



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 9th May 2019

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Head talk

My word to summarise the past seven days since our last newsletter is ***inspirational***. No, I am not referring to the Champions League scores from this week! Although they were amazing!

At the end of last week, our Class 5 and 6 girls' football team demonstrated great effort, teamwork and skill against Langham Primary School. Their inspirational performance led to a 3-1 victory. This was followed on Friday by a mixed Class 4 football match also against Langham. The team's commitment and togetherness inspired their families to roar their support from the touchline! The Class 4 team won 4-1.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Dawn Wood, one of only seven women to have rowed across the Atlantic, to our school to share her inspirational story in an assembly and visit classes.



Dawn set out to break the world record of 49 days. Unfortunately, due to wind and tide a 3000 mile journey became 3255 miles! Dawn

missed her target by 2 days but has become second fastest woman to row across the Atlantic.



There were gasps in the hall as Dawn shared some video clips and photographs from her journey. The highlight was seeing the turtle nibbling Dawn's underwater camera. Dawn was inspired to undertake this mammoth challenge after finding lots of discarded plastics on our coastline as part of her day job as a Marine Police Officer. Dawn's mission is to raise awareness about the problem of plastics polluting the world's oceans and to encourage others to reduce their single use plastics. Every year a huge number of sea birds, fish life, whales and dolphins die from becoming entangled in plastic waste or eating so much plastic they become malnourished and die.

Also, Dawn spoke about setting personal goals and inspired us to think about goals in our own lives.



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If you want to find out more about Dawn's challenge and mission you can visit her website at the following address;

<https://rowaurora.co.uk/>



Hopefully, many of the children shared some information with you at home from Dawn's visit. If so, Dawn would appreciate comments on her social media feeds to support her in being able to continue her inspirational work.

www.facebook.com/rowaurora

Twitter @aurora_row

Instagram @rowaurora

Mrs Chan is expecting a baby

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Chan is expecting her first child in October 2019. Mrs Chan is a Teaching Assistant and is currently working with children in Classes R, 1 and 2.

I'm sure you will want to join us in sending Mrs Chan and her husband our congratulations and best wishes for their new adventures ahead!

Parking outside of school (Please, please, please!)

I continue to receive a number of complaints from parents about dangerous parking. Although parking can be challenging, there is no excuse for blocking pavements and crossings! Please avoid parking on the pavement and near or on the crossing. They are to be kept clear at all times to allow parents and children a safe walking route or crossing point. The safety of our school community and the residents of Parson's Field remains our priority. Thank you for your support in keeping our community safe.

No Celebration Assembly Friday 17th May

Please note that there will be **no Celebration Assembly** on Friday 17th May due to other events taking place in school.

Recalling all Trophies from Last Year's Celebration and Award Event

This time of year again!

If your child received a trophy last year I would be grateful if you could return the trophy to the school office as soon as possible.

Year 6 Residential Trip – Final £50 Instalment due by Friday 17th May

Please note that if decided to pay for the Residential Trip by instalments the 3rd and final instalment is due by Friday 17th May. Please make cheques payable to Dedham Primary School Fund and ensure all monies are in a marked addressed envelope.



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Netball match – Monday 20th May

The netball match that was cancelled on Monday 29th April has now been rearranged for Monday 20th May, therefore there will be no netball club that day. Children are welcome to stay and watch the match if they would like to – please can you advise the school office if this is the case. Thank you.

OTHER

Enrichment Activities

Attached to this Bulletin are flyers regarding possible enrichment activities. These are organised by external organisations. Whilst Dedham Primary School is happy to share these opportunities with our parents and students we have no responsibility for them.

Year 5 Science ‘Treasure Hunt’ and ‘Robotics’ Workshop - Saturday 11th May 2019

Colchester High School would like to invite your son/daughter to attend an exciting Year 5 Science Workshop, taking place on Saturday 11th May from 10am to 12pm.

Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in two exciting workshops. One group will begin with a Robotics session using the latest technology to design and build robots as part of the STEM programme. The second group will take part in a Science Treasure Hunt using laboratory equipment and will be in the Science labs. The pupils will spend an hour in each session.

Numbers for this day are limited and will be offered on a first come basis. If you would like

your son/daughter to take part in the morning's activities please complete the reply slip attached and return it to Colchester High School by Wednesday 9th May. A place will be confirmed by email before the event.

Dedham Parish Council

Play equipment on Dedham Playing Field – Consultation reminder

Dedham Parish Council is considering supplementing the existing play equipment on the playing field with additional equipment for older children. To view our ideas please come along to the consultation event, to be held on Thursday 9th May between 2pm and 4pm and between 6pm and 8pm. The consultation will be held at Dedham Sports Club, Southfields.

Youth Club presents...Dedham Car Boot

On Sunday 9th June, Dedham Youth Club will be hosting a Car Boot Sale from 8am (8am sellers / 9am buyers) – 1pm. Please see attached poster for further details (a copy of the poster is also on the school notice board). Thanks.

Mistley Kids Club

Please follow the below link to find out details regarding Mistley Kids Club activities for the May Half Term.

<https://www.mistleykidsclub.co.uk/holiday-sheet>



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Adult Community Learning Centre

Spring into summer fun and fast taster courses are an opportunity to make and create, learn, share and try before you buy, either on your own or with friends.

This half-term event is taking place from **Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st May** at ACL Colchester.

Each session is **just £5** (family learning courses for parents and children are **free**). Please see below link for further details.

<http://www.aclessex.com/spring-into-summer>

Calendar dates for the summer term

Date	Event
23 rd April	Term starts
6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
13 th May	KS2 SATs week
24 th May	Non-uniform day for DEN Site
24 th May	Understanding Christianity Day – Kingdom of God
27 th May	Half Term week
3 rd June	Non-pupil day
10 th June	Phonics Screening week
14 th June	Sports Day
20 th June	Class 5 trip to Elizabeth Selby Primary School and St Paul's Cathedral
21 st June	Reserve Sports Day
26-28 th June	Year 6 residential to Mersea
1 st and 2 nd July	Manningtree High School Induction
5 th July	Summer Fair
17 th July	KS2 Production at 6:00pm
18 th July	KS2 production at 7:00pm
19 th July	Music recital at 1:30pm Reports home
22 nd July	Assembly at church Open afternoon from 2:00-6:00pm
23 rd July	KS1 & KS2 Celebration and Awards Assembly at 9:15am Leavers' party 5:00 – 7:00pm
24 th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am