



Reception News

It's been lovely to see so many children happy and eager to return back to school after the half term. Children were welcomed back with a day of fun bonfire night activities. Our art galleries are now full of bright firework pictures and the classes enjoyed learning the traditional gunpowder plot song and learning about the story of Guy Fawkes.

Children have also enjoyed learning about the Hindu festival of light-Diwali and how families celebrate and have also created and decorated their own clay Diya Lamps as well as creating Rangoli patterns using rice and decorating paper hands with Mehndi patterns.

Drawing club this week has been based on the story of Rama and Sita and children have again had the opportunity to practise their writing skills in a fun and engaging way.

A request from Reception teachers is that if you happen to have at home or work any unwanted large poster tubes, they would be gratefully received. Also if you have any unused, unwanted diaries, notebooks or stationary sets or envelopes, or clipboards, they would also be useful for our continuous provision. Please watch this space as in Reception we are often able to upcycle unwanted items.

Please avoid walking through the gates in Reception when the Year 1 teachers are handing over their classes. Instead, you may go onto the keystage 1 playground via the Reception gates closest to the main gate where no children are being handed over to parents. Thankyou.

Challenges!

Reading: Please read at home each night and record this in your child's reading record. Your child's reading book will be changed weekly. You can record any story that you read or share together at home.

Bedtime story: Please log on to Tapestry this evening and every Friday, for a bedtime story read by one of our team for you and your child to enjoy together. This can be recorded as a 'read' in your child's reading record.

Phonics: Below is the Bug Club link to the sounds and actions we will be learning this term

<https://mediaplayer.pearsoncmg.com/assets/bcpafsp2>

Phonics video: Each week we will send home a phonics video for your child to watch and join in with at home recorded by one of the EYFS team.

Tapestry: Don't forget to add your adventures to Tapestry—the children love sharing their photos on the big board and this really helps to support their speaking and listening skills.

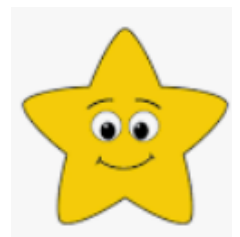
Certificate winners



Reading — Lorrissa-Rain J, Leon S, Carter K

Writing — Jazmyn R, Kaleb L, Amy G,

Value — Adam-loan B, Amelia B, Luna M



Nursery news

We have had a lovely first week back, the children have all returned to Nursery full of smiles and eager to learn.

This week we have spent the first day back focusing on bonfire night, learning the story of Guy Fawkes and making fantastic handprint bonfire pictures. We have also been learning about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. The children learned the story of Rama and Sita, explored how Diwali is celebrated and made beautiful Rangoli pictures and Clay Diya lamps.

Tapestry & Class Charts

Thank you to everyone who has uploaded news on to Tapestry, the children love being able to share their photos with their friends at Nursery.

Coats

Please ensure that your child brings a labelled, weather appropriate coat to school with them every day as we love to spend time in the Nursery garden.

Dates for the diary

11/11/24—Remembrance

13/11/24— Kindness Day

30/12/24—St Andrew's Day

4/12/24— Reception reading café 2pm-3pm in class

NHS Speech drop in

If your child is under 5 years old and you have any concerns about your child's speech, language, communication or interaction skills please contact NELFT at Great Oaks for an appointment to support your child on the contact details below.

Email: drop-in@nelft.nhs.uk

Telephone: 0300 300 1544



Childrens centres

We have a few children's centres local to us who are able to offer a great deal of support to families. They run lots of sessions and groups for different aged children as well as parents. Please check out time website below—there is a timetable of events available on this page.

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/hubs/northlands-park-family-hub/>



Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Reporting absences

Please make sure to report your child's absences each day that they are off using PA Connect.

This should be reported by 8.30am each day.