

# Weekly Newsletter

28.06.2024



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

**Winning Class for Week  
Ending 21.06.2024**

**Shireen Class: 99.20%**

**Whole School: 95.34%**

90-94%

95-97%

98-99%

100%

## Upcoming Dates:

1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July: Bikeability (Year 5 & 6: revised days)

2<sup>nd</sup> July: Wicksteed Park: Year 6s

3<sup>rd</sup> July: Pool Day (Riddell)

3<sup>rd</sup> July: Cromwell Transition Day

4<sup>th</sup> July: Sid the Cygnet's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday: History Fieldwork & FOES Sponsored Walk:

## Attendance: Statutory Changes

Statutory changes come into effect from September. Fines for holidays and prosecution levels will increase. More information will be shared in due course.

## EYFS:

Lovely to see some of our new recruits: pupils and parents enjoying the Reception/Year 1 classroom and outdoor area for our Stay & Play session on Wednesday night. We are so excited about you joining our community.

We look forward to seeing you again on the last week, children!

## 12<sup>th</sup> July: FOES Non-Uniform Day & Donations

Children can wear non-uniform on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024: any donations of prizes for End of Year FOES Raffle are graciously received. Look out for another one of Laura's funky flyers!

## Sponsorship: FOES Sponsored Walk

Hopefully your child brought home their sponsorship form for the 4<sup>th</sup> July. E-version was also sent out. Again, if you can get involved by sponsoring: family, friends and community members – every penny helps.

## No Obligation

Parents: you are under no obligation to raise money for either, or both of the above events. We recognise that this is a big ask and planning for summer activities with your loved ones doesn't come cheap! Having an extra non-uniform day and taking part in the sponsored walk itself is all extra enrichment and extra learning. Just your support, as always, is charitable enough and greatly appreciated by the school and by FOES.

## Pool Day 1

This week, Sid the Cygnet mostly celebrated getting the pool open for Day 1...



...shortly after, he fell in!



...Luckily, Sid knew how to perform self-safe-rescue and was surrounded by his friends, who were also competent swimmers, and could help Sid out...



....Feathers ruffled, Sid dried off in the foyer! SWIMMING IS GOOD FUN, GREAT EXERCISE AND A LIFE SKILL - ALWAYS BE SAFE NEAR WATER, KIDS!



*Well worth the wait.* Pool Day 1 for Gold Class complete.

## **Pool Day 2**

Wednesday: Riddell: Fingers crossed, Riddell! Remember hats!

## **Lockdown Practice**

Went really well last Friday. It was handled delicately and turned into a fun game, especially for our younger pupils. Children were able to keep quiet; hide under the desks and the blinds drawn. It all happened in good time and Mrs Matthews and I were in and out of each class within a few minutes, including a short pre-briefing and feedback. Well done, children!

## **Plain Socks Please!**

Thank you to all the parents getting behind and supporting our improved presentation: PE kits and school uniform.

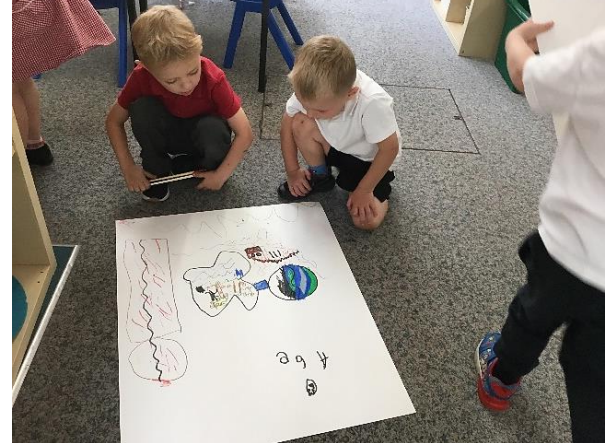
We stated in the letter and then again in the newsletter, plain socks. No logos/patterns. Policy was subsequently updated based on parental feedback. Please support the school by supporting this to address the growing trend of logos/brands emerging on socks. Children should not feel pressured into thinking they have to have 'designer socks'. Children have also been advised this is our expectation. Please support us.



# Learning Highlights of the Week

## Highlight Jeffers:

This week, the children in Jeffers learnt about different orchestral instruments and watched a performance of "Pirates of the Caribbean". Inspired, they created treasure maps which included features such as palm trees, volcanoes, jungles, waterfalls, and of course, an X to show where the treasure was buried.



## Highlight Shireen:

Shireen class have all enjoyed creating their own fantasy island this week; including Dangerous Island, Colourful Island, and even Unicorn Island! They then wrote about their island, having been inspired by the poem, The Owl and the Pussycat.

## Highlight Riddell:

In Riddell Class this week, we have been working very hard to plan, write, edit and redraft our stories of the short film, Bridge. We have put a great deal of time and effort into making an entertaining story out of a silent film. We have also been preparing, peeling, chopping, baking and - of course - tasting as part of our DT curriculum! This week, we have made a delicious pasta bake, with plenty of healthy vegetables.



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# Curriculum Champions

This week's Curriculum Champions are:

**Jeffers Class:** Cruise, Lennon, Matthew

**Shireen Class:** Charlie, Harry, Elsie W

**Riddell Class:** Charlie Wa, Remi-Rae, Lauren

**Gold Class:** Zoya, Alfie, Henry



Gone Green  
Lauren  
Humphrey

**Spelling Shed** 

HOUSE WINNER  
THIS WEEK:

Top Speller this week

**Oliver H**

Top 3

Elsie H, Lily



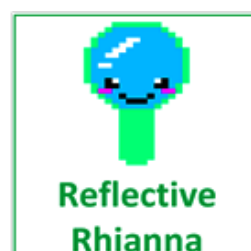
[Community News and Events](#)  
this week: - click [HERE](#)



Please see Sid the  
Cygnet on his website  
page – click [HERE](#)

Reading Blog [HERE](#)

Celebration Awards Assemblies - click [HERE](#)



## New in green; Emphasizing/Revisions in yellow

### Summer 2

1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July: Bikeability (Year 5 & 6)

2<sup>nd</sup> July: Wicksteed Park: Year 6s

4<sup>th</sup> July: Sid the Cygnet's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday: Geography Fieldwork & FOES Sponsored Walk: **TBC**

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July: Hilltop Residential (Year 5 & 6)

12<sup>th</sup> July: FOES Non-Uniform Day

15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> July: Transition Week:

17<sup>th</sup> July: EOY Reports released

19<sup>th</sup> July: Head's Award, Badges, FOES Best Dressed Summer Theme, Leavers Assembly

19<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Enterprise funded lunch:

19<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Pool Party PM:

19<sup>th</sup> July: Riddell Bake Sale