



The 4 Bees Newsletter

'Life in all its Fullness': Believing ~ Being Our Best ~ Being Creative ~ Belonging



Being Our Best: Olympian Visit!

We were delighted to welcome Irish cyclist Alice Sharp to school as part of the Great British Athlete Schools event. Alongside sports motivator, Hannah, Alice led fun, energetic fitness sessions for every class, set to music and featuring activities such as spotty dogs and planks. The children were highly engaged throughout, showing great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork. It was wonderful to see the children encouraging and cheering each other on as they took part in the challenges. The event concluded with a whole-school assembly, where Alice shared her inspiring journey to the Olympics. She spoke about what motivated her, the challenges she overcame, what made her proud, and how hard work, resilience and dedication helped her achieve her goals. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and came away feeling inspired to believe in themselves and aim high!



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Bee Kind Winners

Reception— Cole
Year 1— Makar
Year 2— Leon
Year 3— Savanah B.
Year 4— Morgan
Year 5— Phoebe
Year 6— Alex

Headteacher's Awards

Reception Alexey
Year 1 Niamh
Year 2 India
Year 3 Alice
Year 4 Melanie
Year 5 Meghan
Year 6 Alicia

Let's Celebrate!

You are very welcome to join us tomorrow for our **Celebration Worship at 9.05am**. Please come and join us beforehand for a cool glass of water!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Vessey



Kestrel Class—Ukrainian Cookery

As part of their Geography topic on the Ukraine, Year 6 had a wonderful day immersing themselves in Ukrainian culture by making and tasting traditional dishes. The children enthusiastically peeled, chopped, and shredded vegetables to prepare a delicious borshch (soup), and they also made syrnyky (cottage cheese pancakes), which they enjoyed with jam and berries. There was lots of laughter throughout the day and the children were engaged, helpful, and eager to learn! They enjoyed trying the fruits of their labour and all agreed the food was delicious! A huge thank you goes to Maryna (Arsenii and Makar's mum) for spending the day with us and cooking these amazing dishes. It was a valuable and memorable insight into the flavours and traditions of Ukraine.





Kestrel Class - Crucial Crew

In their busy week Year 6 also attended the Crucial Crew event, an educational programme designed to help children learn important life skills and stay safe in a variety of real-life situations. The pupils took part in a range of interactive sessions covering topics such as fire safety, internet safety, and making responsible choices. Throughout the event, they showed great maturity when discussing different topics and demonstrated confidence in both asking and answering questions. The sessions were extremely helpful, and pupils gained valuable knowledge and skills that will support them as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.





Friends of OPAL Needed!

From time to time we have an opportunity to pick up new large pieces of equipment for OPAL, but do not have the means to do it. We would love to create a list of willing supporters who have access to vans or trailers who would be willing to be contacted about helping us pick up items from around the local area and bring them to school.

We would also love to know if there is anyone out there who is handy and has access to tools! We have lots of exciting ideas for OPAL, we just need some help to get some of them off the ground. There is no commitment at this stage, but if you are willing to be contacted about this or think you have skills to offer please talk to Ms Clewett or email her to let her know: naomi.clewett@birchanger.essex.sch.uk. Thank you!

Calling all Dads with Wheelbarrows!

If you are attending our Fathers' Day Picnic on Friday we have a favour to ask...we have recently had a delivery of sand for the sandpit and could do with some help moving it. If anyone has a **spade and wheelbarrow and would be able to help for 10 minutes** we would be very grateful!

Diary Dates— Summer Term Dates

Fathers' Day Picnic—11.30am—1.30pm Tomorrow!

Peek into Wagtails—Thursday 25th June 8.45-9.30am

Year 6 Residential—Sunday 28th June—Wednesday 1st July

Quidditch Day—Thursday 2nd July

Puffins Trip to Gibberd Garden—Friday 3rd July

Sports Day—Friday 10th July (doors open for parents 12pm)

KS2 Production—Monday 13th July 2.00pm Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 14th July 6.30pm, Wednesday 15th July 6.30pm

Year 6 Leavers' Church Service—11am at St Mary's Church, Thursday 16th July

Year 6 Leavers' Service—9.05am Monday 20th July

Weekly

Scores on the Doors

Air 129

Earth 118

Water 101

Fire 78

Well done to **Air** who are our Housepoint Winners this week!

Attendance Reminder

A polite reminder to all parents and carers about our Attendance Policy: we are required to follow Essex procedures when recording and authorising pupil absences. If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, please visit the school office to complete a Leave of Absence Form. This allows us to consider the request in line with guidance and determine whether the absence can be authorised. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain good attendance.