



Half-term Highlights

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CURRICULUM

- ♦ EYFS have welcomed their parents in for lunch. They were showing their parents how to queue up and where to put their cutlery etc. GOOD WORK TRENT AND FLEET CLASS!





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CURRICULUM CONT.....

- ◆ Year One welcomed their parents to the Tiger Tea Party!



- ◆ Year Two and 2M started their social action project with our Harvest assembly and donations to Harold Hill Food Bank. Thank you for your amazing generosity.





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CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ In year 3 we have enjoyed learning all about London and the important landmarks. We also went on a fantastic Science trip to Hyde Hall and learnt all about plants and rocks and soils. At Hyde Hall we explored the characteristics of different plants and used our scientific types of enquiry to complete a range of exciting activities.



- ◆ This term in Year 4 we have been learning how to play tag rugby. We enjoyed working in teams to score try's. We have learned and practiced tag rugby skills these include: only throwing the ball to the side or behind, passing three times before you try to score, removal of tag as only contact allowed and not kicking the ball.

In Art / DT, we designed and made our own Anglo-Saxon purses. We used running and blanket stitch to sew the purse together and fabric pens to draw our own Anglo-Saxon patterns. We are looking forward to learning more about the Anglo Saxons in History!



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CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ♦ The Year 5 teachers have been impressed with how the children have settled into the new term and their new classes. We have been looking at a variety of topics this term. As part of our theme week, which was British Wildlife, Year 5 researched and compared the grey and red squirrel. The children enjoyed finding out different facts and creating their own PowerPoint presentations where they were able to pick other British Wildlife.
- ♦ In Year 6, we have been very busy. In history we have focused on events during WW2. Our visit to Duxford gave us all a lot more information and an amazing experience. We read the book 'Wonder' by R J Palacio which was a lovely story about kindness and treating everyone equally. This also provided stimulus for our writing tasks. In PE we have learnt how to play basketball and have been developing our skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and working as an effective team. In RE, we learned lots about Sikhism from the origin of the religion and the teachings of the Gurus to how Sikhs today continue to follow their faith. This term, we will be learning about Judaism.



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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



BUS STOP READING NOOK



- ◆ This is our new bus stop and seats to create another reading nook.

We are very grateful to London Transport for donating these items to the school.



- ◆ The Summer library challenge for reading Ready Set Read was completed by 119 Engayne children. This was the highest completion of any school in Havering. Well done and congratulations to all who achieved their medals and certificates!



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STAFF NEWS

- ♦ Miss Jensen got married back in July. It was a perfectly sunny summer's day despite rain being forecast. Many congratulations to the happy couple, Mr & Mrs Whitehead!



- ♦ We have welcomed Mrs Quinn, Mrs Lupu and Miss Sheehan to the MDS team.



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We are extremely proud that one of our Apprentices, Miss Lennard, recently gained 2nd place at the LBH Apprenticeship Awards which was held at the Barbican Centre in London.



Apprentice Questions

Did you previously work at the school before your apprenticeship?

No, I began working at the school in September 2021 when I began my apprenticeship with Chelmsford College.

What impact has your learning had on the children and pupils you work with, so far?

As I have a better understanding of the curriculum and the age related expectations, I am now able to provide effective constructive feedback to pupils to help them to improve their work and I can also provide challenges to further their learning. I have learnt different learning strategies so that I am able to promote independence and deeper learning in areas or subjects the children may need support in.

Abigail's Nominator:

"The impact of her presence in the school cannot be overstated, she is held in high regards by staff and pupils in unity. Abigail has just received her result, a Distinction, I expected nothing less given her attitude, input and enthusiasm."



Abigail Lennard
Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship

Abigail works at Engayne Primary School in Upminster Havering and studied Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship with Chelmsford College. Abigail started her apprenticeship in September 2021 and completed in July 2023 with a Distinction.

Abigail was shortlisted for London Boroughs Apprenticeship Awards 2023. She was up against nominees from 33 local authorities.

Abigail's Nominator:

"Abbie has moulded into a highly valued, hugely respected member of our school support team and thoroughly deserves formal recognition for her achievements!"

How much, and what did you learn on the programme?

During my weekly visits to Chelmsford College, I was taught a wide variety of behaviour management strategies, relevant legislation and guidance, the curriculum for each year group and different theories regarding learning strategies.

What impact has this learning had on your future career plans?

I began the apprenticeship unsure whether I would move onto teacher training and, since working at Engayne for 2 years, I have decided I would like to become a teacher and have been enrolled in a Primary Education Studies degree.





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What would you say were the three best things about the programme?

