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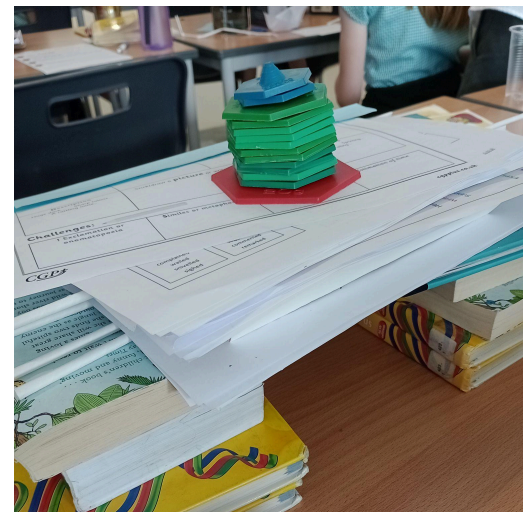
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Principal's Message

We are two weeks into the final half term of the year, so 6 weeks until the summer (please arrive!) holidays. Lots on the 'to do list 'here as I am sure it is for you all.

Thanks again to the Y6 parents for the card and voucher for the IOW trip staff - a lovely gesture and well appreciated. The children are still talking about the trip here at school and have completed a very positive evaluation of the week. Media group has written an article about this for this newsletter.

In assembly on Monday we shared the story of 'The Bundle of Sticks' and the idea of strength through team work. We also discussed that being strong can mean physically but more importantly it means 'belief' and a can-do attitude! To help demonstrate the concept of 'keep trying' two pupils from Sun class showed how a simple piece of paper could be constructed to act as a bridge strong enough to support some Jenga bricks. The children were a very good audience. This was then tried out in class.



I have followed the story of Rob Burrows and his brave battle against Motor Neurone Disease, which sadly came to an end last week. There are many incredible aspects to this story, not least the way in which the sporting community, family and friends supported him. It should not be forgotten that Rob was an incredible rugby player. But he was a very small man in a game often dominated by size and power. This was never more visible than the try he scored in a Grand Final - see link:

[Rob Burrow try](#)

His career epitomises the inner belief that is so important for our children to learn.

On the subject of sport, we look forward to a great day next week. The children have practised their events in PE lessons. Timings and details were sent out last week. We look forward to seeing you there.



Have a great weekend.

Take care.

Mr Burden.

Headteacher Award

7th June 2024



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Curriculum

IOW - massive credit to the Y6 children for their attitude and behaviour for the residential trip to the Isle of Wight. They worked brilliantly together to get the most out of the trip. Media group have written an article this week to accompany the photos that tell their own story! The children were asked for their feedback - which was very positive. Of the 20 or so activities (including the travel aspect) the top 5 according to the survey were:

- 1) Blackgang Chine
- 2) Crazy Golf
- 3) Sweet Factory
- 4) Theatre
- 5) Party Night

New classes for 2024-25. The teachers are making the final allocations for classes for next year before we do some transition events here at school. A reminder of where the children will move to:

Current	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
2024/25	One of three Y1/2 classes	One of three Y1/2 classes	One of three Y3/4 classes	One of three Y3/4 classes	One of three Y5/6 classes	One of three Y5/6 classes	Move to high school

The exciting part is that children will be with 'new' children in 2024-25. They will also be with some children from their current classes. Curriculum maps for 2024-25 are nearing completion as the teachers get ready for all classes in the school being in year group phases across the school from September:

KS1 / Lower KS1 / Upper KS2.

We look forward to Class Jupiter's Assembly next Thursday at 09:00 in the school hall.

Forest school has continued this term - Sun Class, Earth, Comet Moon have all enjoyed their outdoor learning.

Well done to Class Sun for some super bridge building last week, learning about different structures in a DT lesson.

