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BURGUNDY BROADCAST

School News.....

Hockey Tournament

On a bitterly cold Wednesday morning, our Year 5&6 hockey travelled to Felsted Preparatory School for the next round of the area tournament. This saw the introduction of teams from Saffron Walden, including independent schools. Some excellent play and determination saw the children record 2 wins, a draw and 3 defeats, this saw us finish in a highly commendable 5th place. Such was the closeness of the tournament, a victory in our final game (which we completely dominated yet conceded the only goal of the game the one time our goal was threatened) would have seen us pick up the silver medals! However, the tournament showed real progress in terms of the children's development as hockey players both as individuals and as a team.



Reminders....

Non-Pupil Days 2019/20 –
Thursday 7th May 2020,
Friday 19th June 2020,
Monday 22nd June 2020.

Monday 2nd-Thursday 5th
February – Year 5
Bikeability

Friday 6th March – World
Book Day

Wednesday 11th March –
Beech Tree Assembly 9am

Thursday 12th March –
Cedar Tree Assembly

Monday 16th March –
Parents Evening 3:30-6pm

Wednesday 18th March –
Parents Evening 4:30-8pm

Wednesday 25th March –
Ash Tree Assembly

Thursday 26th March –
Willow Tree Assembly

Wednesday 1st April –
EYFS, KS1 Disco 3:30-
4:30pm KS2 Disco 4:45-
5:45pm

Creative Arts Week

Next week is our Creative Arts Week organised mainly by Mrs Andrews. She has organised dance workshops, poetry workshops, a theatre company to come into school to work with a variety of pupils and a music showcase. Having recently received the ArtsMark award I'm sure this will reflect the importance we place on Arts at Great Dunmow Primary School. Mrs Lock has also organised some art workshops to run alongside the above events during the week.

Music Showcase

The music showcase is happening on Wednesday 4th March at 6pm. This is an opportunity for our talented pupils to show off their musical talents. Anyone can attend, regardless of whether or not you have a child taking part in the showcase.

Hindu Visitor

Year 5 had a visit from a Hindu visitor from the Chelmsford Hindu Society. We learnt lots about Hindu beliefs and traditions. We also learnt that Hindus believe in one God which is infinite. This god takes many forms and is represented by many Gods and Goddesses. We enjoyed hearing stories about them and what they mean to Hindus.

Thinking Day

World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world. Our pupils proudly came in in their uniforms on 25th February.

World Book Day – Project

World Book Day is taking place in March and we are all looking forward to it! The children are going to have a 'Story Off' where they will create two school stories featuring work from every year group. One story will begin in EYFS (Ash Tree) and travel up through the 'odd numbered' classes in the school until its conclusion in Year 6 (Oak Tree), whilst the other story will commence in Year 6 (Sycamore) and make its journey all the way through the 'even numbered' classes to EYFS (Fir Tree) where it will be finished. There will be an Assembly on Thursday, where the stories will be narrated and judged to find out which is the best.

World Book Day - Book Review

We are inviting our children to dress up as characters from a book that they love on **Friday 6th March** (this follows World Book Day on Thursday). We are always excited to meet a range of interesting characters and enjoy trying to guess the book that has inspired them. This year, we are asking children to write a short explanation of who they have chosen to be, which book they are from and why they have chosen that character. If they wish, they can also write a book review to explain why that book is so special to them. We will publish the best review on the Burgundy Broadcast at the end of the week.

Miss Plows

Congratulations to Miss Plows and her family on the birth of Ruben on Monday 24th February. Baby weighed in at 8lb 13oz. Mum and baby are both doing well.

Eco Warriors - Tree Planting

The school has been given 30 young trees. Our school Eco Warriors will be working with Mrs Jolliffe on making the school 'greener'. As part of this we want to plant these trees, on the school field, to create habitats for wildlife. On **Monday 30th March** you are invited, with your child, to help plant the trees. All equipment needed will be provided, just wear some wellies!

If you would like to help, please contact Mrs Jolliffe or the Office.

Pancakes Revisited

We like to do things a little bit differently at Great Dunmow Primary School so on Tuesday next week we will be having our own pancake day, where at lunchtime we will be serving them with maple syrup and chocolate sauce.

Pupils Mobile Phones

Whilst we appreciate those pupils who walk home on their own need to bring in their mobile phones, **we would be grateful if pupils who DO NOT walk home alone leave their phones at home.** Thank you.

Helena Romanes Meet and Greet

Mr Gee (Headteacher) and Neal Foster (Deputy Headteacher) from Helena Romanes (HRS), will be holding a 'meet and greet' session with Year 6 parents and students at Great Dunmow Primary School (who have been successful in attaining a place at HRS in September) on Thursday 5 March at 3.30pm. The aim of the visit is to offer to meet parents at the end of the day and answer any questions that they may have. Refreshments will be available at the meeting.

