

**Message from Mr. Martinson**New Parent Tours

It has been my absolute pleasure to showcase our school to prospective parents. The school has been a hive of activity and it has been a very positive experience. I would like to have sixty in Reception next year, so if you know of anyone with a child aged 3-4, please tell them to get in touch.

I also had the pleasure of teaching 1/2DF, 4P and 4R this week. All children were impeccably behaved, the lessons were planned for me and we had a great time together. The children really were a credit to their parents and the school.

Harvest

Wasn't it amazing to be outside in the community celebrating together? Thank you to all the parents that came and thank you for your generous donations, they will make a huge difference to some very needy people in our community. It was a massive landmark for us, as I said on the day, our year 1 children hadn't seen the school hall in September, let alone a church. As we were walking back in the afternoon, one year 3 pupil remarked how good it was and that they hadn't been there since Reception! I thought our Head Boy Charlie and Head Girl Elvina did a great job of welcoming parents and distributing the donations.

Outdoor Play And Learning

Straight after I waxed lyrical about how great OPAL is, we had a few incidents of uniforms being damaged due to the crates being dragged along the playground. We encouraged the children to drag them and every time I had been out there, they were having an amazing time. The midday assistants have now lined the crates with lino and we spoke to the children in assembly to remind them to check crates have the lino in them before pulling anyone. They are back to having loads of fun using the crates, tyres and cable reels.

Many thanks to parents for being so understanding as we experience these teething issues.
<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

Local Events GDPR

I'm afraid that we are unable to put things on our Newsletter or Dojo informing parents of local events run by outside agencies as this now falls under direct marketing. To comply with GDPR laws, we have now created an area on our website for you to check regularly.

Please check here for local events that are happening soon.

<https://www.williamread.essex.sch.uk/page/?title=Events+in+the+Local+Area&pid=69>

Viewing inappropriate content

It has come to our attention that a number of children are reporting that they have seen Squid Game on Netflix. This is a series about a game in which the contestants are murdered when they lose. Although I am hoping that the children may just be saying it as bravado, I am sure that some have actually seen it.

I am sure that they haven't seen it with their parent's consent, so please make sure that your Internet filters are applied to your streaming subscriptions to avoid inappropriate content.

From the NSPCC website;

Film, music and TV subscriptions;

To help prevent your child seeing upsetting or inappropriate content online, you can:

explore with your child what they're doing online before they do it, so that you can decide what's age-appropriate together.

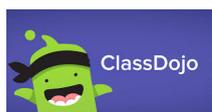
Set up parental controls on smart TVs and services like Netflix, Sky, BBC iPlayer and YouTube, so your child can only watch age-appropriate shows and TV.



Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

RCP	Julius Szczepanek
RR	Bobby Doyle
1/2DF	Jenson Murphin
1/2K	Selim Enginov
3R	Ryan Boulden
3T	Jack Liston
4P	Millie-Anne Butler
4R	Aiyana Chikandwa
5B	Spencer-Jaymz Hollaway
5C	Catherine Gamble
6FR	Daisy Sipple
6PR	Jay Clarke



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

Nursery	Sophia Hickin
RCP	Harry Milner and Stanley Barrett
RR	Umar Ahmed
1/2DF	Jayden Howe
1/2K	Summer-Rose Sinclair
3R	Billy Lowe
3T	Ann-Marie Awere
4P	Tommy Glover
5B	Toby Amey
5C	Tamara Brade
6FR	Lara Garrett and Maisie Glover
6PR	Elvina Thompson



The following children have achieved these certificates this week.

Bronze Certificate - Eris Coates 1/2K, Ryan Boulden 3R, Charlie Butwell 3R, Alana Lavery 3R, Dulcie Stanley 3R, Shane Flint 3T, Megan Stockley 3T, Summer Van Reenan 3T, Maxwell Goldstone 5B, Tamara Brade 5C and Tyler Leonard 6PR.

Silver Certificate - Gio Awidikian 3T, Lenny Chatterton 3T and Lara Garrett 6FR.

The table below shows our top readers so far this year:

Eligiusz Szczepanek	4R	229,639
Lara Garrett	6FR	189,652
Claudia Vaux-Jackson	6FR	162,725
Toby Amey	5B	126,488
Ava Nicholls-Cain	6FR	98,757
Jack McGrath	6PR	79,950
Phoebe Huggins	5B	78,674
Tyler Leonard	6PR	70,950
Bobby-Lee Anderson	6PR	60,497

AR HOME CONNECT

All children in years 1-6 have brought a letter home with information for you to log on to AR Home Connect. By logging on to the website you will be able to access your child's AR account, allowing you to see what quizzes have been taken, their score and how close they are to their target etc. You will also be able to set up an email notification for every time your child quizzes and their results. Reading is a very important life skill. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible.



Our award winners for last week are:

Bronze - Freya Dale and Isabella Reed

Silver - Isabella Reed

Secondary School Admissions

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Friday 10th September 2021, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2022.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2021. Applications can be made online via

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>