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Principal's Message

The summer term is drawing to a close, just 9.5 school days remain. Our Y6 pupils and departing staff may well be more conscious of this at the moment.

Today, you will have received your child's end of year report. I have the pleasure of reading all 272 of them. There are so many positive comments to read and it is lovely to hear about good behaviour, values and progress in class. I enjoy reading about the hopes and dreams section. Many future careers are mentioned. Vets, doctors, police work, mechanics, builders, horse riders and teachers get quite a few entries too. Many of our Y6 children specifically refer to being a YR teacher, their experiences this year with their buddies fresh in their minds. We hope to see many of you at Open Evening next Wednesday, where you can discuss reports with the teachers. The children are getting ready for new classes - read about Moving Up Afternoon in the curriculum section.

Well done to Class Venus. I heard your assembly was fantastic. I was at a headteacher meeting. I did get to see them rehearse their Fire of London song on Wednesday - it was fabulous.

Class Pluto came back from the zoo super excited on Monday. They loved seeing the animals at Colchester Zoo.

I tried to explain to Y6 'seats' in The Houses of Parliament last Friday, the day after the election. We will await news if any education updates.

During assembly this week, we played some word games and spoke about how useful words are. I then challenged three pupils to sketch three separate things with toothpaste. They did a good job as all three were recognised! I then asked them to put the toothpaste back in the tube. After some discussion we realised this was not really possible. I then told the children the toothpaste is like the words they use. Once spoken, never returned to the mouth. This is especially true, if unkind and inappropriate words and phrases are spoken. Please talk to your children about this, so they value the power of spoken language and the benefits of being positive and the consequences of speaking without thinking.



The truly tragic news this week about the wife and children of a BBC sports commentator is really hard to take in. Schools in that area were asked to not let their children outside during school hours. Events like this are the reason why school's run 'Lockdown' drills. Last Thursday we ran a lockdown drill with our children. This simply involves keeping the children in class and locking all access to the rooms. Children are informed about it in advance at the level suitable for their age.

The classes were drawn into a sweepstake for the Euros. With England and Spain in the final it is now between Saturn (Eng) and Earth (Spain). Good luck England - sorry Earth!

Hope to see many of you next week at Open Evening, 18:00-19:30

Take care all.

Mr Burden.

Headteacher Award

28th June 2024



12th July 2024

All pupils in Venus Class received a Headteacher award for their assembly this week!



Curriculum

Our Celebration concert for KS1 on Monday was very well attended - thanks for supporting the children - the variety of dancing, gymnastics, poetry, music and art was fabulous - they enjoyed being on the stage and performing for you all. See separate report.

Last one on Monday - for Y3/4.

Class Pluto - well done for your brilliant Class Assembly last week, it was lovely to see you smiling and working so well together on the stage.

On Monday, Class Mercury and Pluto enjoyed their visit to the zoo at Colchester. They loved the day, including the travel, the lunch and of course seeing the different animals. Thanks to the volunteers who supported the trip.

Bikeability - well done to all the Y6 children who took part in the cycle safety course in the last two weeks - many of them passing Level 2. They were given certificates today.



Class Assembly - well done Venus, what a lovely assembly. Super singing! You clearly loved the Great Fire of London topic and have produced some excellent school work as a result.

Open Evening is next Tuesday at 18:00. Children's books, folders and other work will be available to look at in their classrooms. You can talk to teachers about end of year reports. In those reports, your child's class teacher for 2024-25 is listed. Next Tuesday, we have our Moving Up Afternoon where children will visit and be taught by their new teachers for the afternoon.

Attendance

Class winners since the last newsletter as follows:

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| Week 37 1/7/24 (5 days) | Class Pluto Class Neptune | 97.78 97.78 |
| Week 38 8/7/24 (5 days) | Class Pluto | 97.78 |

Whole school attendance stands at 93.74%
For the summer term only - 93.87%



Essex County Council Education

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

Y6 ambassadors alongside Y2 children attended the Joyce Franklin Academy yesterday - our talented Y2 sports event, the Y6 Bronze ambassadors represented Fitch Green with their fantastic leadership skills. The children had an enjoyable day getting involved in a large range of activities from football to cricket.

Well done to the Y1/5 swim group - in the last session they learned about water safety and had to enter the pool in clothes so they knew how different this felt to swimming in just their swim costume.

Today, Miss Jacob was at a PE meeting for local schools where they reviewed the school year and made plans for next year. A report will be sent to our School Games Organiser. Last year, we attained the 'Silver Kite' mark for School Games. We are aiming for a repeat or possibly Gold.





Reception Zoo Trip

Pluto and Mercury enjoyed a day out at Colchester Zoo this week!



Upper KS2 Celebration Concert

UPPER KS2 CELEBRATION CONCERT!

A huge well done to all our performers in the Upper KS2 celebration concert. They all did so well to show their talents to everyone.



Year 5 Taster Day at HRS



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

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.thefritchgreenacademy.co.uk

This week you can find information on:

SCS Summer Sports Camps

Notley Youth Football Club

Forbesy Summer Camps

Ollie Clark Tennis

Salad Days Magazine and Kizaround Magazine