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*'Our school will provide the best possible education for all pupils.  
We will instil in them an enjoyment and thirst for learning to enable them to fulfil their  
potential and excel in all they do'.*

## April Newsletter

Dear Parents,

### School uniform

A communication was sent out to parents on the 12<sup>th</sup> March about the adjustments to the school uniform. Congratulations to Sonny in Reception Chestnut who won the tie competition. Chloe Y2T, Summer Y2T, Adrian Y1M, Brooke Y4, Teddy Y1M, Ronnie 1D, Amelia Y6, Macy 3A, Lillie Y3, Ryan M Y6, Maisie Y2T, Dylan Y2S and Maddie Y6 all won the teacher's tie design. Well done to all those children who took part and came up with some very interesting designs. I know that Mrs Boardman had a lovely time viewing these and deciding the winning entry.

### Well done to Aidan Aldred!

In January, year 2 took part in a Design and Technology competition (Capita SIMS), where the children had to design a piece of technology for the future. We are delighted that Aidan Aldred in 2TA won the competition! You can see his entry in the link below:

<https://www.capita-sims.co.uk/resources/blog/sims-primary-lesson-plan-competition-final-five>

As a result, the school won science workshops for Reception & KS1 classes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April. I am sure that the children will enjoy these, and very well done to Aidan again!

### Quality Assurance Visit

The school received an inspection visit at the end of January from which we have just received the report for. All aspects of the school under the OFSTED headings of: Outcomes for Pupils; Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare; Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment and Effectiveness of Leadership and Management were inspected and subsequently graded as outstanding. Overall the school received a grade of Outstanding + for its outreach work that it undertakes with other schools in the local authority. Concluding comments were:

*'This is an outstanding school. Leadership at all levels is highly effectiveness as demonstrated by the exceptional achievement of all pupils from their starting points, the quality of the provision to support pupils' personal, development, behaviour and welfare including safeguarding and the high*

*quality of teaching for learning across the school. Leaders have been generous in sharing the school's effective practices with other local schools and in doing so making a positive difference for pupils in the wider community.'*

It is reassuring that the school is maintaining its outstanding status and that the outreach work that is undertaken by staff has been recognised as having an impact on the wider educational community. The staff work incredibly hard to ensure the very best for the children at Scotts, but of course the support of parents is undoubtedly greatly important too and so we are very grateful for all of the support we continue to receive from parents. Of course we also need to thank the children for their exceptional behaviour and their very positive attitude towards their learning. They are all great ambassadors for our school and this makes our jobs a lot easier!

### **Safeguarding**

As some of you may have noticed fencing has now been erected along the pathway at the front of the school to separate public access from the car park. This is to ensure greater safety of our children and their families.

The big truck workshop was held on Tuesday where children learnt about safety around trucks. Several parents also attended a workshop which was intended to be useful for them when out and about with their children and when having to remind them of the dangers.

### **Sporting events**

Results and further details about our sporting events, along with photos, can be viewed on the school's web site <http://www.scotts.havering.sch.uk/home> under the 'Curriculum' tab (then Sports). I know that Mrs White updates this regularly.

### **Twitter**

Miss Austin continually updates Twitter with events happening in school so please do have a look at this too!

### **Enterprise Project**

Unfortunately, due to the snow last month, the trip to Societe Genrale had to be cancelled. I understand that Miss Austin is trying to rearrange this.

### **Year R Space day**

Thank you to all those dads and grandads who attended the Space day - it was very well attended and I know the children had a wonderful time.

### **Whole School Debate**

Class 3S held a very interesting debate on whether or not animals should be kept in captivity. It really is wonderful to see the children give their opinions about things that matter to them and consider the views of others, using the language of debate. It is also good to see the confidence they have in speaking to an audience, not only in these debates but in the many class assemblies that have taken place this year too. Well done to all children - we are very proud of you!

### **Book Fayre**

Many parents attended the book fayre and this raised £400 in books for the school. Many thanks for all your contributions and for the donation of books that we received.

## **FOSA**

The Easter Bizarre went well and raised £452 so thank you to FOSA and parents who helped out on the day and to all those who attended and to those children who submitted Easter Bonnets for the completion. The Easter bunny did a great job too! The Rag Bag Bin which is located at the front entrance recently raised £65.

## **Year 6 SATs**

Year 6 children will be taking their end of KS2 SATs during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May and are working hard to prepare for these.

### **Dates for Your Diary:**

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| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>    | - | <b>Y3A Maths Workshop @ 9.05am<br/>Science Workshop for EYFS &amp; KS1 pupils</b>                      |
| <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>    | - | <b>Y6 visit to Town Hall</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b> | - | <b>Y3S Maths Workshop @ 9.05am</b>   |
| <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>    | - | <b>Y2S Class Assembly @ 9:15am</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>    | - | <b>5 a day pentathlon Y1 &amp; Y2 in school<br/>FoSA Cake Sale - details to follow</b>                 |
| <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>     | - | <b>5 a day pentathlon KS2 in school</b>  |
| <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>       | - | <b>Parent Partnership Meeting - details to follow</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>      | - | <b>Infant Activity Day being run by Sports Crew</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>    | - | <b>Netball match vs Squirrels Heath @ Scotts</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>    | - | <b>School Nurse Drop-in session from 3pm</b>   |
| <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>      | - | <b>Y6 SATs Week begins</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | - | <b>Y1 Visit to Colchester Zoo - details to follow</b>  |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>      | - | <b>Class Photographs<br/>FoSA Inflatables - details to follow</b>                                      |
| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>      | - | <b>NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe Assembly</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>   | - | <b>Y6 Miles the Mole Air Quality Workshop</b>  |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>      | - | <b>Y1D Class Assembly - details to follow</b>  |
| <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May -</b>    |   |  |
| <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>      | - | <b>Half Term School Closed</b>   |
| <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>      | - | <b>INSET Day School Closed</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>    | - | <b>Online Safety Workshop for parents - details to follow<br/>Y5 &amp; Y6 Quad Kids</b>                |
| <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>      | - | <b>Y2S Maths Workshop @ 9:05am</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>    | - | <b>FoSA Fathers Day Sale</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>   | - | <b>Able Writers Day for Y4/5 with visiting schools<br/>YR Visit to Barleylands - details to follow</b> |
| <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>     | - | <b>Y1M Class Assembly @ 9:15am - details to follow<br/>FoSA Non-uniform Day details to follow</b>      |
| <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>    | - | <b>Y5 visit to Warner Bros Studios<br/>Y3 &amp; Y4 Quad Kids</b>                                       |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>   | - | <b>Sports Day - details to follow</b>  |
| <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June -</b>   |   |  |
| <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>     | - | <b>Y6 at PGL Residential</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>   | - | <b>Y1 &amp; Y2 Quad Kids</b>   |
| <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>     | - | <b>YR Willow Class Assembly - details to follow</b>  |

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Y6 at Junior Citizen Event - details to follow
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Reserve Sports Day
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July - YR Chestnut Class Assembly - details to follow
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July - FoSA Summer Fayre 1-4pm
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Y2T Maths Workshop @ 2.15pm - details to follow
- Parents Evening 3:30pm - details to follow
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Good to Be Different Day
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Production @ 9:30am - details to follow
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Production @ 6:30pm - details to follow
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of Term

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Taylor  
Head Teacher

