

# JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER 19.04.2024



Our Values - Ambitious - Positive - Respectful

### Useful Dates:

22/4/24 – Earth Day, Whole School Litter pick

24/4/24 – Multi skills event for Class 3 at Roger de Clare a.m.

25/4/24 – Class 3 Edge Outdoor Trip

25/4/24 – Meet the Headteacher meeting 5 p.m.

26/4/24 – Meet the Headteacher meeting 9 a.m.

30/4/24 – Football Festival for Class 2 at RTFC a.m.

6/5/24 – Bank Holiday

22/5/24 – Class 3 Tennis Tournament

23/5/24 – Parents Stay and Read 8.50 a.m.

24/5/24 – Dance Days workshop and Parent Assembly at 2.30 p.m. (TBC)

27/5/24 – 31/5/24 – Half Term

w/c 3/6/24 – Year 4 Multiplication Tables check

w/c 10/6/24 – Year 1 Phonics Screening check

12/6/24 – Class photos

w/c 17/6/24 – Assessment week

19/6/24 – Sports Day

27/6/24 – Bag2School Collection by 9 a.m.

5/7/24 – Jenyns Got Talent Final

5/7/24 – Reports out

11/7/24 – Transition Day

12/7/24 – Year 4 Leavers experience (TBC)

13/7/24 – Braughing Wheelbarrow Race

18/7/24 – Rocksteady Music concert 10 a.m.

19/7/24 – Year 4 Leavers Assembly

19/7/24 – Term Ends 12.15 p.m.

You can also keep up-to-date by regularly viewing the school calendar on the school website.

### Headteacher message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the children, parents and staff for such a warm welcome to Jenyns. I am really enjoying meeting everyone and feel excited to be leading your school. Please bear with me as I endeavor to remember everyone's name over the next few weeks! I would also like to welcome Mrs Smith who is teaching in Class 1 every Friday.

Despite the rather mixed and unpredictable weather, we have had lots of smiles in school as the children have returned to their studies and their friends. I have had the pleasure of spending an afternoon in each class this week, where I have been getting to know the children through circle time activities, as well as receiving letters from the children where they have introduced themselves and told me why they enjoy coming to Jenyns - I do hope to reply to each child individually over the next few weeks.

I also accompanied Class 1 to the woodland area for Forest School; had lunch with some Class 2 children who told me all about their trip to Stansted Mountfitchet; and I enjoyed sitting in on Class 3's English lesson about animals in the Amazon Rainforest.

Starting next week, the school day will begin with a bell being rung on the playground just before 8:50am. Children will then line up on the playground ready to go into class, with a member of staff from each class opening their class gate and welcoming the children in and greeting parents—please use this time to communicate any **short/urgent** messages. If a member of staff is not present on the gate you can pass your message on to myself or Mrs Turner in the office—by no means should parents/carers be going into classrooms or class cloak-rooms. Like all schools, we have such a packed curriculum and learning begins the moment the children get into class.

I look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the Headteacher' meetings taking place on Thursday 25th April @ 5:00pm and Friday 26th April @ 9:00am.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Many Thanks,

Mr Sadler



HCL have informed us of an increase to the cost of some meals from April 2024:

**Junior meals will cost £3.35**

There is no change to Universal Free School Meals or Nursery meals.

## Home Learning

### Exploring Maths Through Games

Over the next few weeks please encourage your child to play or make their own game. If they can bring a game, they have made to school or bring a photo of themselves enjoying playing games, by Thursday 25th April we will share some of these in assembly and will then use these to make a display celebrating their learning in the entrance to the school the following week. Your child could draw their own hopscotch with chalk, make a simple board game, a version of snakes and ladders or something completely different.

(For more information please see Tapestry or Google Classroom)

## CLASS 1

Class 1 are learning about Growth this half term. Just before Easter we planted sunflower seeds which have been growing well. The children are learning what plants need to grow, and comparing length by measuring how tall they are. Our new core book 'Yucky Worms' inspired a worm, bug and mini-beast hunt this week in our forest school session which was very successful!

