

Moreton C&VA Newsletter

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Headteacher Welcome

What a beautiful sunny day to end our half term. It has been a productive time and I have seen lots of hard work across the school. It was great to see you at parents evening this week; I hope you found it useful. Please could you complete this survey to enable us to check how informative the evening was <https://forms.gle/s9Rc9xDAE9YXG3v18>

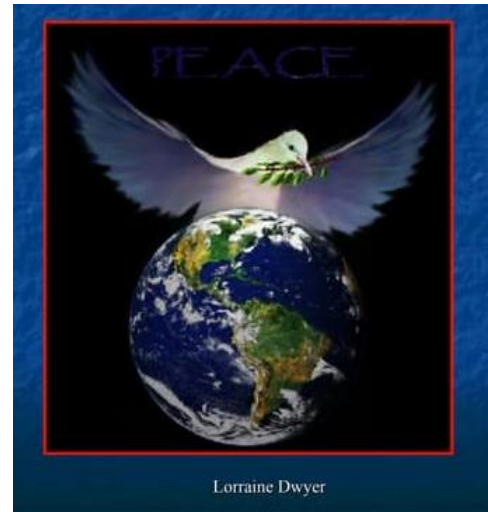
I am very proud of our year 4 pupils who have won the Fortnite Fever Fest against all the other local schools. They achieved an amazing 11,673 points. Furthermore, 19 pupils have turned their heat map in TT Rock Stars green, showing that they know all the multiplication facts and associated division securely. Well done Pheasant class.

I hope that the sunshine continues over next week and that you have a wonderful half term. Children return to school on Monday 24 February 2025.

Mrs Ball

Upcoming Dates

24.2.25	NSPCC speak out week
28.2.25	Daffodil House breakfast and wear yellow
4.3.25	Year 5 & 6 online MARS day Epping and Ongar District Cross Country
6.3.25	World Book Day
9.3.25	STEM/Science week
14.3.25	Holi colour run (3pm onwards)
17.3.25	Neuro Diversity Week Shamrock House breakfast and wear green



Notices



Healthy Eating

Our home from school policy has now been approved. Details of suitable snacks can be found in the policy which is here:

<https://www.moretonceprimaryschool.co.uk/policies/>

Snow or Ice

If we receive heavy snow or ice and need to make changes to our school day, we will let parents know in the following ways:

- Facebook page
- Website notification
- Essex radio
- Email

Please ensure you are able to access your child's Seesaw or google classroom in case of remote learning.

Please see our calendar on the website for any upcoming days that you may need to prepare for.

Please ensure your child has a warm coat and hat/gloves to wear at break and lunch time.



Family support and wellbeing

Children's behaviour in school and at home can vary greatly. We know that in school we often see one version of your child while at home you see another. As a parent it is hard to know where support is available, if you are experiencing difficulties. As a school we work closely with the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service, here is a little more information about their offer.

Please visit their website for full details including how to submit a referral.

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/services/family-support/>



**Essex Child and Family
Wellbeing Service**

The Family Hub team is made up of a collection of different professionals, including health visitors, school nurses, and healthy family support workers. We're able to see children and families in the community; whether in a local clinic, play area or in your own home.

Areas of support that can be provided:

- Behaviour Support including boundary and routines
- Child Development ● Toileting ● Sleep
- Getting out and about
- Connecting with people in your community
- Transition to School or Senior School
- School Readiness ● Healthy Lifestyles
- Emotional Wellbeing

Muddy Walk- Not a Stick

a witch's broom!



Mrs Barros taught the children the 'stick game' inspired by Antoinette Portis to encourage stick play. Everyone finds a stick, then you approach a friend and say 'I LOVE your stick!' they reply 'it's not a stick, it's ...'

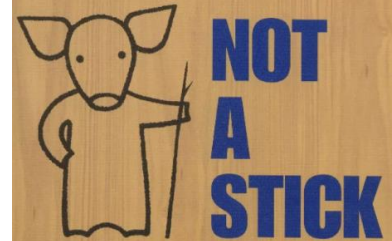
A weight!



An axe!



Maybe you could try this on a muddy walk this half term? What could your stick be?



BY ANTOINETTE PORTIS

Year 2

We had a great time at Sayers Farm. A big thank you to Mr Gemmill for allowing to go to his arable farm.





Year 3



On TT Rockstars Day we described our character and then asked an AI tool to draw us from our description. Some of the pictures were spot on!

Time to Talk Day

We played games with our classmates, asking each other questions and listening to the answers.



Year 5



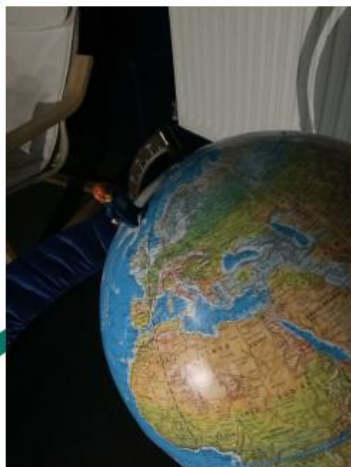
We have been exploring the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.



