rd March – 2pm – Parent Open Afternoon
31st March – REPORTS ISSUED

April 2023

3rd April to 14th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS

May 2023

22nd May to 26th May – CAREERS & AMBITIONS WEEK
26TH May – 2pm – Parent Open Afternoon
29th May to 2nd June – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

June 2023

12th June to 16th June – Mersea Outdoor Residential Trip
22nd June – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening
29th June – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening

July 2023

5th July – Latchingdon Sports Day
6th July – Dengie Sports Day
13th July – 7 pm - Year 6 Production
21st July – NON-PUPIL DAY
22nd July – SUMMER HOLIDAY

Attendance – w/e 23/9/22

The winning class for the week ending 23rd September 2022 is Badgers class.

Year	Attendance %
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	96.25%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	95.6%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	95.57%
4 / 5 (Otters)	94.71%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	98.98%

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 Sophie-Louise from Hedgehogs 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 must attend school and parents/carers have a duty to notify the school.

Each week the Friday Assembly is led by members of Badgers Class. This week's leaders were Skyla-Rose & Anais.

Well done to all these children.

Stars of the Week – w/e 23/9/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Logan & Mitsie
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Arlie-Blaiz, Albert & Tahnee
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Judith & Matthew
4 / 5 (Otters)	Holly & Ella-Mae
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Angel & Tom

Star Writers – w/e 23/9/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Sonny
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Bonnie
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Judith
4 / 5 (Otters)	Zak
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Ernie

Good Manners – w/e 23/9/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Leila & Umar
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Sophie A & Sophie-Louise
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Molly & Oliver K
4 / 5 (Otters)	Ted & Sadie
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Daniel & Skylar

Lunch Time Stars – w/e 23/9/22

Ella-Mae – Otters
Chloe - Otters

Reading Challenge – w/e 16/9/22

Year	% children reading at home regularly
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	84%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	65%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	75%
4 / 5 (Otters)	50%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	50%