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Dear Parents

Learner of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are our Learners of the Week:

6BI	Katherine Moodie	2CC	Raul Iacob
5NR	Jacob Reynolds	2SJ	Charlie Ryan
5SM	Georgina Vint	2TH	Jem Boden
4LH/HT	Elsie Mahoney	1EW	Tillie Lindup
4LW	Khaleesi Wilson	1RF/GM	Eddie Knight
3SC	Kian Platfoot	1BR	Freddie Shaw
3RB	Tristan Twiname		

Sports Day

We are really looking forward to welcoming families back to our field for sports day. The timings for the children's events are as follows:

YR, Y1 and Y2- 9.00 - 10.15

Y3 and Y4 - 10.30 - 11.55

Y5 and Y6 - 1.15 - 3.00

Parents are able to join their children for lunch on the field. If you have pre-ordered a school packed lunch your child will bring this out with them. If parents cannot attend children will be able to join their friends or sit with their teacher to eat their lunch. Entry to the event is via the front gate only. In the morning once you have dropped your child off you are able to make your way straight onto the field. The back gate will close as usual at 9am. When parking please be considerate of our neighbours and please do not park on double yellow lines in roads around the school or in private parking spaces.

Class Photos

Please note that the children will be having their class photos taken on Tuesday. Please be assured that we have taken into consideration when the children will be swimming to ensure wet hair does not feature.

Birthday sweets

Please be reminded that under Natasha's Law we are unable to distribute sweets in packets for birthdays where they do not have the ingredients listed. As an example we cannot hand out the small packs of Haribo sweets that come from a large multipack. Teachers will return these to parents if they are brought in.

Swimming

Miss Wood, our swimming instructor, has selected 2TH Group 1 for their outstanding progress and attitude in the pool and Sid from 3RB for his kind attitude and for encouraging his group to keep going and doing their best. Congratulations to you both.

The swimming timetable for next week is:

MONDAY - Y6 Water Skills Group 1, 2TH, RLEB, 4LW, 4LH/HT

TUESDAY - 1BR, RNC, 2TH, Water Skills Group 1, 4LH/HT Group 2

WEDNESDAY - 2CC, RLEB, 1EW, Y6 Water Skills Group 2, Y6 Water Skills Group 1

THURSDAY - 2SJ, RNC, 3RB, 3SC

Y4 Rainforest Warriors

Tayla (4LW): On Thursday 16th June, Year 4 had a visitor from Zoolab called Elle. She brought in 5 different animals from the rainforest: Bernard and Ava the snails, Dexter the corn snake, Tilly the millipede, Bellatrix the tarantula and Tiara the tree frog.

Grace (4LW): Elle said the giant African land snails can grow up to be the size of a football. Imagine seeing one of those!

Jim (4LH/HT): Elle said that when some frogs eat, they push their food down with their eyeballs, then yawn to get them (their eyes) back up!

Amelia (4LW): The snail felt all slimy! It was kinda gross but she said to rub in the slimy stuff because it's good for your skin... weird, right?!

Maja (4LW)/Oliver (4LH/HT): The corn snake was my favourite because the colours were beautiful and the snake felt really smooth. It smells and sees with its tongue.

Teddy (4LW): I loved all of the animals but I thought the frog was really cool because it could change colour by what it was standing on so, if it was standing on a leaf, it would turn green.

Melody (4LW): Unfortunately, we weren't allowed to hold some animals because they were very fragile so if we dropped them, they could get injured. Thank you Elle for this amazing adventure with these magnificent creatures!

Find out more on the website at <https://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/rainforest-warriors/>

Sports Round up

3Ts Uttlesford cricket finals

Today two teams represented DEEP in the 3Ts Uttlesford cricket finals at Saffron Walden Cricket club. Both teams played some strong opposition with some really tight games. With our slick fielding and solid batting the results were going our way. After playing all the teams our Green team came 4th and the Black team came 1st, making them the 4th and best 3Ts cricket teams in Uttlesford. There was a further batting competition at the end where Lucas, Freya and Katie won medals for gaining the best batting scores. Another fantastic result and well done to everyone.



Sports for fun

This afternoon our school hosted a Sport for Fun afternoon for 55 Y5 and Y6 students. The head of Uttlesford and Dunmow sports partnership ran a range of sporting activities that the children may not have experienced before. A successful and fun afternoon was had by all.

Uniform

Suppliers of clothing for uniforms are struggling to obtain some sizes and styles at the moment due to varying world climate factors. Therefore if you are thinking of buying new uniform for September please do not leave it too late. Speedstitch, one of our suppliers, have produced the attached leaflet detailing their summer cut-off date for orders. Alternatively our second hand uniform is sold all year round via your child's online account at www.scopay.com or via the Scopay app.

Open Evening

We will be having an open evening on 14th July however the format will be slightly different to pre-pandemic. Instead, it will be an opportunity for the children to take you to their classroom to look through their work rather than as a grand tour of the whole school. It will also be an opportunity for you to speak to the teacher about your child's report if you wish. Details on the times will be sent out at the start of July.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 27 June	
MONDAY	Y6 Water Skills Group 1, 2TH, RLEB, 4LW and 4LH/HT swimming
TUESDAY	Class Photos
TUESDAY	1BR, RNC, 2TH, Water Skills Group 1 and 4LH/HT Group 2 swimming
WEDNESDAY	2CC, RLEB, 1EW, Y6 Water Skills Group 2 and Y6 Water Skills Group 1 swimming
THURSDAY	Y5 HRS Taster Day
THURSDAY	2SJ, RNC, 3RB and 3SC swimming
FRIDAY	Non-Pupil day

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths