



# Half-term Highlights

## Spring 2 — 2024



### CURRICULUM

- ◆ EYFS have welcomed their parents in for a morning of Easter fun and creativity. Easter crafts and quizzes were completed and a great time was had by all!



- ◆ Year One researched what happens at a café in preparation for their Year One Café. They went to Upminster to the Station Pantry and found out all about running a successful café!





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### CURRICULUM CONT.....

- ◆ This helped enormously with their café preparations ...



- ◆ Year One also found out all about the parts of a church by visiting Trinity Church Upminster.
- ◆ Year Two have been learning all about healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet. They combined this learning with learning skills for chopping and preparing vegetables and fruits.





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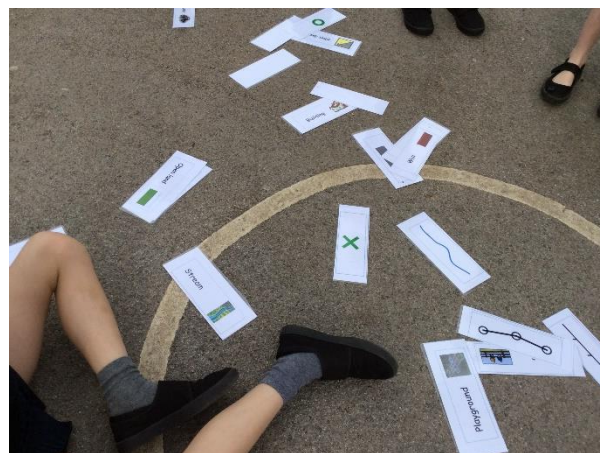
### CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ 2J led the Year Two Easter Egg collection this year as part of their social action project. They collected more than 90 eggs this year. Thank you for your generosity!



- ◆ This half term, Year 3 had a lot of fun for World Book Day. In English, children wrote their own version of Down Behind the Dustbin. There were some excellent ideas! We also attended a Zoom with Axel Scheffler. It was really interesting to watch him draw different animals.

For PE, we have been using the iPads to practice our orienteering skills. We enjoyed a World Book Day orienteering activity. We used the iPads to navigate around a course on the school playground and field. We had to answer a book related question before we could move on to the next location.



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### CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ This term in Year 4, the children learnt about Europe. They looked at geographical features of the UK, France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland.

They made fact files about France and Italy finding out about each country's capital city, population, language, longest river and highest mountain.

In DT they made French crepes and Italian risotto. They had to prepare each dish by measuring and cutting up the ingredients. They thoroughly enjoyed the tasting experience!



- ◆ Over this half term, The Year 5 teachers are very proud of how well all of the children worked. The children have enjoyed reading Thief, which has been our class book over the last term. In science, we have been looking at properties of materials and investigating which materials would be most suitable to build a shelter. The children have enjoyed learning some hockey skills and some have even had a chance to play mini matches.

Year 5 have been working exceptionally hard rehearsing for our Easter performance which we hope you all enjoyed. After a busy last week performing our Easter Assembly to family, friends and the rest of the school, the children have enjoyed using the curling equipment in the hall whilst working in teams to see who could achieve the highest score.

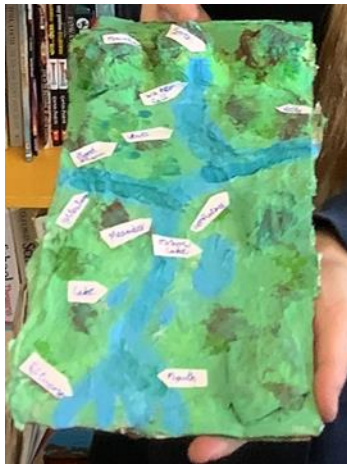


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- ◆ In Y6 this half term we have been learning about Rivers and the children learnt the terms for parts of the river by making a 3D model of a water course.



Some children spent time working towards their Bikeability Awards. They learned how to look after their bikes and how to cycle safely on the roads.

Y6 have really enjoyed learning about the Titanic where they produced a newspaper report in English and are also enjoying the story of Oliver Twist.



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### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ At Engayne, we have been working towards our RHS Schools Gardening Award Level 4. To achieve this award, we had to meet three different criteria. Firstly, we had to demonstrate how our gardening at Engayne supports wildlife so we were able to tell them about our many bug hotels, nesting boxes and rewilded areas within the school.

