



St. Margaret's

Preparatory School

Weekly Newsletter

News, Successes, Events and more!

Friday, 26th
January, 2018

Morning Netball Club Wednesday 31st January

Please note that due to the ISA Regional Netball Competition being held at Alwyn Court School next Wednesday there will be no morning netball club for Year 5 - 6 girls. Good luck to all of the girls who are taking part

Raising Resilient Children Workshop

Saturday 27th January

Thank you to everybody who has registered. The workshop is taking place in the Nursery.

House Points

Nugent - 73

Knight - 105

Wentworth - 85

Rolfe - 78

**Congratulations
Knight!**

Dear Parents,

First of all, a big thank you to all the parents who came in to take part in the Reception Road Safety walks on Thursday – this event could not have taken place without your support so your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

I was lucky enough to see Mrs Griffiths in action this week, delivering a maths lesson to Year 1 as part of our new Inspire Maths programme. I was struck by the clear focus for the lesson and the kindness and support which is Mrs Griffiths' hallmark. Most impressive was that the children engaged with a pupil led part of the lesson with such calm enthusiasm. Well done 1G and Mrs Griffiths. I also dropped in on a Year 6 maths lesson which involved yoga poses and stop watches. Mrs Moss and Mrs Mackle swiftly explained that the children were gathering data; how long can you hold what Google tells me is a *Tree Pose* without losing balance? Again, the sense of purpose was very evident.

The week ended with Year 5 educating us all with their remarkably detailed summary of English political history, 1485-1547. Treason, love, betrayal, violence, some shocking parenting of the young Edward VI, singing, dancing, an original composition and beautiful Tudor portraits and all before 9.20 in the morning. Well done Year 5, Mrs Mackle and Mrs Crowley.

You will see later in the newsletter a poster advertising two Forest School days which we are hosting in the upcoming half term holiday. These will be led by our own Sue 'Squirrel' Harrison and promise to be exciting and varied days.

Mrs Harrison will be in school taking an assembly on Monday morning so do please make contact if you are interested in your child taking part.

If anybody missed the flu immunisation earlier this year and would like to have their child immunised there are details later in the newsletter about a variety of 'catch up' clinics around Essex.

Finally, a letter went home with the children today about the eSafety evening we are hosting on 19th February. As you can probably tell, we are keen to get as many of you as possible to attend so do please dig the letter out of the school bag. A flyer is also included in this newsletter.

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend.

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Forest School Holiday Club

St Margaret's Prep School

Half Term 14th and 15th February

Children dropped off 8.45 am, finishing 4pm
Open to Years 1 to 6

Come and join us for some Forest School fun. Build dens, balance on ropes and swing from the trees. Use tools to create toys and light a fire to cook up a treat.

Cost £30 per child per day

Contact Sue "Squirrel" Harrison, Branching Outwoods on harrisonsue14@gmail.com to book or for more information



500 Words 2018

Entries are open from now until 7pm on Thursday 22nd February.

All stories must be submitted online

Parents can register for an account by following the links at the top of the BBC 500 Word homepage (please click the image to follow the link).

Once an account has been created, it can be used to upload a story.

For more information on how to enter a story into this

year's competition, please visit their [Submit Your Story page](#)

Good Luck!



ISA East Regional Cross Country Results 2018

Year 4 Girls - finished 1st overall

Year 5/6 Girls and Year 5/6 Boys - both finished 3rd overall.

Year 4 Boys - finished 5th overall

We had four runners in the top 20 in every group but only those in the top 10 proceed to the Nationals.

Well done to all of you, it was a challenging course which makes the results even more impressive.

Congratulations to Niamh S (6B), Harley P (6M), Stanly D (4H) and Emily H-F (4C) who all go on the National finals at Princethorpe College near Rugby on March 3rd.



Travelling Book Company



Thank you to everybody who supported the Book Fair last week. We took £1218.15 this year and so have £304.53 in rewards to spend on books for our school library.

Mrs Lunn

Parent Internet Safety Event



Find us on Facebook at:
EST E Safety Training
Find us online at:
www.esafetytraining.org
Contact us at:
esafetytrainer@gmail.com

When you think about Stranger Danger are you thinking of a white van outside a school or a man with a dog that has just had puppies? This event we will take that message and turn it on its head.

