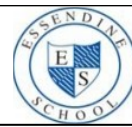




Essendine News

1st February 2019



Ross Montgomery Visit 7th February

Our Patron of Reading, Ross Montgomery will be visiting our school again this Thursday 7th February. He will be working with Year 5/6. Parents of Year 5 and 6 children are invited to attend and watch his assembly this Thursday at 9:15-9:45.

At the end of the day, at 3:25, Ross will be selling and signing copies of his books in the football pitch. If your child buys a book, they will have the opportunity to meet Ross, ask questions, and buy signed and personally dedicated copies of his books. His range of books are very popular with our children and his books range from Year 1 all the way to Year 6. Please come to the book sale and support our patron. If you want to pre-order a book, you can visit this site: pgbb.co.uk/premontgomery

Year 6 Ragged School visit

Year 6 pupils went on a trip this week to Mile End Ragged School in East London. During the trip, they got to experience what life would have been like for a poor child who had the opportunity to go to school. Children learnt about how strict teachers had to be in the classroom, and some were a little bit nervous at first. The children learnt lots and thoroughly benefited from being in an authentic Victorian classroom.



Spelling Bee News

Well done to Sara (6ES) who is the Year 5/6 Spelling Bee Champion of 2018/19 at Essendine! As mentioned last week, all of the finalists will compete this afternoon in the school partnership Spelling Bee against Hallfield Primary. We wish them the best of luck.

Spring Term

With the colder weather now upon us, please ensure children have a weather proof jacket, as some PE session are a short walk away. A reminder there are a number of trips planned and events happening at and around school this term. Please check the calendar dates, both below and on our website, so that you can plan for them in advance.

Year 6 SATs

In preparation for SATs, some Year 6 Boosters have started before school-you would have received a letter if your child is part of that. All other boosters are taking place this term during either, school time or after school as part of a club. It is essential that your child arrives at school at 8:45am as some boosters start promptly at 8:50am I am impressed at how hard many of our year 6 students are working and their dedication and commitment to being the 'Best that they Can Be'. They should be completing an hour of homework per day and a couple of hours over the weekend. If you have any questions please ask your child's class teacher.

2 Year Old Provision

We have a few places still available for the 2 year old provision. Please check our website <https://www.essendineprimary.co.uk/about> for more information and the application details.

Upcoming Dates:

05/02/19- Year 5 & 6 Girls Football

06/02/19- Art/Craft Adult Education course for parents—9:00am- 11:00am

07/02/19- Strengthening families parents course- 9:00am-12:00pm

07/02/19- Ross Montgomery (Patron of Reading) Visit to Year 5 & 6

08/02/19- Year 3 & 4 Children to go to Hallfield for Spelling Bee

15/02/19- Last Day of Term



Stars of the Week

Nadia Hussian 2D

Sharifah Islam 4C

Hayley Lashbrook 5M

School Clubs

A reminder clubs have started for this term and will run for 9 weeks. There will be no clubs the first week after half term.

Forest School

On Friday the 18th of January Year 4 went to Forest School for the third time this year. We made wooden badges and had to drill our own holes with hand drills before decorating. Mawadah said "Making the hole was the hardest but I was resilient and finally did it!" We also used nature from the area to create our own natural art. Finally we gathered around the fire circle for hot chocolate and popcorn,



Mr Scott interviews Sofia from 5S

Did you enjoy the Ragged School Trip?

"Yes! I loved it but I was nervous about going, as I heard there were very strict rules."

What did you do on the trip?

"We used chalk and slate for handwriting, learnt how to say the Victorian alphabet backwards and we did Victorian gymnastics activities within class."

How did the role-play go?

"The role-play was awesome. My heart was pounding with excitement and horror at the same time - Mrs Perkins was terrifying - she walked around the classroom with a whip!"

What was it like for a naughty child in a Victorian School?

"In my opinion, if you were a naughty child, you were punished. There was the back brace, finger stocks, the whip and the terrifying dunce hat. We are very lucky that our teachers are not like the Victorian teachers. Finally, I fully recommend a visit to the Ragged School Museum."

INFORMATION & EVENTS FOR PARENTS

Every Wednesday

Started 23rd January 2019 from 9-11am

FAMILY LEARNING CREATIVE ART/CRAFTS COURSE

4 Sessions Only



ESSENDINE PRIMARY SUMMER FAIR 2019

Parent Planning Committee

Please sign up at the Reception Desk if you can help.

All are Welcome.

Every Thursday

From 9-12.15pm

Strengthening Families PARENTING WORKSHOPS (Birth -18yrs)

FOOD VOUCHERS

Please ask Ms Andrea or Mrs Bentaalla at the Reception Desk if you feel you may benefit from support with food vouchers.