



Ardleigh St. Mary's Church of England Primary School (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School



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Christian Values



Our Christian Value for this term is Responsibility.



Year 6 News

Mersea Watersports

As part of their treat week, the Year 6s visited Mersea Island Watersports on Tuesday 13th July. We were going to be doing paddleboarding, but because of the windy conditions we all did kayaking.

When we arrived on Mersea Island, we had a bit of spare time so we walked down to the beach for a sand sculpture competition. On the way we stopped off to sing **Happy Birthday** to Charlotte and to enjoy the delicious chocolate cakes she had brought along for us all.

After lunch, we walked to the watersports centre and got changed into wetsuits and lifejackets. They were a bit tight, but we soon got used to them. All the year 6s were in double kayaks and Mr Kempster, Mrs Carey and Mrs Newman all had their own. We paddled out across the river and through the tidal marshes, even having time to stop for a swim.

We all found it very exciting but also a bit tiring.

By Levi Booth

Orienteering / Bowling

On Wednesday 14th July, the Year Sixes travelled to Highwoods Country Park in Colchester, for a spot of orienteering.

In groups, we followed maps of the woods to find different signs on the trail. Each sign we found gave us a fact about an animal that lives in Highwoods.

After orienteering, it was lunchtime, and we all ate our lunches and then had a play in one of Highwoods' play areas.

When we had finished, we walked to Tenpin Bowling and had a couple of games each before eating our tea.

Sadly, it was Jacob Partridge's last day at Ardleigh St. Mary's, so we all said goodbye and wished him luck at his new high school.

After a play in Castle Park, it was time to go home.

By Charlotte Bohanna-Smith

Heartstart

On Thursday, Year 6 met Mrs Arnold on the school field for our Heartstart session.

She taught us how to perform CPR and the recovery position. We each had a go at practising the recovery position on each other. Then she demonstrated CPR on a dummy. First, you had to slide one hand over the other. Secondly, place your hands in the middle of the person's chest and firmly push your hands onto them (quickly) 30 times, followed by two breaths to the mouth. Mrs Arnold explained that the breaths are not always necessary because the presses can also fill the lungs with air.

It was very informative and is a skill I think we all will be able to use in the future if we need to.

Thank you, Mrs Arnold.

By Jules Nunn



Sports Day

Yesterday we held our 2020 - 2021 version of Sports Day.

We were really upset last year as we couldn't run our annual sports event and so this year we were determined to do something for the children.

Although this was not organised in the normal way with a large number of races and parents were not in attendance, we still managed to have an exciting and enjoyable time yesterday morning.

All children were involved in running and skipping races and then each class participated in their own individual race:

Class 1 - Relay

Class 2 - Balancing a ball on a racquet

Class 3 - Dribbling a ball with a hockey stick

Class 4 - Quoit shuttle run

We were lucky with the weather and Mr Cole provided the music and commentary as usual.

I would like to thank everyone who helped for making this another successful sports day.

Mr Kempster was busy with the camera and we have created a slideshow of all the photographs so we are able to share this event with you.

Details of how to access the slideshow will be shared with you next week.



Self Assessment Forms



The children have been really busy this week writing their Self Assessment Forms.

The children have given a great deal of thought to their work and life at school over the past year and have selected those aspects that have made them feel proud or areas that they feel they would like to improve in.

These forms are being sent home today, either by hand - Classes 1, 2 and 3 or electronically - Class 4.

We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did.

Break the Rules Day!

Today we held our second 'Break the Rules Day'.

It was great to see all the different clothes and costumes the children came to school in.

Throughout the day the children have been involved in activities that are slightly different to a normal day including watching a film, extra playtime, eating sweets, drinking juice instead of water and wearing make up, jewellery and nail varnish.

It has been another successful event.





Now taking bookings
for September 2021



Due to increased interest we are also
taking advance bookings for 2022!

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Dates For Your Diary

- *20.07.21 Break up
- *21.07.21 Non Pupil Day
- *01.09.21 Non Pupil Day
- *02.09.21 Start of new academic year - 2021 - 2022

Non Pupil Days



The date of our remaining non pupil day is Wednesday 21st July 2021

Non Pupil Days 2021 - 2022

Wednesday 1st September 2021 - Safeguarding

Monday 1st November 2021 - Joint Training day with Tiptree and Stanway Consortium

Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Vision Day

Friday 11th February 2022 - Joint training day with Stour Education Partnership

Monday 6th June 2022 - Assessment



Additional Letters

*Edition of Church Chimes

<http://www.ardleighstmarys.org.uk/index.php?id=610>

Meals - Lunch Menu



The menu for week beginning 19.07.21
is
the **SPECIAL MENU** - sent out 24.06.21



Please don't forget, if you have any issues or queries you want to discuss with any member of Staff please contact us either by email or telephone.



Have a lovely weekend.
Take care and stay safe.



From all at
Ardleigh St. Mary's.