For those parents who are unable to make it, we will also be offering a Q&A evening at HRS on 17 March 2020, between 5pm and 7pm.

Class Assemblies

Some class assemblies have been arranged for next term – they are **Beech Tree – Wednesday 11th March**, **Cedar Tree – Tuesday 12th March (this was originally 3rd March)**, **Apple Tree – Tuesday 17th March**, **Ash Tree – Wednesday 25th March**, **Willow Tree – Thursday 26th March** and **Fir Tree – Thursday 2nd April**. We will let you know the dates for the other classes as soon as they have been arranged.

Coronavirus – Information from DfE

We have received information from the NHS regarding the Coronavirus and have had asked staff to encourage children to continue to wash their hands if they should sneeze or cough and to carry tissues. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school as normal. If in doubt, please call 111 for information. For updates on the Coronavirus please visit www.gov.uk/corovavirus.

Open Run - Thursday 5th March 2020

Unfortunately due to the waterlogged pitches as a result of the poor weather that we have been having the open Cross Country run on Thursday 5th March 2020 at Herbetts Farm has been cancelled.

Class Dojo

Well done to the following children who received the most dojos in their class this week: Amelie A, Toby G, Annabelle J, Freya S, Sophie S, Aubrie M, George A, Teddy W, Chester D, Martyna B, Daisy L, Harrison D, Liberty L, Nathan G, Olivia-Rose A, Lauren T, Gene H, Marley M, William S

Mrs Casey's Cookery Corner

Christopher Columbus sailed into **Year 1** this week with a cargo of "New World" goodies. Potato salad was on the menu and the children demonstrated their amazing knife and scissor skills to halve potatoes using the bridge grip, cut bacon with the fork secure technique and to snip spring onions and chives. We considered whether the ingredients are from plants or animals and where they are grown and reared. To finish the week we enjoyed a tasting session of pineapple, pepper, avocado and corn on the cob, all brought back by Christopher Columbus from his travels across the seas 500 years ago.



After school club kept it sticky but simple with Jammy Eyeballs as their recipe of the week. All the skills and all the fun of the kitchen.



Next week **Year 2** will be off to Australia to make Damper and **Club** cooks will be marking St Davis's day with Welsh Cakes.

Awards

In today's assembly, the following pupils impressed their teacher with their hard work and have been presented with awards for their attitude towards learning. Mr Watts presented the children with their awards.



Gold Awards

William B, James H



Learning Badges

Jenson B, Cash H, Isla H, Louis J, George A, Amira B, Lillie- May S, Jacob R, Thandiwe M, Amelie-Rose C-P, Jacob T, Amelia S, Alex E, Frankie P

Menu

Please see below for next week's menu. **Please note the changes in red.**

Week Three – Weeks commencing 2/3/20				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Priors Hall Pork and Apple Burger with (optional) Cheese	Minced Beef Hotpot	French Bread Pizza with either Cheese and Tomato or Pepperoni	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Nuggets
Diced Potatoes	Cabbage and Carrots	Potato Wedges	Cauliflower and Peas	Chips
Sweetcorn and Peas	Gravy	Seasonal Veg	(v) Roasted Quorn Fillet	Beans and Sweetcorn
Mini Salad Bar	(v) Quorn Mince Hotpot	Full Salad Bar		(v) Veggie Dippers
(v) McCain Veggie Burger				
Arctic Roll with Mixed Berries	Pancakes with maple syrup and chocolate sauce	Carrot Cake with a Yoghurt Drizzle	Toffee Crispy Bite	Eves Pudding and Custard

Dates

Please note that these are subject to change.

March 2020		
Monday 2 nd – Thursday 5 th	-	Year 5 Bikeability
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April 2020		
Wednesday 1 st	3:30-4:30pm 4:45-5:45pm	EYFS, KS1 Disco KS2 Disco
Thursday 2 nd	3.30pm	Y4 Residential Meeting
Thursday 2 nd	9am	Fir Tree Assembly
Friday 3 rd		Break Up for Easter

Other News

Uttlesford District Council

We have received a flyer from Uttlesford regarding a range of grants, interest free loans and practical assistance that is available from them to help homeowners in receipt of benefits or on low incomes to carry out essential repairs, improve energy efficiency and keep their homes safe and healthy. For more information regarding this, please contact environmentalhealth@uttlesford.gov.uk or call 01799 510482.

Crossing Chocolate Festival

On 4th and 5th April Crossing Temple Barns will be holding a Chocolate Festival with food, drink and craft stalls available. Book your tickets at explore-essex.com/events or call 01206 573948.

Bikeability

Essex County Council have advised us of some bikeability courses for Level 1 and Level 2. If you are interested, please email saferessexroads@essexhighways.org or visit saferessexroads.org/road-users/cycling for details. Booking fee is £10.