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Happy Friday everyone!

I hope you have all had a great week, and that you are looking forward to a restful weekend. It seems that the summer holidays are approaching us rather quickly!

It is within these late spring and summer months that I remember how fortunate we are to have such great outside areas in school, and how fantastic it is to be able to get outside and learn. Some of my favourite and most memorable teaching sessions have been outside in our grounds. I vividly remember demonstrating pulley systems by pulling another teacher's car across the playground (they did know about it!), drawing life-sized sea creatures on the playground and creating and demonstrating trebuchets. That isn't to mention the great opportunities for PE sessions the grounds provide - as well as sports days and teacher's races; for which I will leave the school undefeated.

After a busy week of SATs has come...a busy week of SATs. It was time for our Year 2 to step up to the plate, and they have done so with enthusiasm and determination. It is easy to become concerned when the press talks about the difficulties of such exams, but I can safely say that they took them in their stride; so well done to Year 2 - you have certainly done me and themselves proud.

In our assembly on Thursday this week, we listened to a story based on the life of Albert Einstein. Perhaps regarded as one of the most important thinkers of the past century - Einstein's early life would not to an onlooker predict the genius he would become. The fact that one of the most recognisable minds ever known had significant speech delays is perhaps a message to everyone in recognising what may be achievable if we give people the time and opportunity. Einstein had the courage to keep thinking and asking questions about the universe, even when he wasn't listened to, and that kind of courage to stand up for what you believe is something I find remarkable.

Our classes have been very busy again this week. Class 1 shared some fantastic learning with Class 2 this afternoon, creating viewfinders in the style of Yayoi Kusama. Class 2 shared in some excellent role play this week - taking turns to be Christopher Columbus and talk about the voyages he had. Class 3 have been completing some superb work on perimeters this week - and have made excellent progress using both books and equipment. Finally, Class 4 have been writing wonderful book reviews. I hope that their love of reading is an inspiration for younger children within the school.

I will say what a pleasure it has been to spend time with the whole school during assemblies, where the children consistently show fantastic behaviour and respect - even in the face of my occasional singing. As I move into my last full week at Tolleshunt D'Arcy, I look forward to forging a few last memories here. There is certainly a lot to look forward to with Class 3's assembly and our netball match against Heybridge - and I know the children will continue to be fantastic advocates for the school and its community.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Este

Deputy Headteacher

Safeguarding

We all have a duty to safeguard the children in our care and if the school suspects or knows that a child is at risk of significant harm, we will make a referral to Social Services. The school does not investigate any disclosures that children may make, we are a referring agency. Procedures on safeguarding from the Government make it clear that all staff should operate with an 'it could happen here' approach to any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns about a child please telephone the Essex Child and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627.



PTFA News

**Thank you for
all of your
great donations
today.**

**They will be
made into
fabulous
hampers ready
for our raffle at
the D'Arcy
Village Fete on
Saturday 3rd
June**

**Thank you for
supporting the
Coronation
mug/tea towels.
We raised £31.**



Jesus said "Let the children come to me." (Matthew 19:14)
Courageous Creative Friendly Persevering Responsible Truthful



Certificate of Achievement Winners

Class 1: Etta
Archie

Class 2: Frankie
Violet-Rose

Class 3: Lila
Ethan

Class 4: Mia
Olivia

House points

This week's winners are:

Blackwater

Weekly Statistics

Class	Attendance %	Lates
1	88	4
2	93	1
3	99	3
4	93	0

School Week – 93%

Whole School Academic Year – 94%

(Target 97%)

Well Done to Class 3 for attendance and Class 4 for punctuality!

Fun 4 kids



Welcome back Bethany

www.darcyschool.co.uk/fun4kids

Diary dates

- 24th May 2:45 pm – Class 3 Sharing Assembly
- 24th May 3.30 pm – School v. Heybridge Netball Match at D'Arcy
- 5th June – Whole School Trip: Colchester Zoo
- 8th June 5pm New Reception Parents Information Evening
- 12th June – 2 Johns Event
- 16th June – Father's Day Treat
- 19th – 23rd June – House Games

Inset Days

26th May 2023
30th June 2023

Dear God,

Thank you Lord for all our many strengths. Help us to use our strengths to help others.

In Jesus name

Amen

Christian Value: Courageous

