

Newsletter No. 2 2023-24 – Friday 15th September 2023

Star of the Week

Well done to our first 'Stars' for this academic year who all received their certificates in assembly today

BIRCH CLASS: Harper McDowell

WILLOW CLASS: Archie Bamforth

SYCAMORE CLASS: Hope Wilson

LARCH CLASS: Olivia Watson

CEDAR CLASS: Sakuya Ueda

BEECH CLASS: David Birca

OAK CLASS: Eli Bamforth

REDWOOD CLASS: Mason Harris

CHESTNUT CLASS: Amna Khan

ROWAN CLASS: Rahim Sadi

MAPLE CLASS: Sienna Watson



Well done!

We have had another very productive week in school and I have been especially pleased to see such impressive learning behaviour in every classroom. The general behaviour of our pupils – whether in school or out on visits – is always commented upon as it is exceptional and it is so pleasing to see our older pupils acting as role models for the younger children in our school.

Next week, Year 6 are away on their residential visit to North Yorkshire, where we are all certain they will be excellent ambassadors for Myland. I am leading the visit, accompanied by Miss Pender, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Everden and Mr. Fulcher. Please be aware that there will, therefore, be no newsletter next week.

Miss Griggs

REMINDERS

Next week's MENU will be

WEEK 3

Please pre order by **TUESDAY**
19/09/23 for **WEEK 1**

Attendance this week
(up to & including Thursday)

Birch Class	100%	★
Willow Class	97.3%	
Sycamore Class	98.1%	
Larch Class	96.4%	
Cedar Class	96.3%	
Beech Class	99.3%	
Oak Class	99.0%	
Redwood Class	97.2%	
Chestnut Class	99.5%	
Rowan Class	98.5%	
Maple Class	99.5%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	98.3%	

Check Email and Bookbags
for...

- * Years 5/6 – Residential visit Reminders
- * Years 5/6 – Young Voices, O2
- * Photograph permission letter – paper copy sent **today**



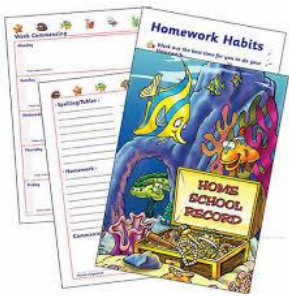
Year 6 – Secondary School Admissions

If your child is currently in Year 6, please be aware that online applications for a Year 7 place for September 2024 are **now open**. Further details can be found at

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places>

All applications must be made by the closing date of

31st October 2023.



As mentioned at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, Homework Diaries and Reading Records will be sent home during the week beginning 25th September. Thank you.



Please may we remind parents that children on scooters and bikes must push them until they are out of the school gates. This also applies to pre-school siblings. Please also remember that the playground climbing equipment, Key Stage 1 'ship' and ramp for the demountable classroom are also not to be used before or after school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Our Rainbow Awards and Rocker of the Week will re-start in the week beginning 25th September.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to everyone who came along to Tuesday's 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. Any relevant PowerPoint presentations will be placed on individual class pages on our school website. If you have any other general questions, please feel welcome to speak to your child's classteacher, either on the playground or during 'At Home' evenings.

VIP Table



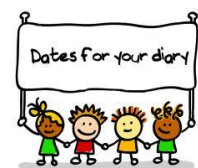
Each week, one child from each class is chosen by Miss Griggs for their kindness, good manners and sensible

attitude. Well done this week to:

Birch Class	Penny
Willow Class	Arabella
Sycamore Class	Raife
Larch Class	Elliot
Cedar Class	Cody
Beech Class	David
Oak Class	Tommy
Redwood Class	Darcy-Ann
Chestnut Class	Unathi
Rowan Class	Sean
Maple Class	Sienna
Windmills	Robert

Diary Dates

Please see list of dates for the Autumn Term on today's newsletter



'At Home' Evenings

Once again this year, we will be offering our 'At Home' evenings. For families new to our school these are a weekly, informal opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and take a look at your child's work and they run from 3.20 – 4.00 p.m. on the designated day for each class. Classteachers will be in their classrooms during this time, but 'At Home' sessions are not for confidential, one to one conversations about your child. However, teachers will be on hand to answer any general questions you may have.

You can see from the list below when the 'At Home' session is for each class. Please remember that it is only your own child's classroom that you are able to visit and only the work of your own child that is available for you to look at. Please also remember that your children (Myland pupils and any pre-school siblings) must be kept under your direct supervision whilst you are in the classroom.

'At Home' sessions will start on Monday 25th September.

Class + Teacher	'At Home' evening
Birch Class – Mrs. Love	Monday
Willow Class – Miss Dandy	Monday
Sycamore Class – Mrs. Fish/Mrs. Lugar	Monday
Larch Class – Mrs. Lewis	Monday
Cedar Class – Mrs. Harrington	Monday
Beech Class – Miss Lee	Wednesday
Oak Class – Mrs. Watts	Wednesday
Redwood Class – Mr. Fulcher	Wednesday
Chestnut Class – Miss Barten	Monday
Rowan Class – Mr. Hewitt	Monday
Maple Class – Miss Pender	Monday
SEN 'At Home' – Mr. Everden	Thursday
Pastoral 'At Home' – Mrs. Richardson	Thursday

If your child has an inhaler or Epi-pen, please complete a form from the office so that we can store your child's medication securely. For any other medication, a form must be completed when the medicine is dropped off at the office. Please remember that we are only able to administer **prescription medication**, which should be clearly labelled as being from a pharmacy and have the child's correct details on it. Thank you.



School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day – you do not need to make online payments if your child is in any of these year groups as your child benefits from the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. However, if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and you are **eligible for benefits related free school meal provision**, please let us know anyway as this will generate important extra funding for our school.

Similarly, if your child is in Key Stage 2 and you think that you might qualify for free school meals, please let us know or ask at the office. There is a simple check that we can carry out which will confirm whether you are eligible and, again, this generates important extra funding for our school, as well as being very helpful for families.

Please continue to make all payments for school meals online and in advance. All orders must be received by the Tuesday deadline of each week, in order that our Catering Manager can place her orders for the following week's meals. Unfortunately, we cannot take orders for school meals after the Tuesday deadline each week.

School Uniform

Children have returned to school looking very smart and it is lovely to see so many children wearing correct school uniform – thank you! As a reminder, our uniform is as follows:

- Boys** White shirt (**any white shirt, including polo shirt – with or without school logo**), charcoal grey school trousers (or charcoal grey school shorts in summer), **gold school sweatshirt with logo**
- Girls** White shirt (**any white shirt, including polo shirt – with or without school logo**), charcoal grey skirt or pinafore (charcoal grey school trousers are acceptable for girls, as are charcoal grey school shorts in summer), **gold school sweatshirt or school cardigan with logo**. In Summer, a yellow and white gingham dress is also an option.
- Shoes** Black, sensible shoes – trainers or canvas shoes should ***not*** be worn for school. Open toed and backless shoes /sandals are not appropriate for school wear and raised heels are also not allowed. (Please also be aware that children who wear boots to school in winter must have a pair of school shoes to change into during the day.)
- P.E. Kit** White t-shirt (plain or with Myland logo); black shorts (plain or with Myland logo); plimsolls (or trainers for outdoor P.E. sessions). Plain black or navy tracksuit for outdoor sessions in colder weather. **CHILDREN MUST HAVE THEIR FULL P.E. KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY** as P.E. is a compulsory National Curriculum subject.

Please remember that jewellery and nail varnish are not permitted at school, along with 'extreme' haircuts (including tramlines/patterns cut into the hair.) Children with long hair (boys and girls) must have it tied back for school. Hairbands should be black or yellow, plain and flat and free from bows or embellishments please. Children with pierced ears may wear plain gold or silver studs and must be able to remove their earrings independently for P.E. sessions. Thank you.

In order to avoid a Lost Property 'mountain', please name everything clearly – thanks!

Healthy Eating

As a school, we are very proud of our 'Healthy Schools' status and the ways in which we encourage our children to live healthy, active lifestyles. Part of this approach involves our approach to healthy eating and snacks. All Reception and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a piece of fruit or vegetable each day, which is provided by the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. They are also welcome to bring a healthy snack in addition to this. In order to keep energy levels up throughout the morning, it is recommended that Key Stage 2 children bring in their own healthy snack for morning break; this can also count towards their 5 a day.

In order to help identify which snacks are appropriate to bring to school, we use a system similar to our 'Golden Wall' traffic lights as a guide.



Green

Fresh/Dried fruit
Vegetables
Plain popcorn
Rice cakes
'No nut' cereal bars
Yogurt



Amber

Yogurt coated fruit
Crackers
Breadsticks
Digestive / Ginger biscuits
Cheese / Cheese dips
Oatcakes



Red

Nuts
Sweets
Chocolate bars
Crisps
Cakes
Chocolate biscuits

Green is for snacks that are good and children can have anytime, **Amber** is for snacks that are to be enjoyed occasionally, perhaps as a weekly treat at school and **Red** is for snacks that are not permitted for snack in school.

Therefore, children in all year groups should not be bringing crisps, sweets or chocolate for morning break please.

Please also remember that we are a nut free school and that **no nuts or nut related products** are allowed in either snack or packed lunches. In addition, sweets are also not permitted in packed lunches. Thank you.

We would appreciate your support in only providing your children with healthy snacks to eat whilst in school, in order to maintain our Healthy Schools status.



We strongly encourage every child to have a named water bottle in school, filled with **plain, still water**.

(No squash or fizzy water please.)

The bottles must be plastic with a sports style or pop up lid. Some children are bringing large, screw top or metal bottles which are not appropriate for school.

Thank you.



ARRIVAL AT AND COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL

Please remember that the school day starts promptly at 8.50 a.m., when the registers are taken. Children may enter school via their pupil entrance from 8.40 a.m. onwards, but any child arriving after 8.50 a.m. must be signed in by an adult on the screen at the main office. (This includes children in Years 5 and 6.)

