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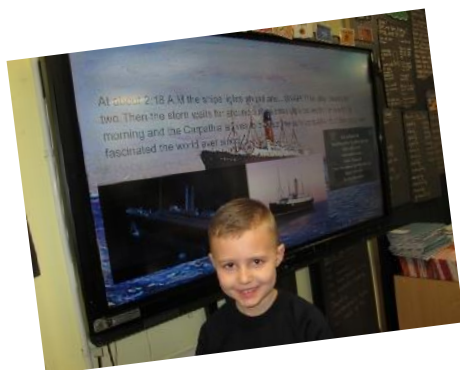
Dear Parents and Carers,

Tendring Vocal Project

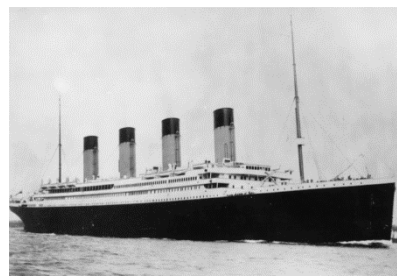
The choir had a very busy week performing, on Wednesday and Thursday evening, as part of Tendring's Vocal Project, at The Princes Theatre, in Clacton. The children sounded amazing! As always, thank you to family and friends for your support and of course a huge thank you to Mr Turner for working with the choir, in the week's running up to this event. Thank you also to the staff members that came along to watch and support.



A Moment in Time!



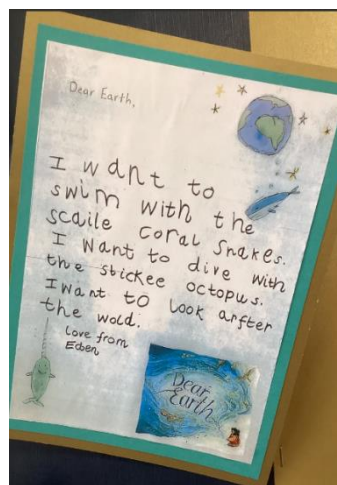
It's always lovely to hear about the children's wider interests and we were super impressed with Stanley's range of knowledge about The Titanic. He put together a wonderful multimedia PowerPoint presentation to share with his class and teachers. Thank Stanley for improving our understanding of this key historical event.



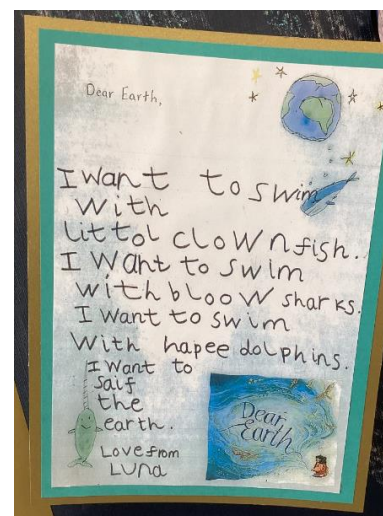
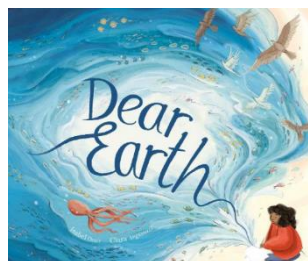


Congratulations to the children who represented Tendring in a County cross-country race in Southend. We are very proud of you all. What an achievement!

Amazing Writing with an Important Message!



One of the texts our EYFS children have been reading this half term is 'Dear Earth'. It's about a small girl called Tessa, who wants everyone to know how special our planet is. She believes that there is a chance to save the Earth if enough of us share the message... and that's just what EYFS have done – what an amazing display of high-quality writing from the youngest children in our school!



Mobile Phones



Unfortunately, over the past few weeks, we have become concerned about the number of incidents reported to us, regarding inappropriate use of mobile devices in and out of school.

Please can you refrain from sending your child into school with a mobile phone unless this is a necessary arrangement, to ensure their personal safety when travelling to and from school. If your child does need to bring their phone into school, for this reason, we ask that you come into the office to complete a **'request permission to bring a mobile phone into school'** agreement (or you can find a copy at the end of this letter).

Here's a reminder of the guides to help parents and carers support their children with online safety, on our website:



<https://www.cannhall.compassps.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+at+home&pid=23>

Attendance Update



Our average attendance this week is once again **92.8%**.

As the weather starts to warm up and the last of the winter bugs pass, we expect to see an improvement with our attendance figures. So, after half term, please try to ensure that your child attends school every day. This means they will be able to keep up with their learning, which will give them the best opportunity to do well in school and make progress.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% a letter to alert you of this, and when we feel it is necessary, home visits will be arranged. If your child's attendance falls below **96%**, we will require evidence to authorise any further absence.

Lateness does also affect your child's attendance. Please try to ensure that your child

arrives at school before the gates close, each morning at **8.40am**.

You can check your child's current attendance using the My Child at School App.

Easter Events and Activities

Colchester Voluntary Services Tending (CVST) have put together in one place lots of events and activities going on during the Easter holidays in Tending. They are free to attend, and some include free meals too. Please visit the following website to find out more. www.cvstending.org.uk/what-we-do/resilience-project/school-holiday-activities-in-tending

Or scan the QR Code



Easter Beat the Street

Remember that Beat the Street is back for Easter! Have you downloaded the Beat the Street app yet, so you are all ready to go? Everything you need to know can be found in the poster at the bottom of this letter.

Active Essex

Remember Active Essex are running the following sessions below, over the Easter Break. You can find out more information by emailing www.activeessex.org



Colchester United Community Foundation, your local sports charity, are delighted to invite you to book tickets for the Colchester United vs Crewe game on Monday 10th April 3pm Kick off, with a special **50% discount** on family tickets. A free programme is included for all, so that the children have something to keep and read after the match.

Bookings can only be made in our family stand (East stand) using your unique discount code: **BRMUSGW%50** to get 50% off match tickets. For X1 adult ticket purchase, X2 children



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Alderwood - Deansfield - Halstow - Horn Park
South Rise - Willow Dene - Wingfield

CEO of The Compass Partnership: John Camp

U11 can attend for free, which means an adult can attend the game half price and take X2 children aged U11 for free.

To book your tickets visit:

<https://tickets.colchesterunited.net/Tickets/BuyTickets/SeatSelection/34417>

Upcoming Adventure Camps



ADVENTURE CAMPS 2023

ADVENTURE CAMP 2023 at Birch Hall
Adventures is a fantastic time to make friends, try new activities and have great fun. Each day there are games, adventure activities and an opportunity to think through the Christian faith.

A typical day begins at 09:00 and finishes at 17:00, lunch is provided, which may involve cooking over a open fire, and there are snacks and drinks to keep the energy levels up during the day. This year there will be four camps and you can sign up to as many as you want. Prices start from £200 for the week.

Our activities include: sailing, seal watching, beach trip, climbing, low ropes, high ropes, target archery, archery tag, archery golf, bushcraft, team games, geocaching, secret bunker, den building. We are a AALA licensed centre and take safety seriously.

Please complete the online form <https://www.birchhall.com/adventurecamp/> to reserve a place or contact us at info@birchhall.com for further information.

Birch Hall Adventures | Kirby-le-soken, Frinton-on-sea, CO13 0EL | 01255 258307 registered charity 1160251

If you are interested, you can contact info@birchhall.com for further information.

Parent Questionnaire



Thank you to those of you who have already taken the time to click on the link here to complete our parent questionnaire. Here is the link to the questionnaire if you haven't already done so.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kZqznRbrcd>

Remember if you have more than one child, you only need to complete one survey, unless you feel differently for different children.

Once again, we really appreciate your time and thank you for your ongoing support and kindness.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

1.4.2023-16.4.2023: Easter Holidays
16.5.2023: 11+ Registration opens
17.4.2023: National Primary Offer Day
26.4.2023 EYFS & KS1 Owl Visit
28.4.2023 Year 1 Zoo Visit
30.6.2023: 11+ Registration closes
1.5.2023: Bank holiday
4.5.2023: Cann Hall small hall being used as a polling station - there will be changes to the use of gates.
5.5.2023 King Charles III Coronation Garden Party (from 2pm)
8.5.2023: Bank holiday for King's Coronation
9.5.2023-12.5.2023: KS2 SATs Week (Year 6)
18.5.2023: Census Day
23.5.2023 PTA Discos (EYFS & KS1 3.15-4.15pm. Y3-4 4.30-5.30pm. Y5-6 5.45-6.45pm)
27.5.2023-4.6.2023: Half term
16.6.2023 PTA Fathers' Day Pop Up Shop
5.7.2023: Open evening 3.30-5.30pm, then EYFS new parent meeting at 5pm
6.7.2023: Year 6 transition CCHS & CCA
10.7.2023-14.7.2023: Year 6 Residential to Mersea Outdoors
18.7.2023, 16.30.18.30: Year 6 Party
19.7.2023 @10.00: Year 6 Leavers Assembly
20 & 21.7.2023: Non-Pupil Days

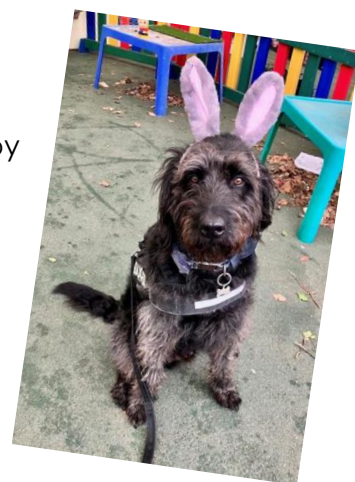
From everyone here, including Baxter, we wish you a very Happy Easter.

See you all on Monday 17th April.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes



REQUEST PERMISSION TO BRING A MOBILE PHONE TO SCHOOL

Pupils are strongly discouraged from bringing mobile phones onto school premises on the grounds that they are valuable and may be lost or stolen. However, we recognise that for older children in Y5/6 mobile phones may have a part to play in securing pupils' personal safety before and after school, particularly on journeys to and from school. Our expectation is that in all other year groups pupils will be collected by an adult or responsible person.

Please note that the use of mobile phones is not allowed within school at any time and you are asked to make your child aware of the rules relating to mobile phones within the school, which are set out in the 'Use of Mobile Phones' policy. In cases where children are unable to meet these requirements, permission to bring a mobile phone into school may be withdrawn.

If you wish to request permission for your child to bring a mobile phone into school, please complete the details below and return to the School Office.

Pupil Name:

Class:

Signed:
Parent/Carer

Date:

I would like to request permission for my child to bring a mobile phone into school. He/She needs to bring a mobile phone to school for personal safety before and after school when in attendance.

I understand that the following conditions apply:

1. Mobile phones must be switched off and given to the designated member of staff, which may be the class teacher, upon arrival at school and will be kept securely.
2. Mobile phones can be collected from the designated member of staff at the end of the school day.
3. The school is not responsible for the loss, theft or damage to the phone whilst in our care.
4. The school has the right to withdraw consent if your child is unable to meet the requirements of the 'Use of Mobile Phones' Policy.

Authorised: Signed:
(Headteacher/Teacher)

Date:

Please note that this agreement is valid until the end of the school academic year.

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Visit new places, have fun and win prizes!



Beat the Street is a free, fun, walking, cycling and wheeling game which gets children, families and communities out and about in the local area, having fun together and keeping healthy.

By playing with the app you can get access to exclusive features. Collect Gems, choose an avatar to represent you and raise the competition with our team leaderboard!

Get active outdoors and see how far you can go! There are **hundreds of pounds worth of vouchers** up for grabs for the top teams and individuals.

How to play

1. Download our new Beat the Street App via App Store or Google Play.
2. Add family members and register a card to player profiles. Set up a team or join an existing one.
3. Use the app to find your local Beat Boxes and start collecting points! Tap the Beat Box icon on your phone and swipe to collect points!
4. Visit 2 Beat Boxes within an hour and collect 10 points for each Beat Box - this is 20 points for the journey.
5. Carry on your journey. Score 10 points for each extra Beat Box you visit.