We also had to show how gardening is used to support the curriculum so we were able to tell them about our allotments and how we use our grounds to support our learning in Science and other subjects such as art. Finally, we had to explain how we share plants and seeds with each other so we were able to share the Y1 sunflower social action project. We have received lots of seed packets and some lovely books to help us with our garden. We have also received some garden centre vouchers and the Outdoor and Opal parliament have met to discuss what we can buy to enhance our gardening provision even further. We are hoping in the future to submit our Level 5 Award.

**Welcome** Engayne Primary School



🕒 Your application for **School Gardening Awards Level 4** has been successfully awarded





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### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

#### Netball

- ◆ We started off last half term with Havering's Netball League Quarter Finals. Engayne's netball squad worked well together to try and win against each of the schools we played. Unfortunately, we were just beaten to the semi-finals but the squad should be extremely proud of their perseverance. They were all a brilliant representation of Engayne and played with respect, supportiveness and excellent sportsmanship. Well done Team!

Miss Thomas  
PE Lead

- ◆ We were very fortunate to receive an Ipad which was donated to us by Jamie from Accord Estate Agents. Our school Captains' welcomed Jamie to Engayne and accepted the gift on behalf of the school.





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### STAFF NEWS

- ◆ Many congratulations to Miss Jupp who became engaged at the beginning of the Easter break. Miss Jupp and her fiancé are planning a summer wedding next year!
- ◆ We are all extremely proud of Miss Clark who recently took part in a sky dive to raise money for the MS society which is a charity very close to her heart. Miss Clark raised an amazing £1,200!



- ◆ Congratulations to Miss Barnes who will be starting a new job in another local school in September. We wish her well in her new position.







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### OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Dominic F (2M) recently participated in his first gymnastics grading with Catleaps Gymnastics Club. Dominic achieved gold in both his floor routine and in the vault. Grading took place at the large Jean Brown Arena in front of lots of spectators and with independent judges. Well done Dominic!





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- ◆ Mila K (5P) recently won gold/1st place in both her races for her swimming club gala, in the 50m breaststroke and 100m freestyle. What a fantastic achievement! Well done Mila.





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### OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ The students below took part in a Majorette and Baton Twirling competition on the 24th March and along with their fellow team members were awarded 7 1st, 3 2nd, 4 3rd, 2 4th places, 10 Qualifiers and 6 runner ups. Great job everyone!





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- ◆ Congratulations to Samar, 4B who recently achieved a grading orange to orange/green with credit in Ju-Jitsu. Well done Samar!





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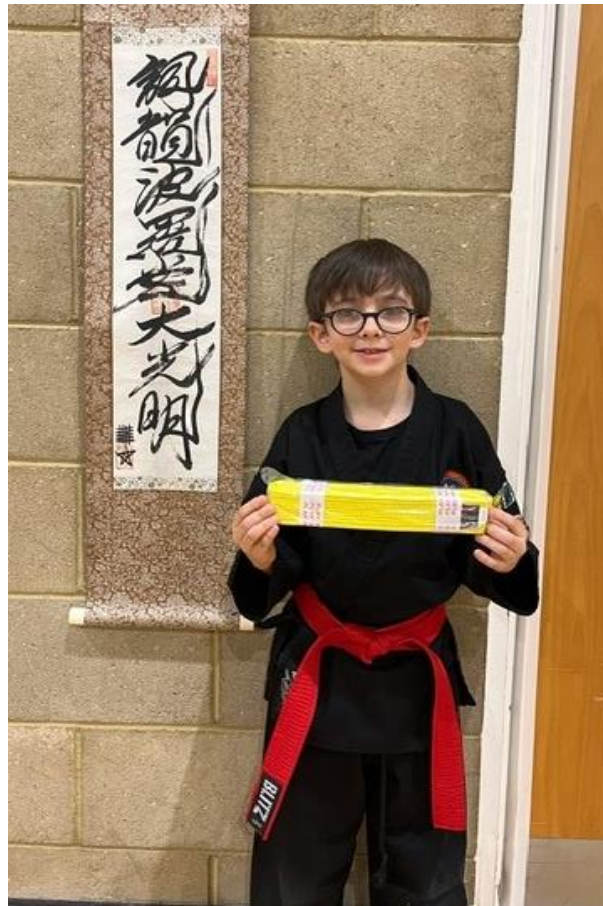
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- ◆ Louis V (4BT) took part in the Stratford and East London Music festival playing piano. This was his first ever festival and he was awarded a Merit certificate in both sections that he competed in.

He also passed his next ju-jitsu belt test with an impressive score of 96%. He now moves up to yellow belt. Well done Louis!



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

