



Churchfields Infants School

Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the
month
Trust

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Updates!

Please note that the date for one of the Nursery concerts and date that End of Year Reports will be sent home, have been rescheduled due to the upcoming strike day on Wednesday 5th July. Please see Diary Dates.

Sea Life Centre Visit

On Tuesday, Reception went on their first school trip to the Sea Life Discovery Centre in Southend.

We spent time on the beach looking for shells, spotted a pirate ship in the distant sea and sang songs accompanied by Miss Lowery's ukulele.

We saw amazing sea creatures, dinosaurs, mini-beasts and other animals and learned so many new facts.



Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown up!

Would it be a good thing or a bad thing if all stories came true?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Year 1 Visit to Fire Station
28th June

Year 2 Visit to Colchester Zoo
28th June

INSET Day
7th July

Community Day
15th July

Concerts
Please see page 4 for class, date and time.

Reports Sent Home
10th July

For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

Sports Day

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children had a fantastic sports day this week. They took part in a range of events and had great fun. Thank you to the Junior School for sharing the field for the events.

More photos can be found on our website [HERE](#), which will be updated throughout next week.



Year 1 Visit To The Fire Station

On Tuesday, Octopus and Penguin children visited the local fire station.

We enjoyed the opportunity to consolidate their recent learning about the Great Fire of London, considering how firefighting has changed over the years.

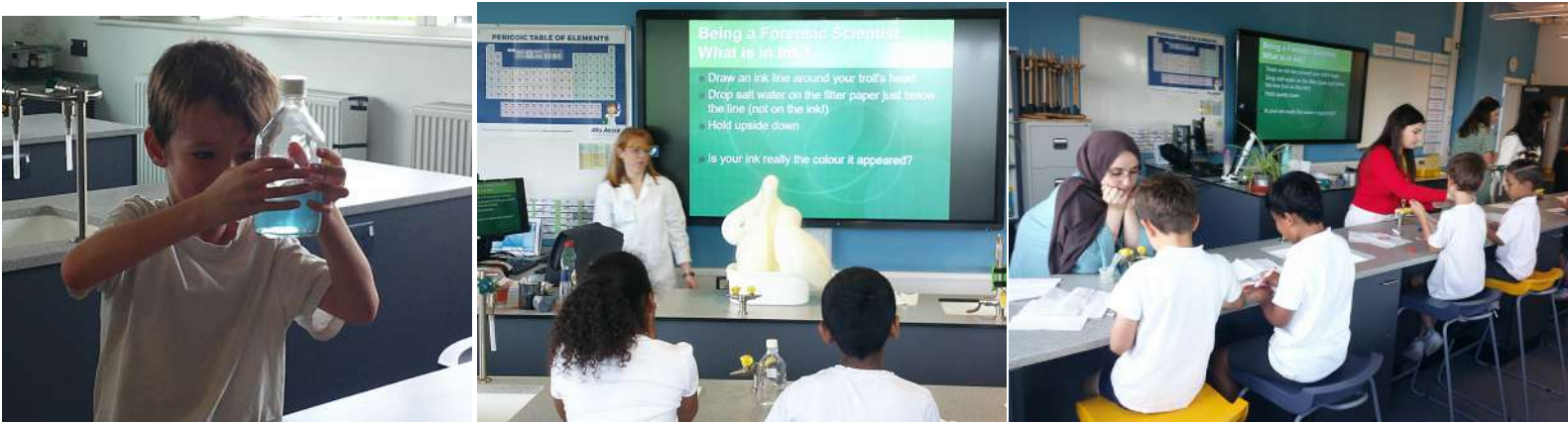
Starfish and Turtle are very much looking forward to their visit next Wednesday!



Year 2's Science Trip

On Thursday, Year 2 children visited the Science Labs at Woodford County High School. They were inspired by an elephant toothpaste explosion and a disappearing rainbow experiment. Also, the children built towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows, investigated the properties of fabric and cabbage leaves and learnt about forensic science.

Now the children all want to be scientists.



Nursery's Allotment

Back in March, the nursery children planted potatoes and have been watching them grow. This week, in group times, they were able to dig up our new potatoes and taste them. In this way, the children are really learning about where food comes from and how it grows.



Disabled Parking Spot

This is a gentle reminder about the importance of the disabled parking spot **outside Milne Court**. We would like to remind you to **not park or wait in this spot if you do not hold a blue badge**.

This is reserved for people with disabilities. Remember some disabilities are invisible and may not be obvious.

Community Day

The school and the PTA would like to invite you to take part in our Community Day on **Saturday 15th July**. This is not a request for money, but for a short amount of your time and enthusiasm that will have immediate and lasting benefits. We know what a fantastically supportive community we have at Churchfields and we really need to draw on that support now – we cannot do it without you.

We would like to say thank you to all volunteers who have signed up already. We really appreciate your support. If you would like to help, please complete the form [HERE](#).

School Uniform For September

We know many of you may begin to source new school uniform ready for your child in September. Please read our school uniform expectations carefully before you select new items as we have noticed that a few children are not wearing the correct uniform.

Full details can be found on our website [HERE](#).

Please note that our school uniform supplier will be at school on **Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July**, if you would like to purchase items from them.

We also have our pre-loved rail available every Friday outside the school office. You may also wish to purchase items from the usual major stores.

Please do ask if you are unsure about our policy or have any difficulties with uniform items in the next few weeks.



Concert Dates

It's nearly time for our End Of Year Concerts! Please read the following information carefully:

As we are a large school, we perform each concert twice to accommodate our 120 families in each year group and ask that the parents/carers from two classes attend on each day. Our school hall is fairly small so please try to attend on your assigned day and keep guests to two per family so we can fit everyone in comfortably.

Please also note that we do not allow siblings or other babies/children to attend our concerts. We know that this may come as a surprise to some of you but this system works really well. Our children work very hard to perform for you and, with younger siblings in the audience, it is not always possible to hear our children speak or act. In the past, families have been supportive of this measure and have enjoyed giving their performing child their full attention. Please find suitable arrangements if you have other children.

We would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

For afternoon performances, we will open the pedestrian gate 15 minutes before each performance is due to begin so please do not feel the need to arrive before this time. For morning performances, we will lock all gates as usual for safeguarding purposes and then open the year two gates at 9:10. This allows us to register the children safely before the concerts begin.

Nursery

Afternoon/ Full-Time - Tuesday 4th July - 2:45 pm

Morning/ Full-Time - Thursday 6th July - 11:00 am

Reception

Squirrel and Butterfly - Wednesday 12th July - 2:30 pm

Ladybird and Hedgehog - Thursday 13th July - 2:30 pm

Year 1

Turtle and Penguin - Wednesday 12th July - 9:15 am

Octopus and Starfish - Thursday 13th July - 9:15 am

Year 2

Koala and Giraffe - Monday 17th July - 2:00 pm

Panda and Jaguar - Wednesday 19th July - 2:00 pm

