



REMINDER:

**School closes for half term on:
Thursday October 24th.**

Friday 25th is a Teacher Training Day.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to meet with so many of you in school this week for our Parent Consultation evenings. Parents were very complimentary about the school and thrilled by how well their child/ren had settled in new classes with new teachers. Obviously it is still very early in the term and information shared with teachers on these occasions help us to ensure that your child continues to thrive in our care.

Going back in time

Well done to all the children in Year 1 who had a wonderful experience at Hollytrees Museum of Childhood in Colchester. The children, who have been studying toys through the ages, were able to play with some Victorian artefacts (far removed from their own computer games!) and discover what life would have been like for children living over 100 years ago.



Environmental study

A group of Yr 6 children, working collaboratively, are embracing outdoor learning through weekly Bushcraft sessions courtesy of Mrs Heather who is supporting and leading. This week they were studying micro climates needed for some of our smaller amphibians to survive and thrive.



Space investigators..

Children in Year 5 have gone 'above and beyond' to investigate Space for home learning assignments. Well done to all the children who wrote, painted, designed and crafted to develop their knowledge of the far reaches of our solar system.

Particular well done to Codie who devised and constructed (from many reams of tin foil) his own planet, named Zalvador.

This will be one of the entries submitted for a planet naming competition organised by the International Astronomical Union.



A fantastic **WELL DONE** to Reception Class who have won this week's Attendance Cup with 99.3% !!

PTA cheque handover...

A HUGE thankyou to our wonderful PTA who have handed over a cheque for £6,000.

The money will be spent on upgrading the computers in our suite to enhance our digital learning. Some of the funding will also be used to support history resourcing in the school and a new history scheme of work.



PTA Questionnaire..

This week during Parents Evenings, the wonderful members of our PTA were collecting responses on suggestions for after-school clubs.

Many parents/carers stopped at their stall, completed forms and expressed interest.

Thankyou for wanting to get involved!

Secondary School applications..

If you have a child in Year 6, you need to make an application for their secondary school place. Online details can be found on the Essex.gov.uk website (admissions).

Closing date is October 31st!