

February

Sunnymede Snippets

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Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are now into February and the children are half way through the academic year. It has been a short half term and already another holiday is here! Pupils have settled back in very well with great excitement and enthusiasm in starting their new topics. As a result of being inspired and having exciting learning opportunities, some wonderful work is being produced. Year 3 have been archaeologists, digging for artefacts from the stone age period. Year 4 are finding out about Britain, as well as exploring electricity, carrying out investigations which will lead them to make a torch. Year 5 are busy making Viking longboats, developing their D&T skills and working so well in their groups. Year 6 are researching what it was like to be an evacuee in World War 2, along with working really hard to prepare for their SATs in May.

The school enjoyed a 'Crazy Science Week' In January with many different investigations (in further detail on the next page). The highlight of the week was an assembly given by Christine Styles, an ex-pupil and once a House Captain, who is now doing a PhD at Imperial College in London. It was a proud moment for us to know that our school may have started her love for science. We hope she may have inspired our pupils in following a future career in science or making exciting, new discoveries.

Thank you to the teaching staff for organising memorable learning experiences for our pupils.

We hope you have a lovely half term week. Wrap up warm!



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Tues 31st Jan:** Y6 group 3 Bikeability begins
- ◆ **Tues 21st Feb 5-8pm** : Y6 Parent Consultations
- ◆ **Weds 22nd Feb:** Girls' League Football
- ◆ **Thurs 23rd Feb 4-6pm:** Y6 Parent Consultations
- ◆ **Fri 24th Feb 9:00am:** Class 4H parents' invited to our celebration assembly
- ◆ **Thurs 28th Feb AM:** Y6 to Crucial Crew workshop

Read on for more
spring term diary
dates

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Just Dance!

Class 3B experienced a dance workshop at The Billericay School. The session was led by Year 8 pupils who were clearly very talented and we were very impressed. The Year 8 pupils taught Class 3B a modern choreographed dance routine to the popular Little Mix song, Black Magic. They thoroughly enjoyed the morning!



In The Swim

On the 31st January, our Year 5 and 6 swimmers attended the Billericay Schools Swimming gala at Billericay High School. Each child competed in an individual race and a relay, with some Year 5 and 6 pupils joining forces to form an Open Medley Relay team.

As a squad, we did very well, coming 4th out of 8 schools. This was despite losing a member of the Year 6 team through illness, meaning we had no Year 6 boys relay team (relays are worth double points)!

A great time was had by all and, as usual, the children displayed their competitive and supportive attitudes. Well done!



Stone Age Day

On Thursday 19th January Year 3 participated in a Stone Age day. During the day, pupils learnt about life in the Stone Age. They got to hunt a deer and a woolly mammoth! They learnt how fires were built in the past and even participated in a demonstration of this. The children really enjoyed spending time examining artefacts and learning what they were. They also looked at Stonehenge, and got an opportunity to try and build their own mini Stonehenge. All the pupils and staff dressed as Stone Age people and looked absolutely fantastic!

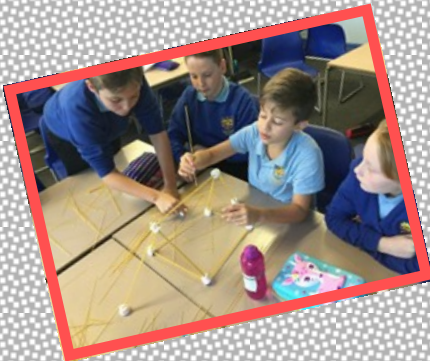


Crazy Science Week

The whole school participated in a variety of investigations during Crazy Science Week. Year 3 enjoyed the vinegar and bicarbonate of soda investigation – creating 'fountains' in the playground. Year 4 enjoyed the hover balloons, while Year 5 had fun making paddle boat racers. Year 6 made marble runs to explore gravity and inertia, as well as balloon racers. All the year groups enjoyed the spaghetti and 16 marshmallows challenge, building a construction strong enough to hold a Cadbury's Creme egg! It was wonderful to see pupils display brilliant teamwork skills, working together to solve challenges. Investigations involving cooking were also experienced, making hygroscopic cookies and honeycomb, which were delicious treats to sample! Thank you to those parents who were able to spend some time in school, helping us carry out investigations and cook. Please see the class pages on the school website for more information on the learning and fun the pupils experienced during science week. It's clear that so much fun was had by all.