Please also remember that school ends at 3.15 p.m. – children are brought to the playground by their classteacher and will wait with the teacher until a known adult arrives to collect them. If you are going to be unexpectedly later than 3.15 p.m., please contact the school office to make us aware. Any children not collected by 3.20 p.m. will be taken to the school office.

Any children not collected by 3.30 p.m. and for whom we have had no explanatory message will be placed in our after-school club, 'Windmills' and parents will be charged the half session fee.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is extremely important and is shown to considerably affect your child's overall progress and attainment. Attendance of individual pupils is very closely monitored and school attendance is also viewed by our Education Welfare Officer (EWO), the Local Authority and Ofsted. Schools are expected to have very clear procedures in place for challenging poor attendance, which is why you may be asked to attend a meeting or have a conversation with our EWO if your child's attendance has raised a concern or if you have requested term time absence for a family holiday.

Taking your child out of school during term time could be detrimental to your child's educational progress. There is no entitlement to parents/carers to take their child out of school during term time - however, you may apply to the school for leave of absence if you believe there are **exceptional** circumstances. Parents/carers should collect a green absence request form from the office and return it with an accompanying letter, outlining why the request is considered to be exceptional. This will then be reviewed by Miss Griggs and you will receive a reply. Holidays in term time are not considered exceptional circumstances and will be unauthorised. This may result in a penalty notice being issued.

As a reminder, our weekly attendance 'traffic lights' on the front of our newsletter are used each week as follows – attendance below 95% is a concern and shown in **red**, attendance between 95% and 98% is improving, but could be better and is shown as **amber** and attendance above 98% is what we ideally expect and is shown in **green**. We would very much like to have our overall, whole school weekly attendance consistently in the 'green' category and appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is at school every day. If you have any questions about attendance, please feel welcome to speak to Miss Griggs.



Very many congratulations to Ms. Phillips, our Catering Manager and her family on the safe arrival of a baby boy during the holidays. Both mum and baby are doing very well and we are looking forward to meeting the new arrival!

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

Listed below are some important dates for this term. Don't forget that there is always a 'dates' section on each weekly newsletter and further dates or any changes will be advised in due course.

Date

Event

SEPTEMBER

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd

Year 6 Residential Visit to North Yorkshire

OCTOBER

Wednesday 11th	Individual and Family Group photographs – details to follow
Tuesday 17th	Parent Teacher Consultations 4.00 – 7.50 p.m. (details to follow)
Wednesday 18th	PTA AGM 7.00 p.m. – details to follow
Thursday 19th	Parent Teacher Consultations 4.00 – 7.50 p.m. (details to follow)
Friday 20th	Last day before Half Term

HALF TERM – Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct

Monday 30th

Children return to school

NOVEMBER

Thursday 30th	Years 3 & 4 – Shared Learning 2.00 p.m. – details to follow
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DECEMBER

Tuesday 12th	EYFS Christmas Performance 9.45 a.m. Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 2.00 p.m. (details to follow)
Wednesday 13th	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 2.00 p.m. (details to follow)
Thursday 14th	EYFS Christmas Performance 9.45 a.m. (details to follow)
Thursday 21st	LAST DAY OF TERM

JANUARY 2024

Thursday 4th

Children return to school

Monday 15th

Years 5 & 6 – Young Voices, O2 (details to follow)

There will be additional dates for both Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 for their Christmas presentations as soon as we have confirmed with St. Michael's Church (for Years 5/6). Details to follow.



Myland Primary School

Academic Year 2023-24



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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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= School days
 = School holidays
 = Bank holidays
 = Non Pupil days
 = Weekends

Autumn Term:	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	73 days
Spring Term:	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February – 23 February</i>	56 days
Summer Term:	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday – 6 May</i>	66 days
		<u>195 days</u>

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Is your child due to start school in September 2024?



We warmly welcome interested parents/carers to one of our school tours, when Miss Griggs (our Headteacher) and one of her Assistant Headteachers will be available to talk to you about our school and answer your questions. Come and find out about our fantastic school, including our **OUTSTANDING** Early Years classes.

Places are strictly limited to 10 people per tour, so advance booking is essential. Please call our school on **01206 852109** to book a place on one of the options listed below.

(Please be aware that, due to limitations on space, we are unable to accommodate buggies and pushchairs on these tours. Thank you.)

Date	Time
Tuesday 10 th October	9.45 a.m.
Tuesday 17 th October	10.45 a.m.
Thursday 19 th October	9.45 a.m.
Tuesday 31 st October	5.00 p.m.
Thursday 2 nd November	9.30 a.m.
Tuesday 7 th November	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 7 th November	5.00 p.m.
Wednesday 15 th November	10.45 a.m.
Tuesday 21 st November	1.30 p.m.
Tuesday 28 th November	1.30 p.m.
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	10.45 a.m.

Essex County Council 's policy is that all children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 would normally start at primary school in the academic year beginning in September 2024. The Local Authority co-ordinates all admissions to our school. Essex parents must apply for primary school places by completing the Common Application Form, which must be completed on line at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The closing date for primary applications is **15th January 2024**. This is the statutory national closing date set by the Government.

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