

NEWSLETTER

Attendance: 94.6%

No 19: 9th February 2024

NON-UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Please help support the PTA's Summer Fete fundraising!

A donation of £1 for each child attending school in non-uniform.



Friday 16th Feb - PTA Non-Uniform Day

For a donation to the PTA's Summer Fete fundraising (£1 suggested), children of all classes across both schools are invited to choose to come to school out of uniform on Friday, 16th February. PTA representatives and volunteers will be collecting at school entrances on the morning of the 16th, so please remember to bring cash if your child wants to attend in non-uniform, or if you just want to donate to the fundraising!

OPAL Launch - Read the Newsletter!

Next week we will be launching 4 new zones as part of our new play curriculum (OPAL). Please read the attached newsletter for more information. The new zones are:



'Small World' 'Cardboard City' 'Sand Pit' and 'Digging' Zones. Children will only be permitted in the digging zone with wellies. You can bring these in and store them on the welly pallet but they **must be named**.



Safer Internet Day + Mobile Phone Use

Please see information below for our advice and guidance regarding social media platforms. Please also remind your child that if they bring a phone to school, it must be turned off when onsite and only turned on again as they are leaving the site.

Healthy Snacks + Start time onsite

We continue to ask for a **healthy** snack to be brought in at breaktime - we have seen a rise in doughnuts and cakes being sent in. Please model healthy choices! Also - some children have been arriving as early as 8:15am onsite unsupervised. Please aim for 8:40am onwards.

Ross McTaggart - Headteacher

Stars of the Week

09/02/2024

Y6	Dylan B-S	Imogen	Oakley
Y5	Sam	Leighton-Lei	
Y4	Lucas	Michael	Joe
Y3	Enoch	Luna	Alex



PE Kit Days - Spring Term 2024

PE Kit Days					
Date (Week beginning)	M	T	W	T	F
12/2/2024	6	3	4	5	5
26/2/2024		3	4	5	6

Safer Internet Day Guidance for Parents

As part of Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, we have spent time this week looking at online safety. Here is a timely reminder of the age restrictions on the different social media platforms.

Social Media Age Restrictions

The infographic is divided into several color-coded sections representing different age groups and their associated social media platforms:

- Under 13 (with parental consent):** GoBubble, PopJam, GRAM SOCIAL.
- 13+:** Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr, Twitter, Skype, iTunes, Pinterest, MyLOL, Wink, Snapchat, TikTok, reddit, askfm.
- 16+:** WhatsApp, Telegram.
- 17+:** (Indicated by a white arrow pointing upwards from the 16+ section).
- 18+:** Meow Chat, Meet Me, Tinder.
- 18 (13 with parental permission):** flickr, YouTube, Spotify.

UK specific rules state that parents can give their children permission to use Whatsapp provided they take responsibility for their actions

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and a short film to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internetday/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-andcarers>

My child keeps asking to play a game, or download an app that I don't know about, what can I do? The UKSIC answer this question and provide links to useful websites to help you decide what is suitable for your child:

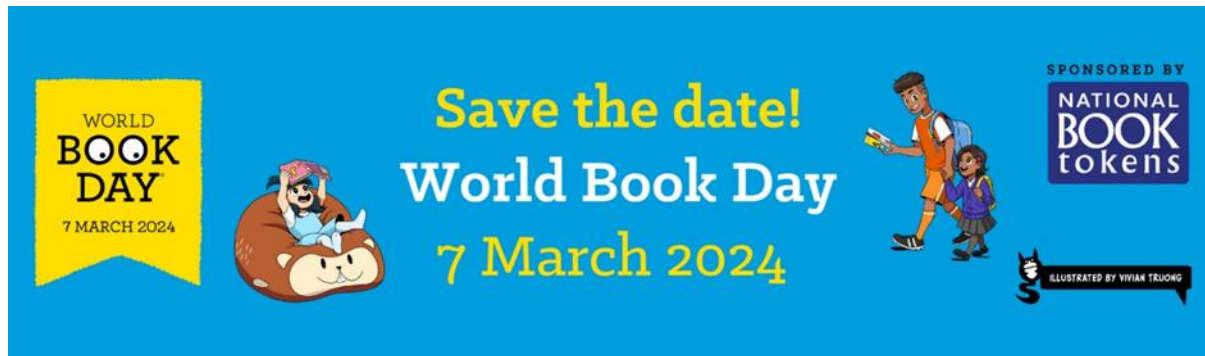
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The Common Sense Media website has lots of helpful and up to date information and advice on the suitability of new apps, TV shows, films and websites

<https://www.common sense media.org/>



Masked Reader revealed!



Looking Ahead to World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024, children are invited to dress up as a **Hero or Villain** from their favourite book. Prizes will be given to the best costume within each class!

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading. Throughout the day, pupils will be taking part in a range of exciting activities. To encourage and help them on their reading journey, every pupil will receive a £1 book token which can be exchanged for one free World Book Day 2024 book. You can find out more information about this on the token or via the World Book Day website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Top tips for putting together a costume:



- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
 - Start with things you might already have - tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
 - Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use face paint or simple props to show these.
- Where possible, it would be great if your child could bring in the book for the character they are dressed as to go alongside their costume.

We look forward to an exciting day and seeing all the fantastic costumes!

Mrs H Smith & Mrs C Jordan

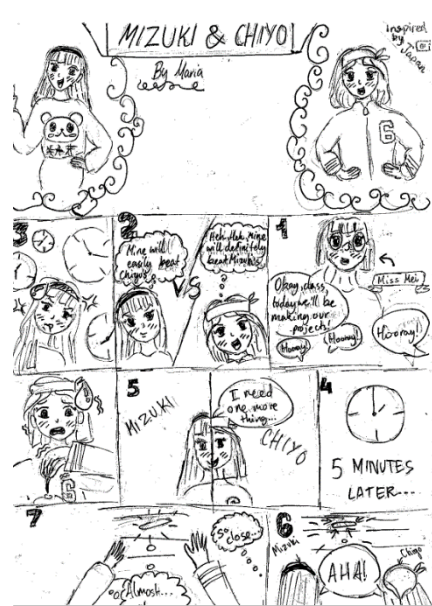


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Y6 Examples of English-Inspired Art

Dylan + Maria created these manga-style artworks as a result of studying Kensuke's Kingdom in Y6



Y4 Shine at Superstars








On Monday 5th February, 92 of our Y4 pupils competed against other Chelmsford schools at Melbourne Athletics centre and finished Second overall. They undertook different events and approached the tasks with an excellent attitude. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied and motivated the children to try their best!

Catering Nominations

Our brilliant catering team, led by Chef Christian, have received lots of positive feedback this term with their new menu, service and overall experience for the children. There is an opportunity to nominate them if you feel strongly enough for a Jamie Oliver food award category - nominate [here](#). The current menu is also available [here](#)



House Points

Griffin	Phoenix	Pegasus	Dragon
 Griffin	 Phoenix	 Pegasus	 Dragon
Points	Points	Points	Points
Not collected	664	600	498
 			



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