John and John have a combined Police Service of over 50 years. In that time they have worked extensively in the world of investigating and managing paedophiles. They have both worked as covert officers targeting paedophiles online and as such have a unique insight into how they target our children.

The 2 Johns wrote and present the 'Walk Online Roadshow'. This is a presentation for children that was inspected by OFSTED in 2016 and was singled out by them in January 2017 as being an example of National Outstanding Practice. They have delivered the roadshow to over 30000 children in the past year and continue to receive outstanding reviews.

Unlike similar events this presentation will not be covering issues like password security or blocking software. The aim of the event is to bring parents totally up to date regards the apps their children are using and how they are being directly targeted in that environment by paedophiles. Because the children would have attended the Walk Online Roadshow earlier in the day the figures that are mentioned will be coming direct from the parents own children and are sure to shock everyone that attends.

The event will take parents on an uncomfortable journey where they will be left questioning the current perspective they have about their children's safety.

The 2 Johns provide all of the Online Child Sexual Exploitation training for Thurrock Safeguarding Children's Board, Basildon Community Safety team and many school consortiums and are respected County wide as the foremost experts in this field.

Community catch-up Clinics for School Based Immunisations



Essex Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

<u>Loughton</u>		<u>Harlow</u>	
Rectory Lane Health Centre IG10 3RU		Tree House Children's Centre , CM18 7NS	
Monday 5 th February		Monday 29 th January	
*Friday 2 nd March		* Monday 12 th March	
		Wednesday 16 th May	
		*Tuesday 3 rd July	
3.30-4.30 by Appointment and Walk In		3.30-4.30 by Appointment and Walk In	
<u>Uttlesford</u>			
Dunmow Community Clinic CM6 1BH Clinic Hall		Saffron Walden Community Hospital (B11 3HY Clinic Room A)	
Thursday 25 th January		Monday 22 nd January	
Thursday 22 nd February		Monday 26 th March	
Tuesday 22 nd May		Monday 25 th June	
Tuesday 10 th July			
3.30-4.30 by Appointment and Walk In		3.30-4.30 by Appointment and Walk In	

West Essex Immunisation team

Epping: 01279 827141

Dunmow: 01371 877417



Six Weddings and some Funerals

Year 5 raced us through a remarkably detailed summary of Tudor History today. Treason, love, betrayal, violence, and the creation of The Church of England, all portrayed with some wonderful acting, singing, dancing, an original composition and beautiful Tudor portraits - very impressive in half an hour! Well done Year 5, Mrs Mackle, Mrs Crowley, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Howells.

11+ 2019 Entry

Registration for the 11+ exam will be from 5th June 2018 to 20th July 2018 inclusive.

CSSE schools will hold open days/evenings during June/July 2018

Tests will take place on Saturday 22nd September 2018

The Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex members are:

King Edward VI Grammar School, Colchester County High School for Girls, Colchester Royal Grammar School, Southend High School for Girls, Southend High School for Boys, Westcliff High School for Girls, Westcliff High School for Boys, St. Bernard's High School for Girls, St. Thomas More High School for Boys, Shoeburyness High School

Details about 2019 entrance for **Chelmsford County High School for Girls** will be available in March. Please [click here](#) for their website

Dates for your diary...

27th January - Raising Resilient Children Workshop 9.00am - 1.00pm

30th January - Year 2 Forest School starts

31st January - ISA Regional Netball, Allyn Court School

2nd February - Year 2 Assembly - Parents welcome to join us for coffee in the gallery afterwards

Year 1 trip to Braintree Museum

Reception Parents to lunch

Year 5 Sports Coaching @ Felsted (by invitation)

ISA Regional Football, Stoke College

5th February Year 5 Parents' Evening (Hall) 5.30pm - 8.30pm

7th February Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

9th February Year 4 Assembly - Parents welcome to join us for coffee in the gallery afterwards

Year 6 Parents to lunch

Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle

12th - 16th February - Half Term Holiday

(14/15th February - Yrs. 1 - 6 Forest School Holiday Club)