One of the best things about the apprenticeship was that I was able to understand the roles and responsibilities of teachers before applying for a university course, which saved me time and money as I could make sure that I enjoyed working in a school. This programme taught different strategies and methods which I could then put into my daily routine at the school, and I could see the immediate results of what I had been learning at college. The apprenticeship also allowed me to share and receive different ideas from other apprentices on my course, as well as learning how different schools operate.

Why did you apply to do the TA Level 3 apprenticeship route?

I applied for the apprenticeship as I liked the idea that I could work in a school, earning a wage, whilst studying, and it also gave me insight into what teaching is like before I trained to be a teacher myself.

Abigail's Nominator:

"The impact of her presence in the school cannot be overstated, she is held in high regards by staff and pupils in unity."

How would you describe the support received whilst you were on the programme?

Chelmsford College were very supportive during my apprenticeship. My tutors were able to give advice on different behaviour management strategies as well as being able to effectively deliver the lessons and provide more support whenever I asked for it. All staff at Engayne Primary School were incredibly helpful, always showing me where to find policies and giving advice on which strategies seem to work best.

Abigail's Nominator:

"Needless to say we have offered Abigail permanent employment within the school and I have asked her to be a mentor and support vehicle to our new cohort of apprentices from September 2023"



Abigail's Nominator:

"Abigail has gone over and above expectations, gaining a 'drawing and talking' emotional support qualification alongside her TA level three studies. This has been put to good use supporting several pupils through difficult circumstances within their lives."



Apprenticeships



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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ Maddie S (6G) has been selected to play for the Havering district girls' football team. She had two separate trials and was successfully selected for the team (around 80+ girls tried out for the squad). We are all so proud of her, she trains very hard with her own team and just loves the game. Congratulations Maddie!





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Millie N (4B) recently competed in a dance competition and she did so well. She achieved the highest score across all ages in tap and modern. Well done Millie!





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS



- ◆ Elise M (5P) has gained the green Blue Peter badge (which is for helping the environment) which she was very proud of. Here are photos of her with her badge and her blue peter letter. Great job Elise!



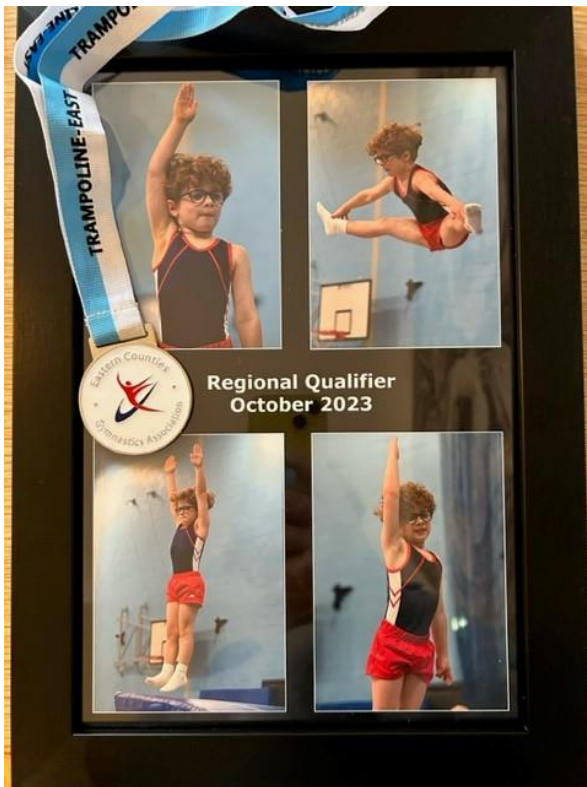
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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ Grayson B (2M) has worked so hard at trampolining. He has been doing long training sessions for a competition which was a regional qualifier. He did amazingly and came 2nd, he has qualified for the next competition in Cambridge. We are really proud of him as he worked so hard! Well done Grayson!





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ Selena K (6G) is currently playing the role of Matilda in Londons West End!

Selena's musical theatre teacher at the theatre academy she attends suggested to her parents a couple of times that she thought Selena could perform a role like Matilda and submitted her details for the role.

She was called to audition and after a six round audition process, she was offered the role of Matilda. We are all incredibly proud of her.

She, along with all of the children in the current show, rehearsed all summer long and also whilst being at school. The current show opened on the 28th of September 2023 at the Cambridge theatre, London for the Royal Shakespeare Company.





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ Aaria from 3BR has completed stage 4 at swimming and is now in Stage 5, well done Aaria!



If your child is successful outside of school, for example in music, sport, etc, please let us know via contact@engayne.co.uk, and we will include this in the next edition of `Half-Term Highlights`