# Our School Newsletter 19th April 2024

**Our School Vision -**

***"In all things, treat others as you would like to be treated."***

**Matthew (7:12)**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another new term - I hope everyone had a lovely Easter and hope the sunny weather is on its way for the Summer Term!

Thank you to everyone who returned the homework for last term - it was lovely to see some of the posters, timelines, research and writing the children had completed. Information about this term's homework will come out by next Friday (and will be put on the Pupil pages on the school website in case paper copies get lost) and we hope to invite you in for a family learning afternoon towards the end of term.

Yesterday, we had a lovely sunny day and Belinda Grant, our photographer, managed to capture lots of lovely pictures of the children for our website. The website address will remain the same (www.greatteyprimary.org.uk) but you will see changes over the next few weeks to the layout and the website's accessibility on mobile phones, which I know has been an issue in the past. If you would like to make any comments about things you would find useful to see on the website, please let me know.

As you will know, Ofsted visited us just before the holidays and we have now received the report in draft form; it should be published soon and you will receive a paper copy. Thank you again for all the lovely comments on Parent View and Pupil View - your support was invaluable and much appreciated by us all. Best wishes, Mrs Overton

## Clubs

Hopefully everyone has received the Ping message about the clubs we are offering this term, which include performing Arts, Enterprise, Athletics, Cricket, Volleyball, Woodland Club and Cookery. We hope all of the children will find something they like on the list. Please could you ensure all payments for last term's clubs are settled as soon as possible as we will not be able to offer places this term otherwise - the office can help if you are unsure.

Most clubs will begin on Monday 29th April, except Y6 Learning Club which has already begun and Enterprise Club which begins this Monday. Thank you

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## Ducklings Class

This term, Ducklings are learning about Ready Steady Grow! Zennor said, "It's all about plants and animals" and Lacey added, "It's about seeds growing."

Ducklings remembered their trip to the zoo just before the holidays and could tell me all about the things they had seen -

Bella said, " We were learning about zoo animals and I like going to the zoo. I'm going to feed the giraffes next time."

Mabel said, "I liked the meerkats best!" and Zennor agreed. Wilf and Freddie liked the snakes.

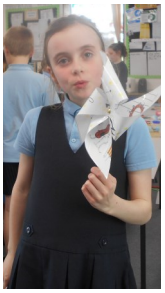
Wilf said,"We had hot chocolate and marshmallows and we did our phonics in the woodland yesterday. It was fun!"

## Sparrows Class

Sparrows' topic this term is Land Ahoy! Arabella said, " yesterday we got to play with pirate treasure chests. The boys mostly played with the pirate ship and the girls mostly played on the land." Grace said, " I moved the treasure chest and no-one noticed! I liked drawing my pirate map." Phoebe said, "Yesterday we all took home necklaces of our pirate names - mine was Pirate Silver! I had so much on my map I needed two keys!" Hendrix said, "I really liked my pirate name and put it on my map. My name was Hoodwink Von Pirate." Meryl said, "Yesterday we did lots about pirates in geography. We did floating and sinking in science and it was really fun! We didn't do any maths!" (Yes, you did, said Mrs Hodgkins!) Reggie said, "My favourite was doing floating and sinking in Science because you had to find different items in the room and see if they float or sink."

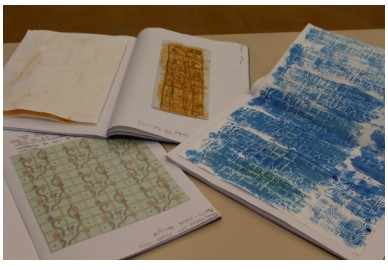
## Robins Class

Robins Class are learning about Might Metals. As part of Design and Technology, they have designed and made windmills. They had to problem solve a number of different issues to try to get their windmills to turn and also had to use tools like saws safely. Sam said, " We've been making turbines. We tried to secure them in different ways but they kept breaking off until we used glue and now its difficult to make them turn. I really enjoyed designing it." Etholle told me, " I'm really enjoying reading our class book, The Ickabog. It's got loads of people in and a monster like the Loch Ness Monster but that can walk on land. It's an exciting story because you don't know what's going to happen next. It's got a tiny bit of death in but its ok." Connie remembered last term when the Graffiti artists came in and said, "I really enjoyed it when the spray painters came in and we did our wall. It was exciting and when we went inside we did our own designs on card - it was fun!" Rosalie remembered, "We also made beautiful musical instruments using jars filled with water. I made 3 so I'm going to make some more at home so I can play a tune."



