



Half-term Highlights

Autumn 2 — 2023



CURRICULUM

- ♦ EYFS and KS1 had great fun creating their craft items to sell at the Christmas Fayre. It got us all in the Christmas spirit and raised nearly £300 towards our Summer Term treat. Thank you for your generosity!



- ♦ Christmas has seen all our Year Groups perform to their parents. All donations after the plays were given to the following charities: Multiple Sclerosis, Dementia UK and the Brain Tumour Trust. Donations totalled £323. Thank you for your generosity.





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CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ Year Two made “peace chains” with messages of hope and kindness which decorated their classrooms.



- ◆ Reception had their first school trip! A visit to the post box in Avon Road to post invitations.





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CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ♦ What a fabulous end to a busy half term. This half term Year 3 have enjoyed spreading kindness. The children have spent time creating gifts for the Oaks as part of our Social Action project. We delivered decorations, bunting and Christmas cards. The residents were overwhelmed by the gifts and spent time decorating their home. To thank us, the Oaks sent the children some sweets which was very generous.

Linking with our PSHE, DT and English the children have been designing and creating kindness boxes. We learnt how happy it makes us feel to spread joy to others so the children got thinking about special messages to make someone smile. We worked out how to strengthen our boxes and created some corrugated padding that would keep our decorated pebble safe. We hope you enjoy the kindness gifts the children have created and brought home and we'd like to wish you all a very lovely Christmas break. Well done Year 3!



- ♦ This half term in Year 4 we travelled to the Kent Life Centre Anglo Saxon Day to spend time learning about life in Anglo Saxon Britain. The children learned how to card wool, looked at tools and games that could have been used in Anglo Saxon times and took part in a role play about Beowulf. We had a fabulous day despite the weather!

In PE we have been learning some Broadway dance steps and the children have worked together in groups to create a sequence of movements set to a piece of music and practised to refine their final dance. All children participated well and produced some great dance sequences.





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CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ Year 5 have had a very busy and fun term. The children all took part in our Dance unit for PE which showcased how the children are able to move using rhythm. All three teachers were amazed by how their confidence developed over the weeks as they were able to construct a dance sequence based on their English topic "Myths and Legends: Thesues and The Minotaur".

In addition, the children worked extremely hard in English as they all took their creative minds to new heights by creating an original story based on a myth or a legend. It was lovely seeing how each one of them did their own research and planned their stories in great depth focusing on structure. Finally, the children all worked hard on making their own bookmark for our enterprise project.

- ◆ This half term, Year 6 have been really busy. In RE, we have studied Judaism. We have covered many aspects of this and the children enjoyed the opportunity to look at artefacts in our mini museum.
Electricity has been our focus in science. This involved understanding (how to draw and create) simple circuits. We investigated how to affect the brightness of a bulb using a range of components.

Finally, the children performed the French song 'Petit Papa Noel' at the school carol concert at St Luke's. They were brilliant!

Year 6 have worked very hard and deserve a well-earned break. Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year.



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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **AMAZING NEWS:** Our school grounds have gained us a Level Two Garden Award from the RHS. We received seeds, books and a voucher to continue our gardening journey.



- ◆ Year One created decorations from old books to decorate our entry for the Tree Festival. The theme was musicals and Year One picked Matilda and created decorations using old books. In addition the children went and sang a selection of their Christmas songs at the church!





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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Essex Karate club recently competed in a competition in Wales and came away with an amazing 36 medals, including 18 gold medals. Essex Karate currently run a club here at Engayne on Monday's 3.30pm – 4.30pm all ages welcome. Flyers available from the school office.





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STAFF NEWS

- ◆ We said a fond farewell to Mrs Nicholls who has worked at Engayne for 24 years! Mrs Nicholls decided to take early retirement to spend more time with her new granddaughter. We wish her well.





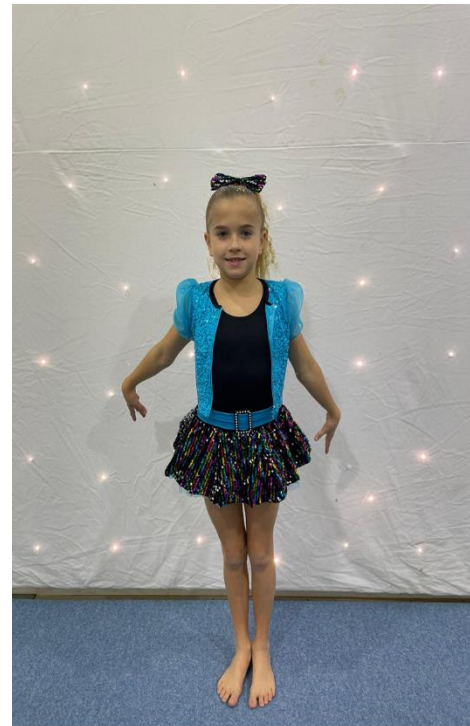
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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Keira in Year 6 recently went to Liverpool for the weekend with her gymnastic club, Harlequins. She was part of the Junior Display squad and they won the 'Best Choreography' award. She has also now trialled to be part of the Senior squad in 2024 and was successful, so she is now one of the youngest members of the Senior squad as well as still being in the junior squad. We are all very proud of her.





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ Darcy B (1C) was awarded 'Squirrel of the Year 2023' recently - 'Darcy is incredibly polite, kind, cheerful and always smiling. She has a great can do attitude, always tackles new challenges with enthusiasm and is a fantastic role model to others' (2nd Upminster St Laurence Scout Group). Well done Darcy!





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Nancy B from 1P was in a Christmas show with her drama school where they performed several songs and dance routines. Well done Nancy!





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Many congratulations to George, Octavia and Rafael in 4W who all received the Chief Scout Bronze Award, for exploring the outdoors, completing all 6 challenge awards and four activity badges.





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ Lucy C in 5B completed in a dance competition where she achieved two 4th places, a second place and a first place for her solos plus first place in all her troupe dances. Lucy also received an award for most promising. Congratulations Lucy!





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Elsie V and Willow O from class 6A and Harper O and Rosie V from 4W all attend Jaybee Gymnastics and have been very busy!

Elsie competed at Disneyland Paris in September and has just been awarded with her medals and trophy. 1 Gold, 2 Silver and a Bronze.

Willow competed in the GFA Floor and Vault competition where her team came 3rd to bring home bronze medals.

Harper and Rosie who are best friends competed at the GFA Floor and Vault competition on the same team and won Gold for their club.

All the girls work so hard and we are so proud of them! Amazing!





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Florence M from 5W completed the 5k Santa run around London on Thursday 7th December and raised over £1000 for Saint Francis Hospice. Fantastic job Florence!





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ Mair L, 6N took her grade 1 singing exam in the summer holidays and she received a merit and a certificate recently. Her family are very proud of her and admire her courage to stand and sing solo.



Mair also performed at a singing recital recently opening the show with “Thank you for the Music” keep doing what you love and enjoy love Mum, Dad and Abs x



