

If you know someone who struggles to access the newsletter, please let us know so we can help them.

It has been an exciting half term with trips to watch the netball and the electric palace, the maths puzzle day and the VR experience day not to mention our non-school uniform day for OPAL which raised an amazing £369.69!!! We are incredibly grateful for your support and will keep you posted on all the new resources we buy for the children to play with.

If you have not already done so, please update your parental consents on MCAS. This is really important especially with how many events the children go to and possible photos that are taken. If you have any problems, please contact the school office who can help you. Also, Kittle Photographers are in after half term to take the class photos of the children, so if you do not want your child in these pictures please let us know.

There is a special menu for World Book Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like your child to have the special dinner it must be booked on MCAS by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February so an order can be placed for all the food. Please let us know if you are having trouble booking it as we don't want anyone to miss out and unfortunately we cannot guarantee they will have the same meal if it is not booked in advance.

Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.



### Attendance for the Month of January

EYFS	93.1%	Year 4	95.2%
Year 1	90.3%	Year 5	95.1%
Year 2	94.2%	Year 6	93.0%
Year 3	92.7%	Whole School	93.4%

Well done year 4!

To report your child's absence, please contact the school by 8:30 am.

You can phone the main office on 01255 502444, use your 'My Child at School' app or the school website.

If you are struggling with attendance or punctuality, please contact Mrs. May-Erskine or Ms. Walker who will be able to support you.



### Mayflower House Points

**Beach Hut**



12624

**Pier**



13531

**Lighthouse**



12586

**Port**



11950



Democracy

## Monthly Assemblies

We have had some meaningful discussions in our assemblies this month. Ask your child to tell you about the stories behind our assembly pictures and how they link to our British Values.



Rule of Law



**NO  
OUT  
SIDERS**  
'All different, All welcome'



Respect



Individual  
Liberty



Tolerance

## Diversity Bench

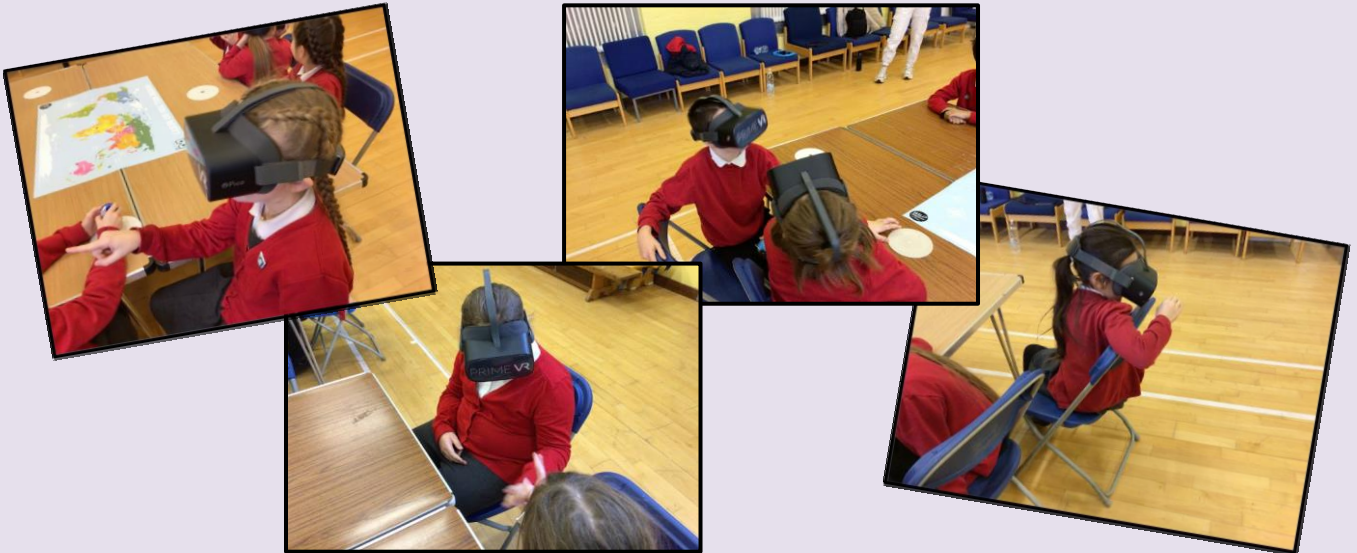
Galloper Wind Farm have kindly donated a special bench for our festival to promote diversity and inclusivity. Some of our children went down to help decorate it with mosaic pieces in a bespoke design by local artist Kayleigh Reed. The grand opening will be during our Diversity Festival and the bench will have a permanent place under the statue of Queen Victoria.



