



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers

### Spring has Sprung

It has been lovely to see so many smiling bright faces of parents and children in and around school. During learning walks and at lunch children have shared their positive learning experiences with me, their stories and I even had the pleasure of being sung to by three, year three girls. What a fantastic community we are all part of.

Thankfully, the sun continued to shine yesterday for Year 4's trip to Southend. Our continued high standard of behaviour was upheld by the children. Zoe from Orangutan class explained "I really enjoyed walking on the pier because we got to sketch the sights of the five fences".

### Creative curriculum

Thank you to MM Productions, who visited the school on Tuesday. This opportunity allowed children to explore different story telling methods, the use of morals to teach important lessons, use of voice to express meaning and for some pupils to experience their first live performance.

### Watch out for the postman

Expanding on our existing Celebrating Excellence certificates, I have introduced 'Mrs Nicholls Celebrating Excellence postcard'. These are currently focusing on presentation. Whilst visiting classes I am keen to acknowledge and celebrate high standards of work alongside improving pupil's personal best.

Finally thank you to the parents who joined staff and junior governors in the discussions at the focus group this week. We will be sharing further feedback before the end of term.

Mrs Nicholls

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13.03.17 Hedgehog and Rabbit Classes Sealife Centre Trip
- 15.03.17 Owl and Wolf Classes Sealife Centre Trip
- 16.03.17 Infant Music Festival 2017 (Freight House)
- 16.03.17 Wolf and Owl Classes Outdoor Learning (with the teacher)
- 16.03.17 Flamingo Class Outdoor Learning
- 17.03.17 Hedgehog and Rabbit Classes Outdoor Learning (with the teacher)
- 20.03.17 Coyote Class Outdoor Learning
- 21.03.17 Moose Class Outdoor Learning
- 22.03.17 Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Tournament (Southend Rugby Club)
- 22.03.17 Panda Class Outdoor Learning
- 23.03.17 Komodo Dragon Class Outdoor Learning
- 23.03.17 Wolf and Owl Classes Outdoor Learning (with the teacher)
- 23.03.17 Coffee and Cake - Meet the Principal
- 24.03.17 Health Screening Reception and Yr6
- 24.03.17 PTA Mothers Day Sale
- 24.03.17 PTA Coffee Morning
- 24.03.17 Hedgehog and Rabbit Classes Outdoor Learning (with the teacher)

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Grace & Florence - Wolf Class - Appeared for 3 nights at The Palace Theatre in a dance show
- Skye - Jaguar Class - Attained a merit in her grade 1 ISTD ballet exam
- William - Hummingbird Class - Represented his club at The Legends karate competition
- Evie H - Alpaca Class - Swam 800m and gained her swimming badge.



### NEWS

- We are collecting Active vouchers from Sainsbury's again giving us another chance to help pupils to get active with some new sports equipment. Any vouchers collected can be sent with your child into school and posted into the collection box in the office. Thousands of vouchers are needed to benefit from any sports equipment on offer so please start collecting today
- Can we please remind you of the importance of parking safely in the surrounding area of the school. Recent incidents have resulted in children nearly being injured.
- Please ensure you are sending your KS1 and KS2 child to school with a healthy snack that they can enjoy outside at playtime.
- On Thursday 23rd March, we are inviting parents in for coffee and cake to meet the Principal and have informal chat, more details to follow.
- Well done to all of the children that have taken part in sporting activities this week. Year 1 & 2 took part in an impressive very muddy 1000 metre cross country event. All children crossed the finished line with a smile on their faces. Year 5 & 6 girls football played against Thorpedene with an impressive 2-2 result. The girls showed great determination coming back from being 2-0 down at half time. Finally our Year 3 & 4 football team play today against Leigh North Street. Well done to you all, I'm very proud of you all. Mr Felton
- Thank you to the parents & children for participating enthusiastically in World Book Day.
- Reminder, all long hair should be tied back, unfortunately we have had many cases of head lice reported throughout the school, and this minimises the risk.

#### LEARN TO RIDE SESSIONS

Suitable for all ages. Book a 1:1 45 minute session with one of our accredited instructors. Haven't got a bike? Borrow one of ours!

Limited sessions available on 11 April 2017 (afternoon) & 12 April 2017 (morning). £25 with own bike & £30 with a hire bike.

#### Level 2 Bikeability

Suitable for 9 – 14 years of age. Can you ride a bike but want to develop your skills? This training is delivered on local roads giving you a real cycling experience that equips you with the skills to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school or for leisure.

Course takes place over two afternoons: 10 & 11 April 2017, 12:30 – 15:30. Both days must be attended to complete course. £25

#### Level 3 Bikeability

Suitable for 10 – 14 years of age. If you have completed Level 2 Bikeability and wish to learn the skills to travel on busier roads and plan routes for safe cycling to senior school or for leisure then this is the course for you!

Courses on 10 April 2017 12:30 – 15:30.

To book a place on any of these course please go to [www.cyclesouthend.co.uk](http://www.cyclesouthend.co.uk) or call 01702 215595.

### ATTENDANCE

24th February to 9th March 2017

LADYBIRD	95.4%
BUTTERFLY	84.8%
RABBIT	94.3%
OWL	86.5%
HEDGEHOG	97.3%
WOLF	97.7%
PENGUIN	95%
ORCA	95.9
ALBATROSS	97%
SQUID	94.8%
GIRAFFE	96.6%
LION	94.5%
ELEPHANT	95.9%
CHIMPANZEE	97.8%
MANATEE	95.8%
JAGUAR	96.5%
HUMMINGBIRD	93.4%
ALPACA	93.7%
PANDA	95%
KOMODO DRAGON	97%
LEOPARD	96.7%
ORANGUTAN	99%
MOOSE	93.5%
COYOTE	95.5%
FLAMINGO	95.8%
KANGAROO	96.8%
PUFFER FISH	97.8%
Totals	95.6%

### CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Emma - Lion Class

Amy & Grace - Elephant Class

James , Ivy & Chelsea- Hummingbird Class

Jefferson & Alfie - Orca Class

Tallulah & Logan - Komodo Dragon Class

Alexandra & Caine - Kangaroo Class

Emily & Gracie-Leigh - Leopard Class