We had a great time on NSPCC Rocks day completing a range of Maths activities

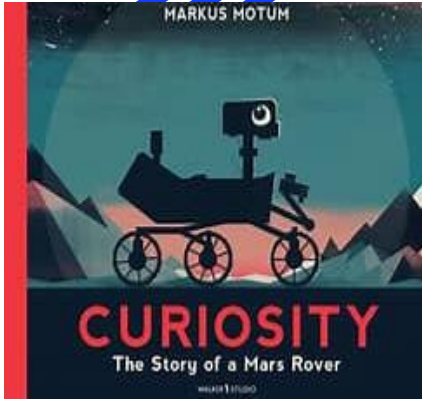


In Science we have been learning about stars and constellations. We made constellations from mini marshmallows and spaghetti.



Year 6 Students Soar to Stellar Space Success!

Reported by Oakley and Lillie - science correspondents.



Breaking news - year 6 we have been using the text Curiosity The Story of a Mars Rover to inspire them to be newspaper reporters.




In an awe-inspiring blend of education and theatre, year 6 brought the wonders of our universe to life with a dramatic re-enactment of the launch of Curiosity to Mars. They practically explored the phases of the moon and how day and night shift on Earth, captivating their peers with tales of space exploration. Laughter and learning filled the air as they sparked curiosity about our celestial neighbours, igniting a passion for science and inspiring dreams of future astronauts. Who knew learning about space could be so much fun?



In other news...



We took part in Children's mental health week – Know yourself, Grow yourself and dressed as rock stars for the NSPCC number day


BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

Children and young people are invited to book onto fun-filled half term holiday clubs and enjoy free activities run by locally trusted club organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer free, club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible or receive pupil premium, benefit based free school meals or income-related benefits, also children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation. Clubs may offer discretionary paid places and paid for places, so there is something for everyone at an Essex ActivAte club!

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will run in Braintree, Basilston, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.




WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs offer different engaging activities such as sports and games, crafts, colouring, dance, baking and more! They also provide nutritious meals and snacks, as well as food education, helping to engage young people and support parents during the half term holidays. Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs will also be available to book onto, offering further support for children.

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

You will not receive or book on with your HolidayActivities voucher code for half term holiday clubs. To book onto a local club, head over to the Essex ActivAte website, find the area that you live in and book on with the link, email or contact number provided by the club organisation directly.

[Find out more about Essex ActivAte half term holiday clubs and book here.](#)

We were very proud to receive a wonderful letter from a member of the public informing us of Kotryna's positive and helpful manner when packing bags at Tesco. Kotryna's swimming team have entered the 'Stronger Starts' to purchase much needed swimming equipment for the club. Have a look at her at work on the next page. You can support the club by voting for them when you get blue tokens after your Tesco shop.




Keep Voting!

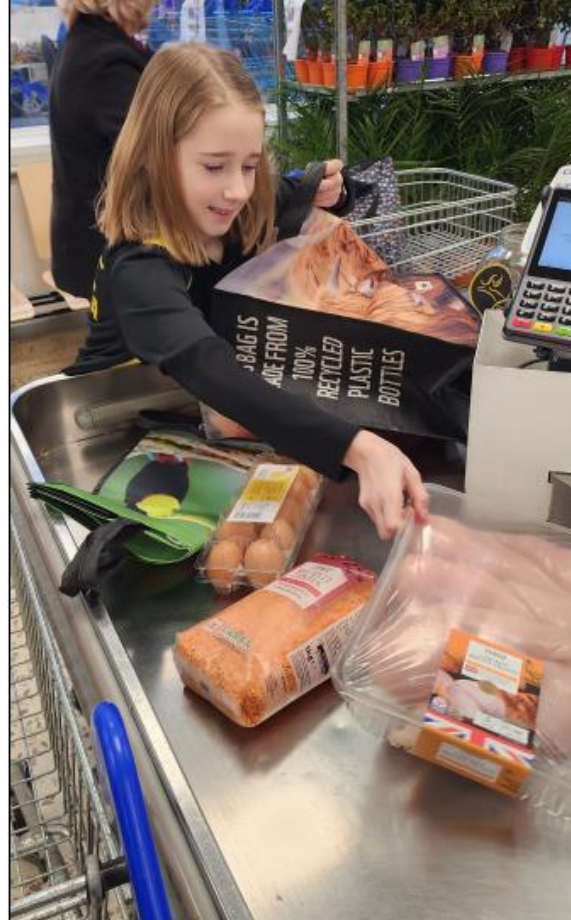
TESCO SHOPPERS

Please continue to support and vote for EFSC when shopping at the following Tesco Stores:

Tesco Epping ~ Tesco Ongar ~ Tesco Theydon Bois

Vote by placing your blue tokens in the EFSC box. Voting is open until 31 March 2025!





Mental Health Support Teams in Schools



Are you a parent/caregiver looking for effective ways to help your young person navigate anxiety and manage big emotions?

Look no further; The Mental Health Support Team is here to support you!

Scan the QR code to sign up to ONE group.
Attendance at all 4 sessions is essential. Any questions
please email mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk

