

Where has the first half term gone? It seems to have flown by. It has been a great start to the new school year and we have been really pleased with how well the children have settled back into the daily routines of school.

From a sports point of view, we have pushed on with our participation in a range of sporting events within the borough which has included many successes for our boys' and girls' football teams plus matches for our netball team. Pupils have also taken part in a tri-golf event which they thoroughly enjoyed. I know that Coach Lewis has lots planned for next half term too so watch this space!

Following an assembly led by Louise from the Children's University, we have seen an increase in pupil participation. If your child is not a part of the CU, we would strongly encourage you to sign them up. They accrue hours for all extra-curricular activities they attend which include school clubs and are invited to a graduation ceremony in the summer term.

Our parent/teacher meetings held this week were a huge success and we would like to thank parents in Year 3 and Year 5 for their flexibility, staff absence and transport issues meant that we had to reschedule a few appointments.

We wish you all a fantastic two week break and look forward to seeing the children on the 6th November.



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Head teacher postcard: Oscar (R), Reuben, Harley (Y6)

Teacher Postcard: Jazmin (Y1) Freddie, Joshua, Rocco, Renzo, Alice, Daisy, Arthur, Millie M, Bobby, Ambar, Roman, Logan, Millie C, Kody, Avaani, Billy, Roman, Ronnie, George, Santi, Albie, Ollie, Willow (Y2) Arlo, Daisy, Ben, Olivia (Y3) Sienna, Lucia E, Tayyibah, Sarwan, Fayzan, Damian, Sam, Riley, Noah (Y4) Will, Jaida, Sofia, Freddie, Izzy (Y5) Rowan, Jacob (Y6)

Pen Licence: Fayzan (Y4) Melissa, Zeliya, Rohan, Leo (Y5)

Gymnastics: Level III Hugo, Emilia (Y1) Ambar (Y2) Level II Ruby (Y3) Level IV Arabella, Amba (Y3)

Swimming: Level 2: Arthur, Roman P (Y2) Stage 3: Elsie (Y1) Edie (Y2) Stage 4: Ayla (Y3) Grade 6: Damian (Y4)

Football: Daman, Billy, Rocco, Kody (Y2) Harley, Austin, Harrison (Y4) Player of the match, Alex (Y4) Max (Y5)

Martial Arts/Combat: Lola (Y1) Freddie (Y2)

Karate: Jake (Y4) orange belt; Isabella (Y4) Shotokan certificate

Acro Dancing: Santi (Y2) winning 5 trophies

Summer Reading Challenge: Daman (Y2)

Maths & English Award: Akain (Y2)

Boys Brigade: Thea (Y3) two awards

TTRS: Star: Zeliya, Max, Nicole, Ben, Jaideep, Sophia A (Y5)

TTRS Legend: Harry, Daniel, Rohan (Y5)

Completed Bike Ability Training: Sonya, Rhys, Oscar, Mila, Seth, Rex, Martha, James, Hema, Jacob, Chloe, Jokubas, Jake, Hardaya, Akshara

Maths 24 Bexley Competition: Arnav, Daniel, Shaylan, Oscar, Ndidi, Talha (Y6)

Half Term Achievers:

N: Ariella, Henry, Jack, Nirvair, Rochelle **R:** Isabella, Jaya, Lilly, Louis, Leo, Imogen, Raiyan, Arda, Aliza, Tanishi **Y1:** Anna, Erin, Harry B, Teddy, Ronnie, Elsie, Emilia, George H, Jacob, Lottie **Y2:** Avaani, Bobby, Paige, Renzo, Willow, Arman, Inca, Jake, Kylo, Millie M **Y3:** Amba, Isabella, Jesse-James, Archie, Eva, Darcie, Sid, Harrison, Freddie, Emy **Y4:** Ella, Isabella, Lucia C, Ryan, Tilly, Avni, Harrison P, Isabelle, Lucas, Ollie **Y5:** Daisy, Jaideep, Leyland, Lillie-Rose, Sophia P, Finley, Florence, Josephine, Isha, Lettie **Y6:** Arnav, Jake, Ndidi, Scarlett, Tommy, Harley, Reuben, Ruby, Maddie, Brooke



Diary Dates:

Monday 6th November – first day of Autumn 2

Friday 10th November – Year 2 trip to London Eye

Friday 10th November – PTA 'Break the Rules' day (more information to follow)

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day (more information to follow)

Better Together,
Together Achieving



Community Links & News:

Erith Town FC Community programme offer a range of activities within the local area. Their 'Lion and Lionesses' training session based at the new Limewood School in Erith offer sessions for pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Running on a Saturday morning, the sessions are as follows:


9:00 – 10:00 for Reception to Year 2

10:00 – 11:00 for Year 3 to Year 6

Costing £5 a session, Limewood's facilities include a new 3G pitch with sessions led by UEFA qualified coaches offering pathways into youth teams.

More information can be found: info@erithtown.com

Attendance and Punctuality:

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils. We continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our whole school attendance target at 96%. 

Our attendance for the last three weeks has been as follows:
6/10/23: 97.2% 13/10/23: 96% 20/10/23: 95.6%
Every week our attendance has been above national and in line with or above our own target – well done!

Highest class attendance:
6/10/23: Wren with 99.3%
13/10/23: Wiltshire with 98.6%
20/12/23: Warhol with 99.7%

Well done to pupils in Wren, Wiltshire and Warhol classes!

Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.

Notices:

Bikes & Scooters

We have seen an increase in the number of pupils riding bikes and scooters on site. Please encourage your child to disembark when entering the site for health and safety reasons.

PTA Wild Hair Day:

It was lovely to see the creativity of the children (and parents) for the recent wild hair day which raised £297. Thank you to the PTA for their continuing support.

PTA parent Support & Engagement:

The PTA have recently received some negativity from a small minority of parents, challenging their decisions around events and gifts and treats for pupils. Being a voluntary, charitable organisation it is disappointing to hear that this has been the response particularly as they give up so much of their own time for the good of the children and school. A polite reminder to please refrain from making any unnecessary negative comments. I know that the majority of parents support the PTA for which they are grateful.