## Woodpeckers Class

Woodpeckers' Topic this half term is ID. In Art, they have been designing and printing. Elena said, "We have been doing William Morris printing. We designed them on the laptops, traced them on tracing paper then cut them into the foam tiles by pressing really heard with our pencils. Then we used ink to print them and I'm really pleased with mine." Lillie agreed and said, "I enjoyed the painting part best - I got really messy!" Flo reported, "We've been reading the Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. It's quite complex but I like it because it has lots of good ideas for writing, like metaphors." Charlotte reported enjoying maths at the moment ,"Today, we have been learning about percentages in maths. I like percentages because they are the perfect mix of easy and challenging."



## Diary Dates

**Monday 22nd April** - Eco Refill Shop open 3.15 - 4.15pm (first session of Enterprise Club)

**Monday 29th April** - Clubs begin

**Thursday 9th May** - new date for Parent Smartphone Charter Meeting 6pm - 7pm in hall

**Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May** - Y6 SATs week

**Monday 20th May** - Eco Refill Shop Open 3.15 - 4.15pm

**Friday 24th May 11am** - Pentecost Community Worship in St. Barnabas Church - all welcome

**Monday 27th - Friday 31st May** - Half Term

**Monday 3rd June** - Non-Pupil Day

**Tuesday 4th June** - Coram Life Mental Health Workshops for all classes

**Thursday 6th June** - first visit for new Reception intake 1.30 - 3pm

**Tuesday 11th June** - second visit for new Reception intake 1.30 - 3pm

**Monday 17th June** - Eco Refill Shop Open 3.15 - 4.15pm

**Wednesday 19th 2pm and Thursday 20th June 6pm** - KS2 Performances (more info to follow)

**Thursday 20th June** - third visit for new Reception intake 1.30 - 3pm

**Tuesday 25th June** - fourth visit for new Reception intake 1.30 - 3pm

**Wednesday 3rd July** - fifth visit for new Reception intake 9.30 - 1pm, including lunch

**Tuesday 9th June** - first visit for new Reception intake 11.30 - 3pm, including lunch

**Monday 24th - Friday 28th June** - Maths week including family maths morning (parents invited to come and do fun maths activities with the children) on Weds 26th 9am - 10.30am

**Wednesday 3rd July -** Y6 Transition Soul Space at St. Andrew's Primary, Marks Tey. Moving up morning for all other pupils.

**Wednesday 10th July** - Family Picnic and Sports afternoon 12.00 - 3.15pm

**Friday 12th July** - End of Year Celebratory Community Worship at St. Barnabas Church 11am. All welcome.

## Diary Dates cont.

**Monday 15th July** - Eco Refill Shop Open 3.15 - 4.15pm

**Wednesday 17th July** - Y6 Leavers Trip to Danbury Outdoors Centre

**Monday 22nd July** - End of Year Disco (more info to follow)

**Tuesday 23rd July** - final day of term

Next year -

**Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September** - Non Pupil Days

**Wednesday 4th September** - first day of new term

**Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November** - Autumn Half Term

**Monday 4th November** - Non-Pupil Day

**Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January** - Christmas Holidays

**Monday 17th - Friday 21st February** - Spring Half Term

**Monday 24th February** - Non-Pupil Day

**Monday 7th - Monday 21st April** - Easter Holidays (first day of term Tuesday 22nd)

**Monday 5th May** - May Bank Holiday

**Monday 26th - Friday 30th May** - Summer Half Term

**Monday 2nd June** - Non-Pupil Day

**Tuesday 22nd July** - final day of term