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Boreham Primary School

A Friendship School



'Daring to aim high, scale new heights, spread our wings and fly far'









HEADTEACHER'S UPDATES

Covid-19

Due to several confirmed cases of Covid-19 within our two Year 5 classes, we have had to place the whole of Year 5 in a separate bubble for the remainder of this <u>half term</u>. As always, this decision has been made in full consultation with the Local Authority and Essex Track and Trace. Equally, we are aware of how very upsetting and frustrating the remainder of this half term will be for your children, especially as they will be unable to attend any extra-curricular clubs or go swimming on Friday. Equally, for those parents who rely on the before and after school care provision, Early Bird and Night Owl, I can only apologise for the disruption this causes you. At this time, I will ensure that both class teachers prioritise discrete time for talking to the children so that they can share their anger, frustrations and anxieties openly and honestly in school.

Junior Endball Tournament

I had organised for 64 of our junior children to take part in an inter-house Endball tournament next Monday afternoon. As the Year 5 children who were selected, can no longer participate, as well as having several other children off unwell or taking part in the Year 6 Bikeability session, I feel that too many children would miss out. Therefore, I will be re-organising this event for after half term.

PTA Discos / Christmas Arrangements

Unfortunately due to the increase in confirmed positive cases of Covid-19 within the school, we had no choice but to cancel tonight's PTA discos. Some parents have been asking about future events such as the PTA Christmas Fayre and our school Christmas production. At this stage it is very difficult to answer that and much will depend upon how things go after half term and how many positive cases that we have within the school community.

Winter Weather - Coats!

I have noticed too many children arriving at school without a coat. The weather is changing fast and I would ask that all parents ensure that their child arrives at school appropriately clothed. Otherwise your child may become unwell, catch coughs and colds and miss further time in school.

School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that your child arrives at school in the morning with their shirts tucked in please. All children in Years 2-6 are also expected to wear a school tie with a cotton shirt and not a polo shirt. Once children transfer to high school, the expectations around school uniform are very high and should children not wear appropriate uniform or look smart then many high schools will issue strikes and even after school detentions. Therefore it is very important that our children get into good habits from an early stage!

Don't forget that next Friday is an INSET day and the school will be closed to all pupils. We break for half term at 3:10pm next Thursday.

I hope by now that you have booked an online consultation to speak with your child's class teacher either next Tuesday or Thursday. Mrs Tate will be calling her Reception Class parents via telephone over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Mr Bowyer

EARLY BIRD AND NIGHT OWL

If your child currently attends Early Bird or Night Owl, please remember to complete the form which was emailed to you this week, by Wednesday 20^{th} December, to confirm your place for the next half term.

If you do not currently use our before or after school care provision and are interested in doing so, please contact Mrs King in the School Office.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month, we are celebrating Black History Month across the school. On Monday, in our whole school assembly, we looked at two inspirational black British sporting icons; Marcus Rashford and Sir Mo Farah.

Next Wednesday, Miss Hill has organsied for each of our classes to design and paint their own African mask and this will be followed on Thursday as each class learn an African dance wearing their masks.





HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Reception: Enya Year 1: Florence M

Year 2: Florence T

Year 3: Lexi-Mae

Year 4: Nancy

Year 5F: Eleanor Year 5HC: Rory

Year 6: Gracie





HOUSE POINTS

OLYMPUS: 226 KILIMANJARO: 247 EVEREST: 211 BEN NEVIS: 322

CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD

The class with the best attendance for week beginning the 4^{th} October is: **5HC** with **99.1%**. Well done!

Which class achieved the best attendance?

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Use privacy settings to keep your private information safe.

HEALTHY HEROES TIP OF THE WEEK

Mindset Warrior says...

What can we do when we find something difficult? Give up?



No - that's one of the worst things you can do...why? Because that is called failing. You've only failed when you've given up trying.

Instead, we're going to think "I haven't succeeded YET" and the word YET is the key here. Look at

what it stands for:









