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Dear Parents

Congratulations to the following children who were our Learners of the Week:

6BH	Todd Jeakins	3SJ	William Muscroft
6TH	Alex Winton	3RB	Poppy Wright
5LH	Blake Wilby	2BR	Isabella Dearle
5NR	Ollie Maura-Cooper	2NT	George Nevill
4LW	Gamu Nyatsuro	1BI	Mia Heap
4LRW	Andrew Oracion	1SH	Clara Barno

Red Nose Day



It was brilliant to see all the children today dressed in red in aid of Comic Relief. Thank you for all the donations that have come into school today or from purchasing a red nose from the office. We have made a fabulous £489. We have talked to the children about all the worthy causes that the money raised supports in our whole school assembly; got the children participating in a fun 'red fact' quiz and drew the winners of the class and staff sweepstakes.

Club cancellation

Please note that Netball club next Thursday (21st) is cancelled. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Cashless Office

You will doubtless have been aware over the last year that we have been strongly encouraging parents to use our online portal for payments for trips and dinners. After Easter we have made the decision to move more formally towards becoming a cashless school. This will mean that we will no longer be accepting cash payments for trips, school dinners or uniform in the school office. This will save the school time and money and also improve security as we will no longer be handling cash or have cash on the premises.

Our online portal 'Scopay' is extremely straightforward to use and we are expecting the launch of an app very shortly to make this even easier. We have details of any parents/carers who have not yet registered for Scopay and will be contacting them over the next couple of weeks to assist in setting up these accounts. We appreciate your support.

Science Shack

We are absolutely delighted to have completed the first stage of our science shack project with the installation of the new pavilion and flooring and bug magnifiers. We couldn't have done this without support from all of you and the local community. We received grants from Tesco's 'Bags for schools'; Great

Dunmow & District Round Table; EMO Electrical; the PTA and the current year 4's sponsored wellie walk. Already, as you can see from the photographs, despite the inclement weather we are starting to use this important learning space.



The next phase of the project is to develop the space further to incorporate our school pond, forest school area and woodland copse. We are planning a whole school 'Volunteer Day' one weekend in May where we will be asking for people to spare some time to help us with some of the work involved. So watch this space for further details.

KS1 Dance Festival

We were delighted today to host a KS1 Dance Festival. With 9 participating schools and over 440 dancers it was a busy and highly entertaining morning. Miss Rogers' class represented our school beautifully with their fearsome Pirate routine so well done to all of them.

Sports Round up

A team of Year 6 boys travelled to Felsted Primary last Friday to compete in a football competition. There were 11 teams in total and our boys came 4th overall, losing 1-0 in the 3/4 play off. They played and represented the school very well.

Please note that the X Country event at Great Easton next Monday has been cancelled.

PTA Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who attend the quiz night last Friday. It was a great success and raised £314 for our school. Please click on the link <http://www.dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/pta-quiz-night/> to see how much fun you could have next time and help the PTA to improve on that total!

Book Fair

The book fair raised £890.92 in total which means we have a wonderful £485.94 to spend on books for our library. Thank you.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 18 th March	
WEDNESDAY	Y5 French Breakfast Cafe
WEDNESDAY	6TH Class assembly

Other events

The Dunmow Players Youth Theatre is putting on a production of "Play On" during April. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust is holding an evening for parents on Thursday 9th May regarding mental health in young people. A flyer containing details of the evening is attached.

The latest Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service newsletter is attached with a focus on stress awareness.

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths