



Friday 2nd November 2018

Dear Families,

This week has gone so quickly - the half term is now a distant memory. I do hope you all shared some lovely family time together. It has been an exciting week with the children telling us about their half term and Halloween adventures, and on Thursday KS1 were visited by Dino Girl from the Travelling Natural History Museum. The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed her talk, learning all about the dinosaurs, their different features and how they became extinct. The knowledge about dinosaurs of some of the children was phenomenal. Perhaps we have some budding palaeontologists! Thank you to all the parents who visited the Dino shop after school. It was great to see so many of you. I am sure the children have told you some amazing facts they learnt about dinosaurs.

The weather was exceptionally soggy on Thursday and the children battled with the rain during Forest School. Most children now have their wellingtons in school but please check with your child as some are saying theirs are too small. If you would like to donate any unwanted pairs we would be very grateful for them. With the colder and wetter weather definitely approaching, please also ensure that children bring a waterproof coat each day.

Enjoy your weekend and the fireworks. Stay safe!

Best attendance of the week goes to
Amethyst Class with 100%
Whole school attendance: 97.63%
(target 97%)

Stars of the Week

Amber – Bobby

Amethyst - Ashton

Sapphire – Isla H

Onyx – Miah

Writer of the week – Reggie

Mathematician of the week – Elliot, Nadine and Tyler



Awards this week

Platinum

Bertie for using his ERR skills to work out a tricky word in our book of the week, Sam for sound out the word 'next' in our book of the week, Elsie for showing fabulous friendship skills to a new member of Amber class, Rocky for trying to write his name, Max for using his Hearts Values, Summer for exceptional achievement in Maths and Jasmin for her independent Spanish writing at home.

This weeks 100% attendance with no late mark.

Amber Class

Pearl, Vinnie, Bill, Berty, Chloe, Bobby, Reggie, Elsie, Sam, Anais, Indie

Amethyst Class Sophie, Poppy, Rose, Elliot, Dylan, Jasmin, Fraya, George, Alfie, Sophia, Blake, Summer, Jack, Chloe, Annabelle, Ashton, Ava-Joyce, Kyeron.

Sapphire Class

Ruby, Oliver, Max, George, Isla, Olivia, Jack, Lacey, Teigan, Alina, Connor, Keira, Nadine, Tiarna, Isla-Rose

Onyx Class

Charley, Issy, Belle, Ethan, Gui, Jessie, Isobel, Tyler Isabella, Lilah, Henry, Lillyann, Junior, Danny, Miah.

Primary School Admissions

Children born during the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 can apply for primary school places between 12 November 2018 and 15 January 2019.

Apply on line.

Daily Mile – The European Tour

Miles this week - 48

Next stop – Sarajevo

We have a vacancy for a Caretakers post. If anyone is interested or you know anyone who may be interested please follow the link below. The closing date is Monday 12th November.

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=49171>

Upcoming dates

Friday 9th November- Street party themed lunch

Friday 9th November- Guide dog assembly

Tuesday 13th November- dress up day for Children in Need £1.00 and cake sale after school 50p

Wednesday 14th November- Tag Ruby for KS2

Friday 16th November – Cinema trip

Next week SCHOOL DINNER MENU – Week 2

Head Pupil corner

This week has flown by. Dino girl came in on Thursday to tell us about the evolution and history of dinosaurs. We have had lots of visitors viewing the school. Well done to everyone for being sensible.

Have a good weekend.

Henry & Junior 😊

What an explosive week we have had in Amber class! We have been inspired by Jackson Pollock and have created spooktacular firework paintings and rockets. We have been pretending to rocket into space and have labeled pictures of ourselves in our very own space box. Amber have been exploring the number six and have been finding six objects, writing the numeral and even using ERR to sound out the word! To finish a great week – we have a new friend to play with too!

We really enjoyed our visit from Dino Girl, some of our favorite parts were learning how herbivores digested their food, the re-enactment of the meteorite and using our fantastic fossil knowledge to beat Dino Girl in the 'what fossil am I?'

The fossil dig was brilliant and we couldn't believe how big megalodon teeth were!

This week we have also been investigating the key features of a recount in preparation for writing about our dinosaur day next week. In maths we have looked at different methods to subtract as well as some cross curricular work using bar charts and pictograms.

This week the children have been working on adding and subtracting using the column method using Base ten equipment and explaining the methods to each other. In English they have been looking at adjectives and expanded noun phrases using the descriptions of Maia and Miss Minton from our book this term - Journey to the River Sea by Iva Ibbotson. The children have enjoyed sharing their fabulous creative homework with each other. Keep up the good work - they are so varied and a delight to see. Thank you to Mrs Hunter and Mrs Ford for helping us with our poppies and WW1 art backgrounds.

Next week we will be looking at different ways of multiplying and dividing and beginning to write a narrative.

Onyx Class have been working super hard this week. We have been solving addition and subtraction problems in Maths, using a range of methods and resources to prove and explain our answers. In English we are writing a tension narrative. This week we have focused on our good example text, pulling it apart and looking at the vocabulary used. Next week we are going to be looking at multiplication in Maths, in particular the nine times table and in English we are writing our own narratives. Maybe have a go at practising your times tables and coming up with some exciting adverbial phrases to help with our learning next week.