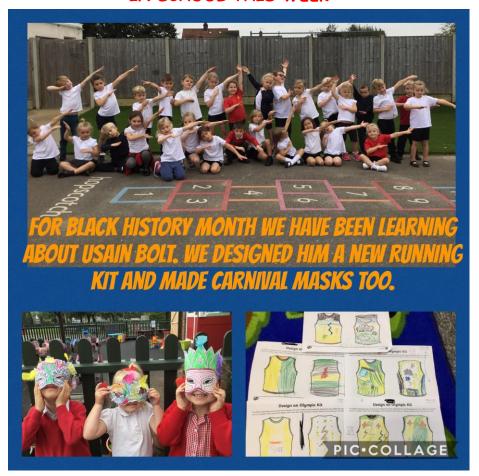
YEAR 3 BENCHBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday, 13 of our Year 3 class took part in their first ever Level 2 competitive sporting event in a mini Endball tournament at Great Leighs Primary School. Understandably, to begin with, our children were very nervous but we saw all of the children grow in confidence throughout the tournament and they really enjoyed themselves. Great Leighs A Team won both of their matches to win the group and Great Leighs B Team finished in second place. Our A Team beat Boreham B Team 2-0 but lost 2-0 to Great Leighs A Team. Our B Team lost both of their matches. HUGE thanks to all of those parents who helped to transport the children to and from the event.



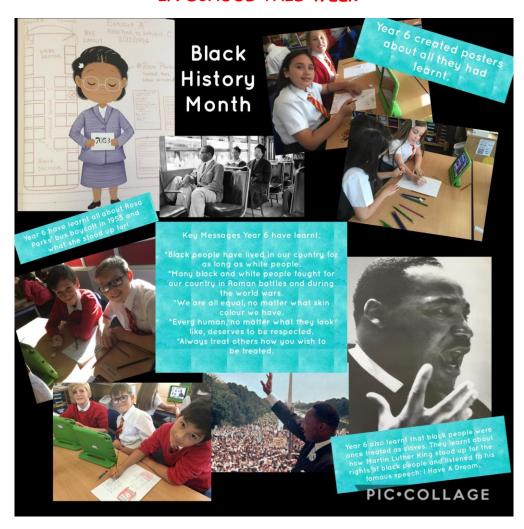


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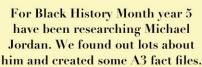


IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK



















HEADTEACHER'S HOT CHOCOLATE THURSDAY

Well done to our children who were picked for this week's 'Headteacher's Hot Chocolate Thursday!' Unfortunately, our two Year 5 children couldn't join us but they enjoyed having their hot chocolate in

sippy beakers outside!





'WHERE OH WHERE IS BOREHAM BEAR?'

This week Boreham Bear went along to our Year 4 class to join them for their Maths lesson.



BOYS FOOTBALL MATCH

Great Waltham Primary 0 - 4 Boreham Primary

9 boys across Years 4-6, played in a friendly match away at Great Waltham Primary School last night. Bearing in mind that this was the first time that the team had ever played together, they played magnifiently, playing fluidly and attractive passing of the football. Our scorers were: Oliver, Finley, Owen and Bobby. Well done to all of the boys who played, you were amazing! Thank you also to all parents for transporting to and from the event and for your support during the game.

SCHOOL CLUBS REMINDER

With the exception of Early Bird and Night Owl, all before and after school extra-curricular clubs will not be running next week. These will start up again, immediately after half term.

VISITORS INTO SCHOOL

Due to the recent increase of positive Covid-19 cases within our school setting, with immediate effect **all** visitors, which includes parents, who need to enter the school building are now expected to show proof of a negative lateral flow test upon arrival at the school. If visitors do not have access to lateral flow tests, they can arrive 30 minutes before their appointment and the school will issue you with one. Without appropriate evidence of a negative lateral flow test result, visitors **will not be** allowed access to the school. This is an additional measure we are currently taking as a school to protect the whole school community.

Dates for your dian

Thank you for your support and understanding.

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

Monday 18th October 2021

3:15pm: Year 6 Parent and Pupil Information Talk from Mrs Goodchild (Head Teacher Chelmer Valley High School)

Tuesday 19th October 2021

Parent Consultation Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday 21st October 2021
Break for half term at 3:10pm

Parent Consultation Evening 3:30-7:30pm

Friday 22nd October 2021

Non Pupil Day

25TH -31ST October - BOREHAM SCARECROW TRAIL

Monday 1st November 2021

Autumn Term 2nd half commences

Thursday 11th November 2021

Year 5HC Class Assembly 2:30pm

Monday 15th November 2021

National Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 29th November 2021

Last week for school clubs

Friday 10th December 2021

Christmas Production Full Dress Rehearsal

Monday 13th December 2021

Christmas Production Full Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 14th December 2021

Afternoon Christmas Production at 1:30pm

Evening Christmas Production at 6:00pm

Wednesday 15th December 2021

Afternoon Christmas Production at 1:30pm

Thursday 16th December 2021

Christmas Church Service at St. Andrews Church - 9:30am

Friday 17th December 2021

Break for Christmas at 1:30pm.