



Fun Run

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On Friday 4th November 2022 some of the children in Kingfisher class went on a mini bus to the Northern Gateway sports Centre in Colchester to take part in the Fun Run. There were other schools too, for example Tiptree Heath. We set ourselves a target and used our growth mindset to beat it. We had a fun afternoon and everybody had a lovely time. It was an extremely big event.

If you would like to visit the Northern Gateway's website site, simply scan this QR code.



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! As always, we have had a very busy and productive two weeks back in school, with the election of our new House Captains and the relaunch of Times Tables Rock Stars. We also had a group of children from Kingfishers class attending a Fun Run in Colchester. All of the children were excellent ambassadors for our school and were all so excited to tell me how many laps they had run, with all of them running more than their personal targets that they set beforehand.

Hopefully all of you have now managed to return the GDPR/ photo and video permissions slip. As mentioned in the letter, this will go out annually so that we are able to update our records. We are keen to share more photos and videos via the school website and the updated permissions allow us to do this with everyone's preferences in mind.

Within school we have been making some small changes to update the communal displays in the corridors to reflect the excellent learning happening. As part of this, we have created a gallery wall in the corridor by the office to capture different parts of school life. We have been repurposing old frames from local charity shops, but ask if you have any unwanted picture frames (A4 or smaller), then please could we have these to use. It's important for us that we model reusing items to the children.

There are range of events coming up in the next few weeks, so please keep a close eye on the [school calendar](#).

Best wishes, Ms Charlotte Brown

House Captains

Congratulations to the following Year 6 pupils on being voted in as House Captains for this year.

- Sapphire- Jacob
- Diamonds- Ben
- Ruby- Jenson

PTFA

The PTFA Autumn pumpkin competition was a fantastic success with so many entries. Mrs Bunting, our very own pumpkin expert judged the along with Ms Gooday. Well done to all children on their efforts and extra special well done to:

- Most Cute- Billy
- Most Glittery- Sophia
- Most Unusual- Olivia
- Most Creepy- Thomas L
- Most Creative- Cody
- Headteacher's Favourite- Jamie C

Thank you for your support of the **film night**. In total we have raised just over £100 for the school. There are a range of items and opportunities within the school that we are fortunate to be able to support with this money.

Times Tables Rock Stars

When it comes to learning times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. It will also help them with trickier concepts such as fractions. The times tables are the basics of maths. If they know the basics, they'll find the rest much much easier.

We recently relaunched Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) within school. TTRS is fun and challenging, designed to help pupils master the times tables! As part of the relaunch, your children will be bringing home a parent's letter which explains TTRS and contains their login details. These have not changed and many of you will have this information, but as we are raising the profile, we wanted to ensure every parent has the details. TTRS have also produced a parent guide video which you can access [here](#).

Each week, will celebrate the children who have made the most effort, spent the most time practising and those who have made the most progress. We will also have friendly battles between year groups and take part in various challenges. There is also a national competition happening during Maths week England which the children will be taking part in (More details to follow).

I look forward to celebrating your children's success soon! Any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Eagland



Key dates

- Road Safety Awareness Week- 14th November
- Anti-Bullying Week- 14th November
- Kingfisher's Assembly- 17th November
- Children in Need- 18th November
- Owl's Assembly- 23rd November
- PTFA Non-Uniform- 25th November