This week we are very proud of our Stars of the Week who are Benjamin and Amari.



## CLASS 2

We had a fabulous trip exploring Stansted Mountfitchet Castle, the children were very well behaved and certainly showed their Doctor Curious skills asking lots of insightful questions as we walked around. It helped to consolidate all their learning about castles and monarchs in history from last term but we also visited the toy museum as this term they will be looking at how toys have changed over the years.

In English, the children have enjoyed reading our new focus book 'The snail and the whale' by Julia Donaldson and we have begun to use our inference skills to see how the characters are feeling using the illustrations to help.

Please check google classroom for lots more photos from our trip.

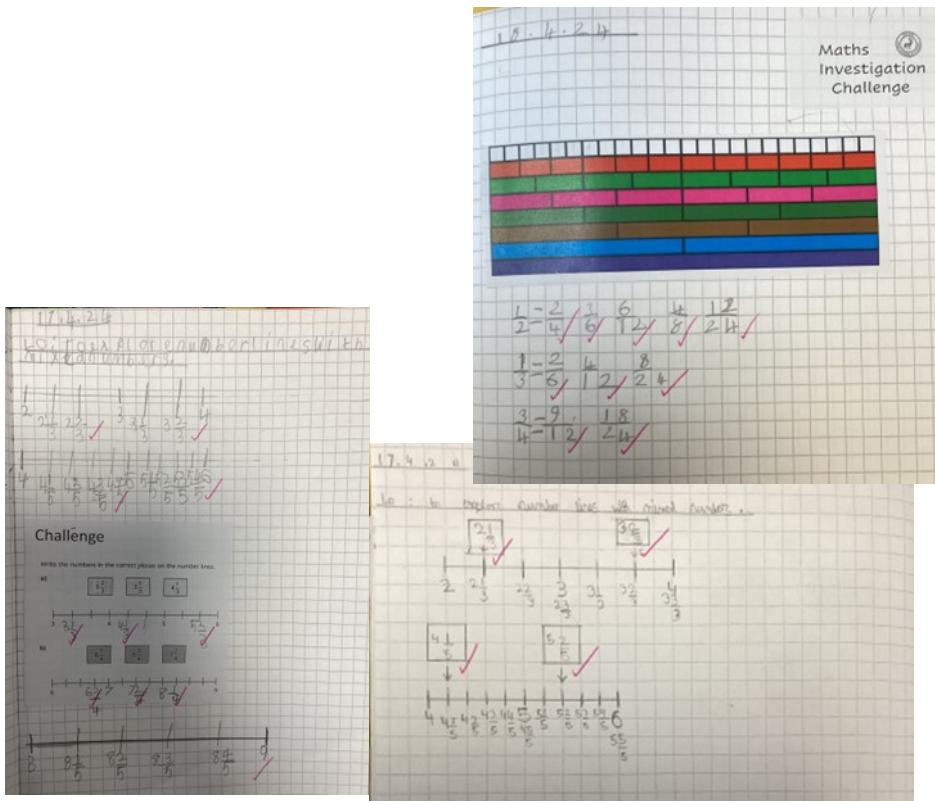
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### Class 3

This week, class 3 have been working hard with fractions in maths. We have been exploring mixed numbers and fractions on number lines. We also took on a 'maths investigation challenge,' where we calculated equivalent fractions using a fraction wall.

This week we are very proud of our Stars of the Week who are Sophie and Grace.



### Attendance Matters

Congratulations to Class 2 who won the attendance trophy this week. Please find the attendance figures for this week below:

**1st Class 2— 96.8%**

2nd Class 1— 93.7%

3rd Class 3—91.1%



### Children's Column



Jigsaw Jennie from Class 1 was found going walk afterschool.

Where in the school has this photo been taken?



Mr Sadler would love to hear your guesses when you see him out on the playground!

The answer will be revealed in next week's news letter.