## VR Experience day

Our year 4, 5 and 6 classes were lucky enough to experience immersive VR sessions recently. Each year group explored scenes related to the topics they are studying in class using VR headsets. Year 4 delved into the culture and history of the Vikings. Year 5 uncovered the mysteries and achievements of the Mayans and Year 6 journeyed across North America with its diverse landscapes and cultures.

The children really enjoyed their sessions and this was a wonderful use of technology to engage the children allowing them to experience history and geography in an exciting way.



## Reading Ambassadors Visit Memory Café



Our year 5 and 6 Reading Ambassadors had the privilege of attending the local Memory Café in the Harwich library. The Memory Café supports people with dementia and is a very valuable part of it's regular events.

The children had a wonderful opportunity to engage with the attendees, sharing their love of books and reading. It was heartwarming to see them read fluently and speak with such confidence. Their enthusiasm sparked lively conversations, especially around poetry, fostering a delightful exchange of ideas and experiences. We are incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves, representing our school with such grace and enthusiasm.

## Maths Puzzle Day

We celebrated Number Day by immersing our students in a variety of logical thinking puzzles that encourage their mathematical reasoning without feeling like traditional 'maths'. Each year group participated in sessions designed to foster a love for maths while reducing any anxieties that may arise in those who find the subject challenging.

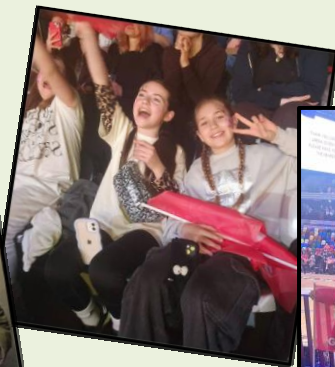
During the day, they tackled a series of puzzles that ranged in difficulty, developing not only their problem-solving skills but also their resilience, teamwork, and ambition. The children had an amazing time and the sounds of their merriment could be heard down the corridors all day.



## Netball Team Visit The Copperbox

Our netball team had the incredible opportunity to watch the Vitality Roses take on Uganda in the Vitality Nations series at The Copperbox in London. What an amazing experience for our students. Not only did the Roses secure a trilling victory with a final score of 54-48 but our team also had the privilege of receiving an autographed shirt and other memorabilia from the players.

We were incredibly proud of our netball team who showed exemplary behaviour and embodied the spirit of good sportsmanship and teamwork. A big thank you to our dedicated staff who take time out of 'normal working hours' to attend these events and give our children such great experiences.



## World Book Day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

This year, we will be 'dressing up' with a twist! Your child is invited to come to school dressed as a 'word' of their choice. We are then going to use all of the 'words' to write a school story.

Some example words are 'ancient', 'camouflage', 'tropical', 'yellow', 'rainbow' and 'magical'. We cannot wait to see how creative the children can be with their chosen 'word'!



You can find more ideas in the letter under announcements on MCAS.

### We also have a special menu for World Book Day

Please book on MCAS by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>



Chicken Licken's Burger

Bruce Bogtrotter Chocolate Cake



Oliver's Vegetable Burger

Handa's Surprise Fruit Bowls

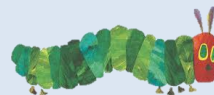
Gruffalo Tusks Potato Wedges

The Hungry Caterpillar's Salad Bar



Jack's Beanstalk Baked Beans

The Ogre's Yoghurt



### Diary Dates

14 <sup>th</sup> February:	Last Day of Half Term
24 <sup>th</sup> February:	First Day of Half Term
27 <sup>th</sup> February:	Kittle Photography - Group Photographs
7 <sup>th</sup> March:	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup> March:	Parents Evening
12 <sup>th</sup> March:	Parents Evening
21 <sup>st</sup> March:	Diversity Festival – Off Site Education all day (letter in announcements).
25 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
26 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mother's Day Breakfast
27 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
4 <sup>th</sup> April:	Last Day of Term
22 <sup>nd</sup> April:	First Day of Summer Term



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# WELLBEING WEDNESDAY



A chilled afternoon of looking after ourselves,  
mindful colouring, relaxation, Smoothies

**WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**  
**2PM-6PM**



Harwich and Dovercourt Rugby Club  
Swimming Pool Road, Wick Lane,  
Harwich



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# DANCE OFF AND FUN GAMES



GAME BASED  
ACTIVITIES  
COMPUTER AND  
BOARD GAMES

FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY  
2PM-6PM

Harwich and Dovercourt Rugby  
Club, Swimming Pool Road, Wick  
lane, Harwich

EMAIL OR MESSAGE FOR  
A SPACE



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# Cook Your Own Dinner

**Thursday  
20th  
February**

**Come and Join us for an  
afternoon of cooking.  
We will be cooking a 3 Course  
dinner to sit down and eat later  
in the day.**

**From 2pm-6pm**

More info: [harwichkidz@gmail.com](mailto:harwichkidz@gmail.com) or 07476 915241