The
important
thing is to
NOT STOP
QUESTIONING.
—Albert Einstein



6B French Trip

This week, Class 6B went to Billericay School for a French lesson. It was taught by year 10 pupils who are called "Language Leaders" and even included some German! This was an opportunity for the class to showcase their French speaking skills that Mrs Attridge has taught them. Games to test their French vocabulary as well as learning new words were played. It gave the class an experience of what a French lesson is like at secondary school. All the children were impeccably behaved and took part with enthusiasm. Thank you to our parents, Mrs Fox and Mrs Strudwick, for walking up To Billericay School with us.

Photography Day

Last week we invited a professional photographer to spend the day at our school, taking photos of the wealth of activities that take place during an average school day! They reflected our varied and exciting curriculum and impressed our photographer. We will be using a selection of these photographs to spruce up the exterior school windows and cannot wait to see what they look like. Watch this space!



EVENTS

Below are the dates of key events in the school calendar. Please check newsletters, Parentmail updates or ask at the school office if you are unsure.

Date	Time	Event
W/C 13th Feb		HALF TERM WEEK
Tues 21st Feb	5-8pm	Y6 Parent Consultation evening
Weds 22nd Feb		Y4 Trp to Museum of London CANCELLED
Wed 22nd Feb	3.15—4pm	Girls' League Football
Thurs 23rd Feb	4—6pm	Y6 Parent Consultation evening
Fri 24th Feb	9:00 am	Class 4H parents invited to Celebration Assembly
Tues 28th Feb	All day	Y4 Level 1 Bikeability course
Tues 28th Feb	9:30-12:15	Y6 Crucial Crew Workshop (focus on healthy lifestyles, 'grooming' and online safety)
Weds 1st Mar	PM	Y6 Bikeability—Group 3 (repeated on 2/3 8/3 10/3)
Weds 1st Mar	7:00pm	BSMA Music Festival at The Towngate Theatre, Basildon
Thurs 2nd Mar	7:00 pm	BSMA Music Festival at The Towngate Theatre Basildon
Thurs 2nd Mar	All day	World Book Day
Fri 3rd Mar	AM	Student Voice meeting at Billericay School
Tues 7th Mar	All Day	Class 6B Trip to London (St Paul's and Tate Modern)
Thurs 9th Mar	All Day	Class 6HP / 6G Trip to London (St Paul's and Tate Modern)
Tues 14th Mar	11:15am	Y5&6 G&T Trampolining Taster session
Mon 20th Mar	PM	PTA Present Selling
Tues 21st Mar	All day	Year 5 Viking Enrichment Day (Portals from the Past)
Thurs 23rd Mar	9:30-11:30	CVL Boys' Football (Y5)
Thurs 23rd Mar	12:45-2:45pm	CVL Girs' Football (Y5 / 6)
Fri 24th Mar	9:00 am	Class 3B parents invited to Celebration Assembly
Fri 24th Mar	6:30-8:00pm	PTA Junior Disco
Tues 28th Mar	4:00-6:00 pm	Y3,4,5 Parent Consultation meetings
Thurs 30th Mar	5:00-8:00 pm	Y3,4,5 Parent Consultation meetings
Fri 31st Mar		Y4 Last swimming session for this term
Fri 31st Mar	3:15pm	END OF SPRING TERM
Tues 18th April	8:55am	SUMMER TERM BEGINS

Well done to all these children who have received a Headteacher's award this month

Class 3B

Ethan H
Indie W
Luke M
Elliott H
Ruby D

Class 3H

Jensen T
Owen P
Daisy Q
Grace W
Alexander C

Class 4B

Evan R
Oliver H
Luke T
Mia W
Katy S

Class 4H

Charlie B
Jack G
Henry B
Grace B
Cassie S

Class 5C

Skye H
Oliver N
Billy W
Daniel T
Beth W

Class 5H

Reggie C
Alex M
Harry C
Finley C
Violet T

Class 6B

Remi O
Oscar S
Thomas T-S
Sophie C
Abigail P

Class 6G

Charlie E
Liam K
Rina G
Charlie D
Mason T

Class 6HP

Freya R
Jake E
David L
Georgia A
Imogen B

Class 6A

Thomas T
Isabella L
Ryan M
Harrison R
Piers W