19th February eSafety Workshop for Parents 7.00pm - 9pm in the Hall

23rd February Year 3 Assembly - Parents welcome to join us for coffee in the gallery afterwards

Grammar Workshop for Parents - 2.45pm - 3.45pm

SUMMER TERM 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 25th May Sports Day

Thursday 28th June Speech Day & Whole School Production

Friday 29th June Second Performance & Summer Fete

BRONZE

Well done to

Josie B (3G)

Emma P (3G)

Oliver C (3G)

Maya S (4C)

Skyla L (6M)

Amira A (6M)

for achieving their
Bronze Merit Badges

Friday Running Club

Meeting arrangements:

Runners are to meet at the Sports Hall between 7.45 and 7.50am to register and are then taken to the Gallery before heading out.

Please do not take children directly to the Gallery first.

Thank you - **Mr Clarke**

Road Safety

Representatives from Essex County Council came into school to talk to the children about road safety and how to cross a road safely.

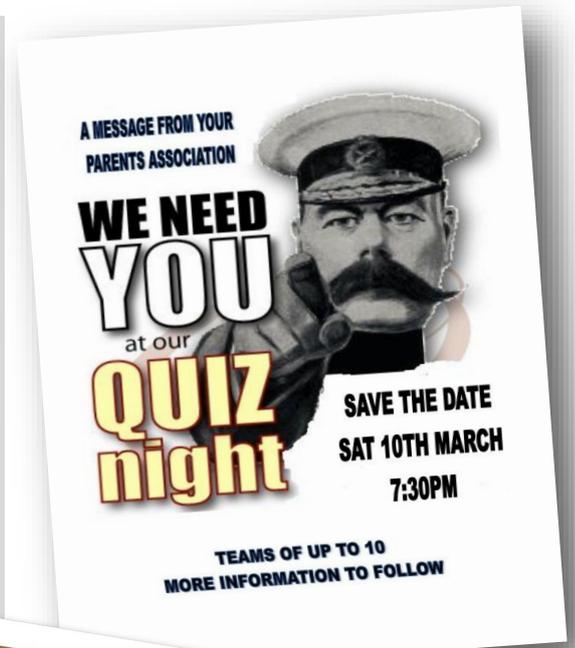
The main message for the Reception children was to:

- Find a safe place to cross
- Stop
- Look
- Listen
- Cross the road holding an adults hand.

Some of the key dangers for small children are car parks and drive-ways. The children learned that they have to be aware whenever

they are around cars and that because they are little, they are not easily seen

Mrs Crallan -



Next Week's Menu Choices

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish of the day Mexican chicken stew	Dish of the day Chicken, Ham & Leek Filo Pie	Dish of the day Fish fingers & Tartar sauce	Dish of the day Turkey Lasagne	Dish of the day Roast Pork with Stuffing & gravy
Vegetarian Mexican Bean Stew	Vegetarian Cheese, tomato & red Onion quiche	Vegetarian Cauliflower & broccoli cheese	Vegetarian Vegetable Moussaka	Vegetarian Quorn Fillet with Stuffing and Gravy
Mac "N" Cheese	Jacket Potato Tuna & Sweetcorn	Lightly Seasoned Pasta Tomato and Basil	Jacket Potato BBQ Beans	
Sides Sweetcorn & Red Pepper Braised rice	Sides Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Roasted New Potatoes	Sides Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Potato Wedges	Sides Green Salad Garlic Focaccia	Sides Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes
Freshly Prepared Salad Bar with Cold meat platters	Freshly Prepared Salad Bar with Cold meat platters	Freshly Prepared Salad Bar with Cold meat platters	Freshly Prepared Salad Bar with Cold meat platters	Freshly Prepared Salad Bar with Cold meat platters
Soup of the Day with Freshly Baked Bread *** Banana Sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Soup of the Day with Freshly Baked Bread *** Carrot Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Soup of the Day with Freshly Baked Bread *** Eton mess with Passion Fruit & Mango Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Soup of the Day with Freshly Baked Bread *** Pineapple Flapjack Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Soup of the Day with Freshly Baked Bread *** Fruit Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt