



### **Congratulations. We won first prize!**

Thank you so much for your support with the Tesco Community Scheme. Messing School was awarded first place as it received the most tokens and will receive £1,330 of funding from Tesco. We will use this to develop a calm sensory space at the front of the school as part of Frederick's Garden. We will be asking the children for their ideas and hope to include some sensory planting, a water feature, some calming sounds such as wind chimes and some woodland type seating.

We would love to set up a small group of parents who would be interested in supporting with this, either practically or with ideas. Any additional donations or offers of expertise also gratefully received.

Please let me know if you can help and I will arrange a coffee and chat with any interested people.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

We were hoping to have you back into school this term for our meetings but with the recent rise in positive cases at the school it seems wiser to continue with the arrangement for the virtual meetings. (With the option of a phone call if you prefer). Please contact the school if you have any questions.

### **Share and learn**

We will be offering the opportunity for your child to share their learning with you at share and learn meetings. As you know, sadly we haven't been able to do this for the last couple of years with the restrictions we have had in place. It will be lovely for the children to share their learning so that you can celebrate their successes. It will also give the opportunity for you to follow up with any questions you may have at parents' consultation meetings-a staggered timetable will follow.

### **World Book Day**

The school celebrated world book day with book related art and craft activities, poetry and discussions. Celebrating our successes, love of reading and diversity were the focus of the class-based books. Children also had stories and poems read aloud to them by different staff -to be continued this week.

Owls took part in the BBC World Book Day live lesson and enjoyed their own Book Club where they discussed their favourite books and heard extracts from some books recommended, including a video of an Author reading extracts of their own books.

This is Essex Year of reading so we will also be taking part in a live virtual workshop with Dermot O Leary sharing his inspiration for his book 'Toto the ninja cat' with over 500 schools.

### **Diary dates**

<b>8/3/22</b>	Reading information meeting for parents 4.pm via zoom
<b>18/3/22</b>	Comic relief
<b>23/3/22</b>	Parent consultations
<b>24/3/22</b>	
<b>25/3/22</b>	Mother's Day gift room
<b>1/4/22</b>	Last day of Spring term
<b>4/4/22-18/4/22 Easter Break</b>	
<b>19/4/22</b>	Return to school
<b>22/4/22</b>	Spring bunny hunt (PTFA)
<b>25/4/22</b>	Kingfishers -home safety talk
<b>27/4/22</b>	Online safety training for whole school with 2 Johns. Via zoom for parents
<b>2/5/22</b>	Bank holiday
<b>6/5/22</b>	Young voices at 02
<b>9/5/22</b>	Yr 6 SATS week
<b>13/5/22</b>	Choir performance for extended family (PTFA)
<b>27/5/22</b>	Non-pupil day
<b>June</b>	Multiplication tables check for Year 4
<b>30/5/22-3/6/22 Half term break followed by 2 non-pupil days.</b>	
<b>8/6/22 Pupils return to school</b>	
<b>17/6/22</b>	Father's Day gift room (PTFA)
<b>21/6/22</b>	Year 6 cyber safety talk
<b>22/6/22</b>	KS2 Consortium Sports at the Garrison
<b>27/6/22</b>	Summer safety assembly
<b>1/7/22</b>	Sports Day/Summer fair
<b>5/7/22</b>	Celebration assembly Kingfishers
<b>6/7/22</b>	Celebration assembly Wrens /Robins
<b>7/7/22</b>	Reports out to parents
<b>8/7/22</b>	Alternative Sports day in case of bad weather.
<b>12/7/22</b>	Owls performance Dress rehearsal
<b>13/7/22</b>	Owls end of year performance
<b>14/7/22</b>	Owls end of year performance
<b>22/7/22 Last Day of Summer Term</b>	

### **Supporting your child with worries about Russia**

Your child may be feeling anxious or upset about the images and information about the awful events in Ukraine. There are many sources of support for parents/carers on the internet about how to support pupils through talking about what is happening; the following may be of help. Please make sure you look at them first to ensure they are age appropriate for your child. BBC news round may be an age-appropriate source of information about the war.

<https://metro.co.uk/2022/02/24/how-to-talk-to-children-about-whats-happening-in-ukraine-16163133/>

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

[Help for School and College Teachers, and Families to talk to pupils regarding the Russian Invasion of Ukraine](#)