



Wow what a busy and fun packed week we have had at school this week!

Children who walked to school at least 3 times each week in April will be getting their first badges next week, well done! Keep walking in May!

On Thursday we had the Fire Service in, who spoke to our Year 2 children all about the Great Fire of London and fire safety.

Friday has certainly been busy with the Basildon School Relay and the Captain Tom 100 challenges!

There are some brilliant pictures of the Year 2 children who took part in the relay attached to this newsletter and some fantastic pictures of the different challenges the children took part in today. Well done to everyone including the staff who put the challenges together and took part. A special thank you to all of you who have sponsored the children and donated to the amazing Captain Tom charities. Have a lovely long weekend and I'll see you all back on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**.

*Mrs J Farrow*



### '2 Johns' Virtual Parent Workshop



I hope that many of you were able to join the 2 John's e-safety session on Monday evening. It really brought home to me the potential perils of children being unsupervised online and how easily they can be influenced negatively, even by the most innocent-seeming you tube video!

The advice was very clear that as parents we should teach our children how to be safe online in a stepped and considered way, in much the same way that we dangle their toes into water when they are toddlers as the first step towards teaching them to swim. We need to teach our children to play safely online, gradually increasing the boundaries when we know they will be safe. We need to create a parent / child relationship where children know that they can talk to you if they see anything online that frightens or worries them - without fear that you will just take their device off them. If they think that is the case, they won't talk to you for fear of losing their online life.

Please:

- Play games like Roblox and Minecraft alongside and with your child, so you can see how they are interacting in the game.
- Watch You Tube with your child, so you can see the You Tubers that they enjoy and ensure that the content is suitable
- Ensure that location services are switched off on your devices, so that your family address cannot be found
- Tik Tok is not recommended at all for this age group, but if you do decide to allow your child to have an account - please create a parent account and then add the child account to your parent account so that you can carefully monitor the content.

It was shocking to hear how many of our children in the Infants have up to 200 'friends' on Roblox - that makes them extremely vulnerable to predatory adults.

Please do visit the 2 Johns website [www.esafetytraining.org](http://www.esafetytraining.org) for the most up to date advice regarding keeping your children safe online and how to teach them to safely use the technology that surrounds our everyday life. You can also message them direct if you have any specific concerns, or of course come into school and we will try to assist you in any way we can.



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EST E Safety Training

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Bank Holiday – School Closed**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Parents Evening – further details to follow**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Last day of half term**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June: May Half Term**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June: All children return to school**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Reports to go home**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Last day of term:**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August: Summer Holiday**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September: School reopens for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils**

We are hoping that, as national restrictions lift, that we will be able to safely add our usual End of Summer Term events to the Diary. We will give you as much notice as possible.

## Kids Club fun this week!



## Stars of the Week!

Olivia  
&  
Marlie

Class 1

Alex H  
&  
Sahil

Class 2

Olivia  
&  
Jamie

Class 3

Poppy  
&  
Jackson

Class 4

Honey  
&  
Mia B

Class 5

Ethan D  
&  
Charlotte

Class 6

Sabhya

Nursery

### Attendance

Week Ending 23<sup>rd</sup> April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Class 3! - Well Done
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Class 1
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Class 4
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Class 6
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Class 2
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place: Class 5



### Punctuality

Week Ending 23<sup>rd</sup> April

- Class 1: 1 Late
- Class 2: 8 Lates
- Class 3: 0 Lates!
- Class 4: 1 Late
- Class 5: 3 Lates
- Class 6: 1 Late



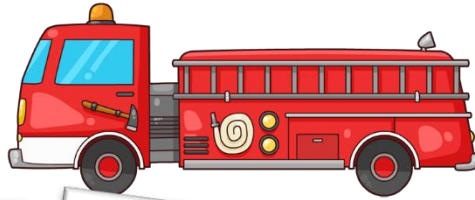
Well Done Class 3!

### Don't Forget...

- Walk to School Initiative
- Book Kids Club/Breakfast space for next week
- School is **CLOSED** on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May



# Fire Safety Visit





Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 20 Year 2 Pupils were met by children from Vange Primary, who passed on a virtual baton to our children who then walked to Northlands Primary School to pass it on to them! Vange Primary gave our children a lovely good luck message and our children read a poem to the children of Northlands! Well done everyone!





