

Newsletter

13th May 2016



Dear Parent/Carer

I am always proud of pupils across our academy, and that is no different this week. There has been a lot of press coverage about the Year 6 SATs tests that took place and how difficult they were. In national news the story was about stressed out pupils, unhappy parents and pushy teachers. There were horror stories, which I am sure helped to hype the viewpoint. I am pleased to report that our pupils did their best. They made monumental effort to reward themselves with the best possible outcome they could, but they also remained grounded. Our staff and parents have helped to support our youngsters and I am grateful the extra time and effort they put in. It is true to say that the outcome of SATs will not dictate a child's future forever, but it is also true that each and every one of our pupils will be able to lift their heads high and say "I did my best". Thank you everyone for your effort in this!

Elsewhere in the school other pupils have been very supportive and have enjoyed a positive week. There has been a wide range of learning going on and it has been wonderful to see all of our site being used; both at break times and throughout the day during lessons.

Please remember to keep checking our website and twitter feed for latest news and information throughout the week.

Jane Sendall
Head of School

**WEAR IT
WILD**
27 May 2016



Place Farm will be taking part in Wear It Wild day on Friday 27th May, on behalf of the World Wildlife Foundation. On this day we are asking pupils to come to school dressed as an endangered animal, in exchange for a £1 donation. The idea was suggested by Ted (Year 3) and Wilson Frere (Year 2), who have themselves adopted a lion and a tiger.

We are looking forward to seeing tigers, wolves, rhinos and whales on the day. If you are stuck for ideas you can speak to Ted or Wilson for ideas. If we are able to raise £200 we will win a tiger adoption for a year! Let's get creative Place Farm!



Year 6 Creativity

The Year Six children have had an exciting week in between their SATs tests designing and creating African masks, as part of their project work. The children improved their painting technique and used collage materials to add finishing touches. The children have also explored using dye to create African patterns. They have been extremely enthused and enjoyed this creative process.



Upcoming Dates

25 th May, 5:00pm	Mersea Trip Parents Information Evening
1 st July	New entrants Morning
7 th July, 9:15am	EYFS Sports Day
7 th July, 1:45pm	Years 1/2/3 Sports Day
8 th July, 1:45pm	Years 4/5/6 Sports Day