Attendance

Class winners since the last newsletter as follows:

Week 33 3/6/24 (4 days)	Class Earth	95.10
Week 34 10/6/24 (5 days)	Class Neptune and Pluto	97.78

Attendance - new attendance regulations come into action for all schools from 19th August. The school will update the attendance policy and action plan to reflect this and make you all fully aware of the changes. The main update will be that fines for unauthorised absence are rising in value and the school is able to track unauthorised absence over a 10 week rolling period.

Whole school attendance stands at 93.56%
For the summer term only - 94.16%



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GOOD TIMEKEEPING

What to do the night before:

- Get everything you need for school ready
- Set your alarm allowing plenty of time
- Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school
- Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime
- Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!

Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time

For mental health support for young people visit: www.youngminds.org.uk

School Games

Sports Day - please refer to the email sent to you all on 7/6/24. Main points to remember:

- KS1 starts at 09:30.
- KS2 starts at 13:15.
- Children can picnic with families on the field. Play areas will be the playground and MUGA.
- No alcohol on school grounds please.
- Please do not sit or stand near the activity areas or the finish line for the children.

Rounders - 10 of the Year 6s attended the annual rounders event - they did very well as a team and worked hard to learn some new rules along the way. The team competed against 4 other schools and enjoyed an afternoon of teamwork.



Ride London - Mr Burden completed the 100 mile course at the start of half term, the course coming very close to the school in Felsted. Photos were shared in assembly and reminder to wear your helmet when cycling / scooting.



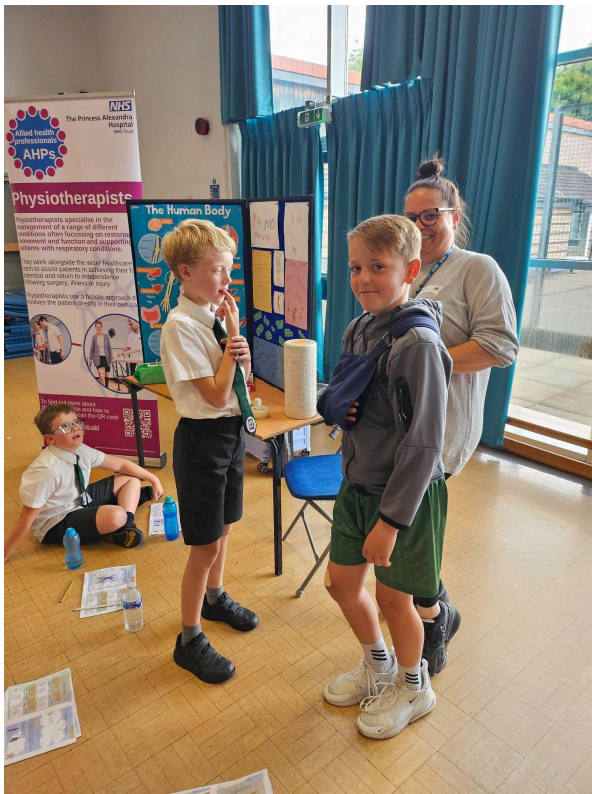
Thanks to the children who brought their bicycles and scooters into school. Two classes entered the design a cycle jersey competition. Winners were:

Pluto - Jasper

Mars - Willow

Careers Fair

This week Year 5 attended a careers fair at Dunmow St. Mary's Primary School. There were many local businesses there to show the children what jobs could be available to them when they leave education.



The children were keen to learn and lots of questions.



Isle of Wight Residential

A few weeks ago, year 6 went to the Isle of Wight. As you may presume they had the times of their life. They had so much fun whilst doing the following activities:

- ~Crazy golf
- ~Beach evenings
- ~Coach journey
- ~Shanklin Chine
- ~Carisbrooke castle
- ~Raffle night
- ~D-Day museum
- ~Needles/cruise/free time
- ~Ferry
- ~Blackgang Chine
- ~Arcades
- ~Osborne House
- ~Disco night

Here are a small selection of photos from the trip!
Thank you, Media Group



Thank you to FFG

On behalf of the pupils and staff at the academy we would like to say a massive thank you to FFG (Friends of Flitch Green) for funding lots of new books. With their generosity, we have purchased brand new atlases for each year group containing up-to-date statistics and information. We also purchased new dictionaries and thesauruses to replace some that had seen better days in KS2. Lastly, we have been able to purchase a wide range of books from Barrington Stoke, who specialise in publishing dyslexia friendly books. These books are aligned with Accelerated Reader and have already been added to our system and are available for perusal in our library right now!

Thank you once again!

Mrs Farley

Celebration Concerts

In July we will be holding some Celebration Concerts (similar to last year) but this year we are going to be having them over three dates. We will be holding one for KS1/EYFS, one for Lower KS2 (years 3 and 4) and one for Upper KS2 (years 5 and 6).

Dates are:

Monday 1st July 3:45 - 4:30 - Upper KS2

Monday 8th July 3:45 - 4:30 - KS1

Monday 15th July 3:45 - 4:30 - Lower KS2

Similar to last year, children can perform gymnastic or dance routines, play musical instruments, recite poetry or do some artwork that will be on display through the celebrations.

Further details will be announced nearer the time.

Become a Governor

Seeking enthusiastic Community Governors- Please do pass onto family and friends

I am writing to you on behalf of the Flitch Green Academy. Ofsted rated our Academy 'Good' in March 2018 and did an interim visit in July 2023 where we remained 'Good.' The report recognised many strengths including the excellent behaviour of our pupils and our committed and hard working staff and leadership team.

Our principal Mr Alex Burden, has lots of exciting plans and will be leading us forward, in his second year with us at the Academy. Already this year, a new running track and tyre park has been installed for our pupils.

As an Academy, we strive to provide our pupils with a stimulating environment to learn key skills, acquire knowledge and to appreciate the world they live in, so that all of our children become 'Learners for Life'. Our children learn from an innovative, experienced based and creative curriculum.

By this stage, you may be wondering why I am sharing all of this information about our Academy with you. The simple answer is that we, as a Governing Body, are looking for individuals from the community, who can offer us some key skills and become members of our Governing Body. If you are an individual with comms experience, specific accountancy, financial and strategic business direction this would certainly be desirable but not a must.

If you are interested in investing some time in your local community and joining our Governing Body, then I would very much like to invite you to contact us and find out more about the role of Community Governor at the Flitch Green Academy. Please email me at katie.bailey@flitchgreen.net. I very much look forward to hearing from you.

We are also seeking new Parent Governors. Further details regarding how to apply will be circulated on Parent Mail!

Yours sincerely,

Katie Bailey

Vice Chair of Governors 2023/24

Important Dates for Summer Term

Sports Day - Wednesday 19th June

Jupiter Class Assembly - Thursday 20th June (9:00)

Saturn Class Assembly - Wednesday 26th June (9:15)

Celebration Assembly Upper KS2 - Monday 1st July (15:45)

Pluto Class Assembly - Thursday 4th July (9:00)

Celebration Assembly KS1 - Monday 8th July (15:45)

Venus Class Assembly - Thursday 11th July (9:00)

Celebration Assembly Lower KS2 - Monday 15th July (15:45)

Moving Up Afternoon and Open Evening - Tuesday 16th July (18:00 - 19:30)

Fritch Fest - Friday 19th July

Year 6 Production - Monday 22nd July (14:00 & 18:00)

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Wednesday 24th July (14:15)

Finish for Summer Break - Friday 26th July (13:00)

Community Notices

Please remember to check the 'Community' tab of our website regularly, as we upload community groups and events that we hope you may be interested in.

www.theflitchgreenacademy.co.uk

This week you can find information on:

Crossley Palmer Dance Classes

Notley Youth Football Club

Alex Hart Kaizen Karate and Kickboxing

Braintree Dentist Information - NHS places available for children

Salad Days Magazine

Kizaround Magazine