



*Message from the Head*

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The time has come for the final newsletter for 2022/23. It does not feel so long ago that I was first walking through the door of Messing Primary School during my visits in May and July 2022. What really struck a chord with me is the wonderful community that exists here. Parents, staff, governors and children, working together and supporting each other. As the year has raced by, we have been able to share so many experiences with you, such as class assemblies, Harvest Festival, the Christmas Fair, Nativity, World Book Day and Coronation parades, as well as Messing Maths week and Sports Day. Despite the weather, you are always here to champion the children and thank the staff.

As we have celebrated our Year 6 leavers this week, it is always sad to say goodbye to the children, as well as families who have been an integral part of this community. However, we know that the children are ready for their next adventure and to make valuable contributions to life at the following schools: Thurstable, Plume Academy, Honywood, St’ Mary’s and Colchester Grammar.

Despite the sad goodbyes, we also prepare to welcome new families to school, those joining Reception in Wren class, as well as children joining in Year 5, 4, 3, and 1.

My thanks must go out to the staff at Messing. The most hard working and energetic team! They have embraced many weird and wonderful changes and been incredibly patient! And a final thank you to all of you, for being so welcoming, kind and positive. It really has been a pleasure getting to know you and your children. I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful holiday over the summer. We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 6th September.

Very best wishes,  
Ms Charlotte Brown (Headteacher)



*Sports Day*



A write up by the House Captains  
Ben, Jacob, Steven and Jenson

Sports day this year was fun and very interesting! A new house, Emerald, was only announced 2 days beforehand, but they were straight on it! This year the sportsmanship displayed was epic. Everyone was kind and supportive and we hope there are many more sports days to follow that are so positive. Well done Diamonds for winning.

The final scores were:

- Diamond - 267
- Ruby - 260
- Sapphire- 248
- Emerald - 234

“It was fun and diamond won. Woo!! I hope everyone was really proud of their scores.” Ben

“I am so proud of everyone in Rubies. Although we have never won it, in my opinion you are still the best house. I hope you have a great future.” Jenson

“Well done everyone, it was so fun. You all did so well and great sportsmanship was shown.” Jacob

“We Emeralds had trained so hard to get where we did, being announced only 3 days before the event. I am incredibly proud of our house and how we did. May I wish a happy future for Emerald team. P.S. Congratulations to Thomas and Arlo for being 1st or 2nd place in all races.” Steven.

*Parent Governors*

As you are aware, we are very fortunate that we had 4 very wonderful parents stand for election as parent governor. Unfortunately, we only have space for 2.

Congratulations to Rebecca Gillanders and Amelie Macrae who will join the Local Governing Body.

Thank you to all exceptional candidates for offering their continued support of our school! The votes were very close. Thanks also to those of you who voted.

We still have spaces for 2 community governors.

*Goodbye Mrs England*



Today we held a thank you and goodbye assembly for Mrs England. As is tradition at Messing, Mrs Lewis writes a song and this one was a cracker, and the children really gave it their best! Thank you for all you have given us at Messing, Mrs England. We will miss the enthusiastic summer performances, your true love for maths and the latest football updates. It will certainly be much quieter in the school without you. Wishing you all the best on your next adventure, inspiring students as a secondary maths teacher.





*Family Achievement*



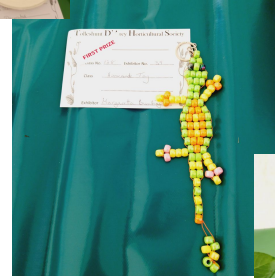
As you are aware, we very much like to celebrate children's success both in and out of school. It was a pleasure to receive an email from Mrs Bunting about the girls participation at the Tolleshunt D'Arcy horticultural show. Not only did Eliza, Margot and Agatha enter a range of classes, but they also received many awards! This followed 3 weeks of preparation for their exhibits.

**Agatha- First Place** for her decorated biscuit

**Eliza- 6 First Places** (notably for her novice flower arrangement in the adult classes)

**Margot- Best in Show** for her imaginary animal made of fruit and veg winning a cup and **First Place** for her toy in the adult classes

Please remember that we always enjoy seeing children's achievements and you can share with your child's teacher.



*Robin Class Trip to Layer Marney Towers*



Recount by Wilf and Samia

On Tuesday 18th July we went on a trip to Layer Marney Towers. At the beginning we went up the tower. There were lots of curvy, pizza-shaped steps to walk up. At the top, there was a silver line and the lady told us that it was the river. We were looking out at the view and could see a long way. Then we went down the steps and into a room and were learning about the Great Fire of London. The lady told us that Samuel Pepys gave the baker, Thomas Fowler, 27 soldiers to try to put out the fire. We used a leather bucket to pretend to put out the fire, but it was too strong. Then we used water and gunpowder to put out the pretend fire. At the end, the wind died down so the fire had gone down as well.

Next we went to the church and there were 2 laying down statues. Then we learnt how a fire ignites and what it needs to keep going; heat, oxygen and fuel. After that we had our packed lunches outside on benches. It was playtime after that and we found a real cat outside. It was laying down to have a rest.

Then it was time to do some art. We made a house out of black paper and cut out windows and cut out a door and then used red and yellow chalk to make the fire.

We had so much fun and loved eating our packed lunch and learning about the fire.