

## Newsletter No. 37 2023-24 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### End of Year Round Up

This is our final newsletter for this academic year. It has been another extremely busy year, with many exciting learning opportunities offered across the school. Once again, our results across the school indicate that we have had an extremely successful year. These results will be validated next term and I will then be able to share them with you, but my thanks go to all of the staff and, of course, the children in every class for working so hard. Well done!

Today we say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils– this group of children have been fantastic ambassadors for our school and have shown such determination in their final year at primary school. We wish them lots of luck as they prepare to embark on their secondary education. Each and every one of them should be extremely proud of the contribution they have made to Myland. Good luck Year 6 – we will miss you!

To all of our staff who are retiring, moving on to new posts or new challenges, we would like to thank them for their contribution to the success of our school and wish them all the very best as they embark on new adventures. As you know, Mrs. Brown is retiring after nearly 22 years at Myland and she will be very much missed by us all. Mr Keating is also retiring, after 6 very successful years with us. I am sure you would wish to join me in wishing them both a very happy, long and relaxing retirement. They will both be much missed by us all – thank you, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Keating! Miss Martin is leaving us to embark on her teacher training – we know she will be fantastic! Miss Kilpatrick is also leaving us to take up a post in a school for children with additional needs. Huge thanks to them both as they embark on new challenges.

Finally, on behalf of the staff, thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support this year, along with your very generous gifts and kind words. We very much appreciate the strong home/school partnership we have with you.

We hope that everyone has a safe and healthy summer break and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

Best wishes,

*Miss Griggs*

### Attendance this YEAR

Birch Class	95.7%	
Willow Class	93.0%	
Sycamore Class	96.6%	
Larch Class	96.8%	★
Cedar Class	96.4%	
Beech Class	94.2%	
Redwood Class	96.7%	
Oak Class	93.6%	
Chestnut Class	95.3%	
Rowan Class	96.4%	
Maple Class	94.3%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.4%	

Check Email and Bookbags for...

\* Parent/Carer Information Leaflet - Arbor



## School Uniform

If you are ordering uniform over the summer, please remember that our expected uniform is as follows:

- gold school sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo (available to order via our uniform supplier)
- white shirt OR white polo shirt
- charcoal grey tailored trousers or charcoal grey skirt or pinafore. (Girls may also wear smart charcoal grey, tailored trousers, but not 'fashion' style trousers)
- sensible, black shoes - trainers (including black trainers) or shoes with high heels/platforms are **not permitted for school**.
- P.E. Kit consists of a Myland white PE t-shirt; plain black shorts; black plimsolls; plain black tracksuit for cold weather (optional). Items of PE Kit may also be purchased via our uniform supplier.

Please also remember that jewellery is not permitted at school, except for a small pair of plain, stud earrings. Local Authority advice is that parents consider having ear piercing carried out at the start of the holidays, so that children are able to remove the earrings for P.E. when the new term starts. Please remember that make up and nail varnish are also not allowed at school.

Parents should be aware that we do not consider 'extreme' haircuts appropriate for school. This includes *any* close shaven styles and /or designs cut into hair, or where very close shaven styles are combined with long fringes etc.



**DON'T FORGET ..... the Summer Reading Challenge at Colchester Library, with activities throughout the holidays.**

## Medication

Children with inhalers and other medication kept in school have brought these home with them today.

We would be grateful if parents could check expiry dates, ready for September.

Thank you.

Over the Summer break, we will be moving to an electronic First Aid/Medical system. This will enable us to centralise our record keeping more efficiently and will also make it much easier for us to alert parents/carers if your child has had a minor playground 'scrape'. More details will follow at the start of next term.

## Non Pupil Days

The following non pupil days for 2023-24 have been agreed by the Governing Board as follows:

**Monday 2nd September 2024**

**Tuesday 3rd September 2024**

**Friday 14th February 2025**

**Monday 21st July 2025**

**Tuesday 22nd July 2025**

**Children return to school for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 4th September 2024**

## 100% Attendance

Very well done to the following children for achieving 100% attendance this academic year. These children were presented with a **GOLD** certificate in assembly this morning, along with a Book Token.

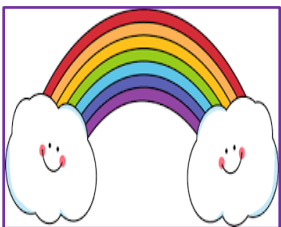
### Well done to:

Oliver L (Sycamore), Ivy (Larch), Rex (Larch), Enid (Sycamore), Emily F (Chestnut), Guy (Cedar), Noah D-G (Cedar), Daniel C (Cedar), Juliet (Oak), Lucas (Oak), Manasseh (Rowan), Liam (Rowan), Ava B (Chestnut), Kayleb (Chestnut), Emily G (Chestnut), Jacob D (Chestnut), Icelia (Rowan), Finn M (Rowan), Bethany (Rowan), Amna (Chestnut) and Fletcher (Maple).

Today, we also presented our Year 6 special award to the pupil with the highest attendance from Reception to Year 6. This year's winner is Max with an amazing total attendance of 99.6% since September 2017. Very well done, Max!

In addition to these children, a further 31 gained a Silver certificate for attendance of 99% or more and another 23 achieved a Bronze certificate for attendance of 98.5% or more. Very well done to all of these children!

Please remember that, due to extremely limited cloakroom space, we ask that children leave large bags and backpacks at home as we do not have the space to safely accommodate them. Please consider a smaller, drawstring type bag when you are thinking about new bags for September. (Children's PE kits, however, must be in a drawstring bag, as these do not cause quite so much of an issue.) Similarly, children do not need to bring a large number of resources to school each day - there is no need for your child to bring their own pencil case (and its various contents!) to school as we provide classroom essentials for them. Thank you for your co-operation.



Mrs. Richardson presents her 'Rainbow Award' each week in Friday's Star of the Week assembly. This is given to a child who has made a significant contribution when working in a group with Mrs. Richardson. Well done this week to **CHARLES** in Maple Class.

## ROCKER OF THE WEEK

Each week, Mrs. Carter chooses our 'Rocker of the Week' - this is a pupil who has made significant improvement over the course of the week in any aspect of their times tables knowledge. Well done to **JIVANI** in REDWOOD CLASS!



## Well Done!

Congratulations to Max in Year 6 who was presented with the Myland Attendance Award in assembly today. This award is for the Year 6 pupil - who started in Reception at Myland - with the highest overall attendance for their school career. Out of a possible 2537 school sessions since September 2017, Max has only missed 11 sessions (5 and a half school days), giving him an overall attendance of 99.6%! Very well done Max!



Please may we remind parents and carers that only small, plain stud earrings are acceptable at school and that these must be removed for PE sessions. If your child is unable to remove and replace their own earrings, please take them out at home on PE days prior to your child coming to school. If you are thinking of having your child's ears pierced, please consider doing this at the start of the summer holidays, so that they have time to heal before coming back to school in September.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Over the past few days, we have migrated our school held data from a system called SIMS to a more up to date Management Information System (MIS) called Arbor. This MIS manages all of our pupil and staff data, attendance data, emergency contact details and so on. (You have received an information leaflet via email today.)

This MIS links with many of our other systems in school, such as Times Table Rock Stars, our electronic safeguarding record keeping system and also our pupil tracking system. It is our pupil tracking system which is used by staff to write each child's individual report and this system also pulls through each child's attendance data. However, due to some technical glitches, the attendance data was not pulled through correctly and some pupils have incorrect attendance figures on their Annual Report. Please do not worry, as our new MIS has all of the correct data. Should you wish to have an up to date figure and attendance certificate, please let a member of our office staff know. Thank you.

Don't forget that the Department for Education is issuing a new code of conduct for attendance which comes into effect from **August 19th**. The link below provides some information for parents/carers:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/category/attendance/>

We will be updating our Attendance Policy in line with the new code of conduct and it will be available at the start of the Autumn Term. Our current Attendance Policy can be found on our school website and if you have any questions about the changes coming next term, please feel welcome to speak to me.



We were delighted to find out yesterday that we have been awarded the BRONZE School Games Mark this year. This tracks the amount of physical activity our pupils participate in at school, as well as in-school and inter school sports activities.

## VIP Table

Well done to our final VIPs for this academic year:

Mira (Birch); Olivia (Willow); Hope (Sycamore); Leia (Larch); Kareem (Cedar); Charlie (Beech); Pippa (Oak); Miguel (Redwood); Aliza (Chestnut); Rylee (Rowan); Sienna (Maple); Maisie (Windmills)

## Goodbye Year 6!

Good luck to all of our Year 6 pupils as they move on to the next stage of their education.  
You will be missed at Myland!



# SUMMER CRICKET CAMP



MONDAY 12 & TUESDAY 13 AUGUST  
SOFT BALL CRICKET FOR AGES 8-11

10AM - 3PM

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# ACTIVate

Free activity clubs across Essex and  
Thurrock for eligible primary and  
secondary school children that also offer:

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Physical, enrichment and food activities
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, locally trusted organisations
- ✓ Family support
- ✓ Resources and guidance

## WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the funded holiday programmes run by Active Essex. During school half terms and holidays, we work with locally trusted organisations to deliver free, holiday clubs to support the wellbeing of children who are eligible for benefit based free school meals or from 'income-related' benefits households.

[www.activeessex.org](http://www.activeessex.org)



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