



Maltese Road Primary School



NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024

Dear Parents and Carers



World Book Day 2024

Thank you for supporting the school with World Book Day. The children had a great morning visiting different classrooms to participate in a variety of activities. There were some amazing costumes!



World Book Day Dance Workshop –

The Children had such a fantastic time on Wednesday during the dance workshop. Here are a couple of pictures of Year 4 performing George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. A big thank you to Rachel Squier for leading the dances.



Congratulations

During the February half term, Dr Browning got married! When returning to school she will be known as Dr Simpson. We wish Mr and Dr Simpson a very happy life together.

Update on Year 1 Class

Dr Simpson will be returning to Maltese Road on Monday 24th March. Mrs Khandoker will continue to teach the Y1 class until Thursday 28th March. From Monday 15th April Dr Simpson will be the class teacher for four days a week Monday - Thursday and Mrs Story will continue to teach the children on Fridays.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Khandoker who has been doing a fantastic job as interim Year 1 teacher.



Reminders for the week

Monday, 11th March, we are having our **Class photos**. All children must be wearing full school uniform (Years 3-6 have PE on this day, could they please bring PE kits with them to school).



Lockdown Practice – Tuesday 12th March

There is an expectation that throughout the academic year schools to carry out a Lockdown drills as well as Fire drills. Please be reassured that before the practice, the children will be prepped and informed in a school assembly and class discussions, in a very child friendly manner so that there is no confusion or any child becomes frightened during the lockdown.

World Poetry Day Competition

All children have been invited to learn and perform a short poem from our anthology or a **poem of their choice**. These shall initially be performed to their house teams on **Wednesday 13th March**, after which a vote will decide a performer from Reception, Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6) from each house.

The live finals will take place in the hall on **Thursday 21st March**, which is World Poetry Day. This is an invaluable experience for children to learn a poem for life, teaching them to enjoy, share, participate and express themselves through language.



Other reminders

Parent/Carer Survey – Spring 2024

Thank you so much to those who have already completed the parent survey. There is still time to provide the school with your views. Please follow the link <https://forms.office.com/e/hjkEqUsAy?origin=lprLink>
The survey will close on Friday 22nd March 2024 at 9am. Thank you.

Year 3 & Year 4 have been invited to **Chelmsford Cathedral on 19th March 2024** to take part in an Easter workshop. As the children will be walking to and from the Cathedral, they will need a packed lunch on this day.

The Bee Musical Performance – Years 3 & 4 We would like to invite year 3 and year 4 parents to our school production of The Bee Musical which will be taking place on both Tuesday 26th March at 9:15am and Wednesday 27th March at 9:15am.

Due to restricted space, we are unfortunately only able to invite up to 2 adults per child for each performance. A costume letter has already been sent home but please can we remind you that these need to be in school no later than Friday 22nd March.

Termly Donations - Our spring parental contributions are now open on ParentMail, we are hopeful that we will once again be able to make some purchases for the benefit of all the children, so please donate if you are able.



Beat the Streets Well done to all the children and parents that have signed up to take part in Beat the Street. If you are using the mobile app you can keep up to date with our Maltese Road team leaderboard. Play the free fun, walking, cycling and wheeling game in Chelmsford and South Woodham Ferrers! Join our Maltese Road school team and we could win loads of great prizes. Visit www.beatthestreet.me to find out more. It's really easy to either download the app or play along online



Congratulations to Misha who participated in the Brentwood School Chess Tournament in the Under 11 age category last weekend. This category comprised 53 players, and Misha secured the 20th place out of 53. Additionally, he was awarded a special prize for the best effort in his age category. Throughout the day, he played 8 games, achieving 4 wins and one draw.



Internet Safety Tips – Week 1

Following Internet Safety Day, over the next few weeks, we will be sharing some top tips for Internet safety that you can implement at home. We hope they will be useful!

1 Set boundaries

1. Make rules together.
2. Talk about what they share online, e.g. comments, photographs and videos.
3. When is tech-free time, before bed, at the dinner table?
4. Be consistent – make the rules and stick to them.

Mrs White

Important messages:-

- ✓ If there is a change in circumstances when collecting your child from school at the end of the day, **you must telephone the school office by 2:30pm at the latest.**
- ✓ If you need to contact your class teacher at any time please feel free to use ClassDojo, or the class email address found on our website.
- ✓ Please ensure that if your child is not attending school that you phone the school office every day of the absence on (01245) 357 860 to inform us by **9:00am.**
- ✓ Please note that any urgent messages must be contacted by telephone and not email, as these messages may not be seen until the following day.

Pupil Awards 

Attendance Award: **Fox Class**

Maltese Road Values

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| Respect | Elsie |
| Resilience | King, Catherine, Isobel, Aaliyah |
| Responsibility | |
| Creativity | |
| Collaboration | Deyana |
| Compassion | |
| Courage | Myles |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

| Date | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th March • 12th March • 19th March • 26th March • 27th March • 28th March • 29th March – 12th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Photos • Lockdown Practice • Year 3 & 4 Easter Workshop at Chelmsford Cathedral • Year 3 & 4 The Bee Musical Performance – Parents Invited at 9:15am • Year 3 & 4 The Bee Musical Performance – Parents Invited at 9:15am • Last Day of Spring Term • Easter Holidays |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th April • 6th May • 27th May – 24th May • 3rd June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Term • May Day Bank Holiday • Half Term • Non Pupil Day |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th June • 24th – 26th June • 10th July • 11th July • 19th July • 22nd & 23rd July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day – Details to Follow • Year 6 Residential Trip to Essex Outdoors Mersea • Year 6 Leavers Performance – 1:30pm – Parents Invited – Details to Follow • Year 6 Leavers Performance – 9:15am – Parents Invited – Details to Follow • Last Day of Summer Term • Non Pupil Day |

2023-2024 Term Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Spring Term |
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Nuts

We are a nut aware school; we have children and adults with nut allergies, which could be very dangerous for them to be in contact. Please ensure that you check ingredients of all foods sent into school, even items you buy regularly, as there can be changes to ensure there are no issues.

Natasha's Law and Birthday Treats



If you are sending treats in for classmates to celebrate a birthday, please ensure that each individual packet has clearly labelled ingredients. If that is not the case, we will sadly have to return the treats to you as we will be unable to give them out under Natasha's Law. Alternatively, purchase a fabulous book for the children to enjoy and keep in their classroom in honour of the birthday. Suggested books for your child's age are listed on the class pages of our website.

P.E.

Children must not wear any kind of jewellery in PE lessons, including watches and earrings. Our school upholds the Essex policy around earrings, which states that earrings should be removed and that taping is not a suitable substitute, as it does not reduce the risk of the back of the earring puncturing the neck. Children with medium/long hair are reminded to tie it up securely



SEND News

Autism Central have a range of upcoming events (both virtual and in person) these include; Supporting Toileting, Wellbeing for Parents, Early Language and Communication Support and Understanding Demand Avoidant Behaviours.

Please visit the website link below to find out more information and if you need any support please do not hesitate to ask.

<http://www.autismcentral.org.uk/events> [Events | Autism Central](#)



Essex Child and Family
Wellbeing Service



Relaxed play group

A fun drop in play group for 0-8 year olds, aimed at children who may benefit from a calmer environment and supportive of children who may experience sensory overload. Inclusive session for children who may have a special educational need and/ or disability- no diagnosis needed.

Time: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Dates: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.
(Upcoming dates: 2nd & 16th Jan, 6th & 20th Feb, 5th & 19th March 2024)

Location: Chelmsford West Family Hub, Dixon Avenue, CM1 2AQ

Free admission and no booking needed.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to a staff member about accessibility needs prior to attending, please give us a call.

t: 0300 247 0014

w: www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

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SEND Sensation is the provider of short breaks community clubs and activities for children and young people in Mid Essex and North Essex.



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#Local #Accessible #Positive

As a partnership of trusted organisations, we aim to provide a **local** service that is **accessible** to all. To promote a level playing field and **positive** experiences for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

"Her confidence has grown each time and continues to do so, and so has mine, thanks to all the amazing staff"

Short breaks clubs and activities give children and young people the chance to take part in fun activities and try new things, helping them to flourish socially, independently and safely.

Each of our core partners are well established and trusted with a highly trained and experienced network of staff. All staff hold current enhanced DBS checks. If needed, they have access to specialist healthcare training to ensure they can meet all medication, feeding and support requirements for your child.



"I didn't know how much you had to offer, it's brilliant, there really is such a range in activities for all needs"

A great benefit of the SEND Sensation partnership is the choices we can offer. With our six core partners we can provide a wide range of venue-based clubs with specialist staff and facilities, as well as many supported mainstream activities and community days out. Sessions run after school during term time, at the weekends and in the school holidays.

With something to suit all ages from early years up to their 19th birthday. Activities include centre-based kids clubs, themed youth clubs, sensory sessions, dance, sports, arts and crafts, cooking, radio, days out, special events, club nights and more.

PTA NEWS

The activity markings for the playground have now been chosen and ordered. They are being painted onto the playground next Thursday, weather dependent.

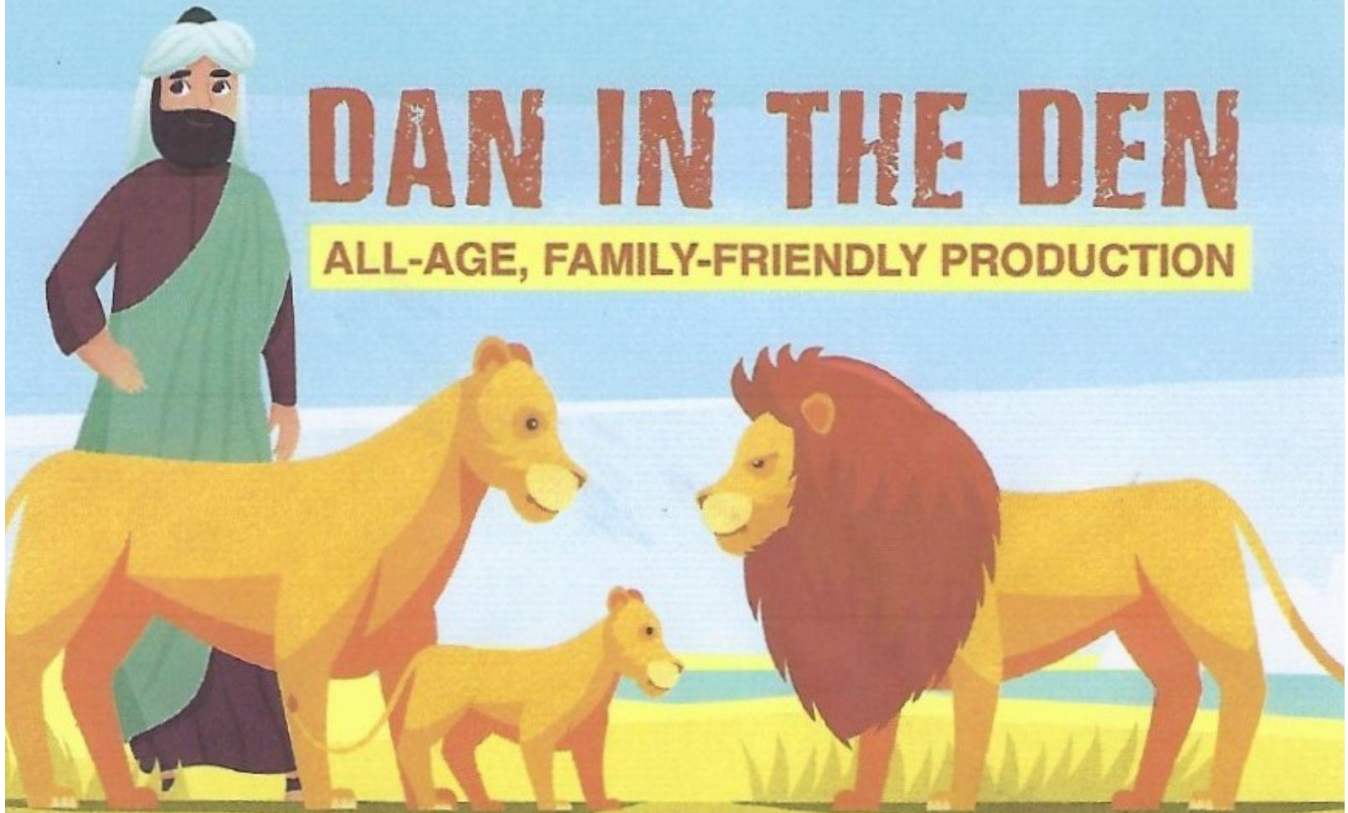
Dates for your Diary

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| PTA AGM meeting | Friday 21st March (10am) |
| Easter Design Competition | Thursday 28th March |
| Easter Bonnet Competition | Thursday 28th March |
| Easter Egg Hunt | Thursday 28th March |
| Adult Quiz night | Friday 26 th April (7:30pm) |
| Parent/Carer celebration BBQ | Friday 14th June (6pm-8pm) |
| Summer Event | Saturday 6th July |
| Year 6 Prom | Thursday 18th July (6pm-8pm) |

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ALL-AGE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY PRODUCTION



Join us for a **wild adventure** with this **fun, lively** theatre show, **perfect for all the family!**

Thursday 14th March 4.30pm

St Andrew's Church

Melbourne Ave CM1 2DT

FREE EVENT
donations welcome

