

March Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to know how to begin the newsletter this month. Just as we are starting to get better from covid, we have the news about the Ukrainian invasion. It is hard to believe what is happening, and it is difficult to imagine waking up to air raid sirens and having to leave you home at the drop of a hat, leaving all of your belongings behind. The news is dominated by the Ukraine invasion and I am sure that many of our pupils will be picking up on these events and feeling anxious. At school we will answer our children's questions the best we can, but we may feel the need to direct some of the questions back to you if we think that your child is feeling troubled about whether they had read, seen or heard about the invasion.

This is my last newsletter before the Easter holiday, so I do hope that you all have an opportunity to have a break and spend time with your family.

Regards

Mrs Bardetti

Headteacher

Collection of pupils

If you have arranged for your child to be collected by someone other than yourself, at the end of the school day, please can you call the school office to let us know. It must only be someone with parental responsibility who changes the arrangements.

Play and lunchtimes

It has been brought to our attention that on occasions parents come to the school gates/ fences at play or lunchtimes to talk to their child. Please could I ask that if you need to speak to your child or pass on a message, you do so through the school office. If a member of staff sees an adult speaking to our pupils through the fence, they may not always realise that you are a member of that child's family and they will obviously be concerned about this, and report it as a safeguarding issue.

Staffing

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Ward, in LHW, at the end of the spring term. Mrs Ward will be moving to another local school. She will certainly be missed by everyone at Holland Haven. Mrs Hawkins, who works with Mrs Ward as a job share, will be teaching LHW full time until the end of the school year.

Stamp Design Competition

Last year, our school took part in a competition to design a new collection of stamps for the Post Office. The theme was about covid superheroes. We had some great designs from our school but unfortunately, we did not make the final selection. However, as we took part in the competition, we have become World Record Holders - the largest postage stamp design competition!

The winning designs can be found on the Post Office website -

https://shop.royalmail.com/special-stamp-issues/covid-heroes?dm_i=40SI,1EYR7,7D3N00,563K7,1



Golden Assembly

Date	Name	Date	Name	Date	Name
4.3.22	Mia Brooks Grace Yau Jack Whelan-Abraham Wolf Ebsworth-Graham Lacey King Chloe Lucas Harry Penny Michael Field Summer Rydon Francesca Markham Heidi Page Isabella Charters Alf Russell Stanley Newman Archie Gibson Henry Clement	<u>25.2.22</u>	Dylan Finch Billy Gladden Evie Baucutt Scarlett Wall Ilayda Ates Blake Gusterson Billy Curtis-Foley Holly Campbell Ashton Wright Georgie Croot Reagan Cronin Eva Doherty Reece Goodwin Archie Hill Leyla Mott Ellie Mai Vanner Daisy Cagehin Lily May Franklin	11.2.22	All of MCY Evalyn Green Silver Times tables: Alexis Will Evalyn Green Mia Soames All of UHa Drew Davies-Lowton Tommy Lynch Faye Field Fearne Bentley Phoebe Smith Louie Taylor Demi Brown Rosie Gamble

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

The March edition of the SEND Bulletin for families is out now. Follow this link to read it.

<https://view.pagetiger.com/sendfamilybulletin/send-family-bulletin-march>

It is also available on the SEND page of our school website.

Also on the SEND page of our website is a link to a very useful resource which has been produced by Essex Family Forum, called Supporting your Neurodiverse Child. This has been written by parents, for parents and contains a wealth of useful information.

World Book Day

We would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to all of you for your generosity and efforts this World Book Day. We saw so many amazing costumes and they really did make the day so special. Our photos were passed on to the local Gazette to feature in their World Book Day supplement. The book sale, which was run by Year 6 Prefects, was also a great success, thanks to the wonderful books that so many of you donated. The children had a brilliant time shopping and the Prefects did a fantastic job making recommendations, finding specific book requests and upselling with 'Buy One Get One Half Price' deals etc! We were able to raise £431.42 which will be used to stock up our school library with the newest titles and replenish many favourites which are looking rather well-loved and tatty.



Many thanks again!

Mrs L Hutton



Red Nose Day fundraiser

Our school council has fed back their class ideas and we have created this fun day for March 18th...

- Non-uniform day (optional funny attire)
- Comedy Shows in phases
- £1 optional donation

Governor Corner

This half term the children have been looking at 'Signs of Spring' in their lessons. This made me think about how, as a society and as a school community, we are coming out of a Covid hibernation. Things feel like we are all slowly creeping our heads out tentatively - still with some small hesitations however.

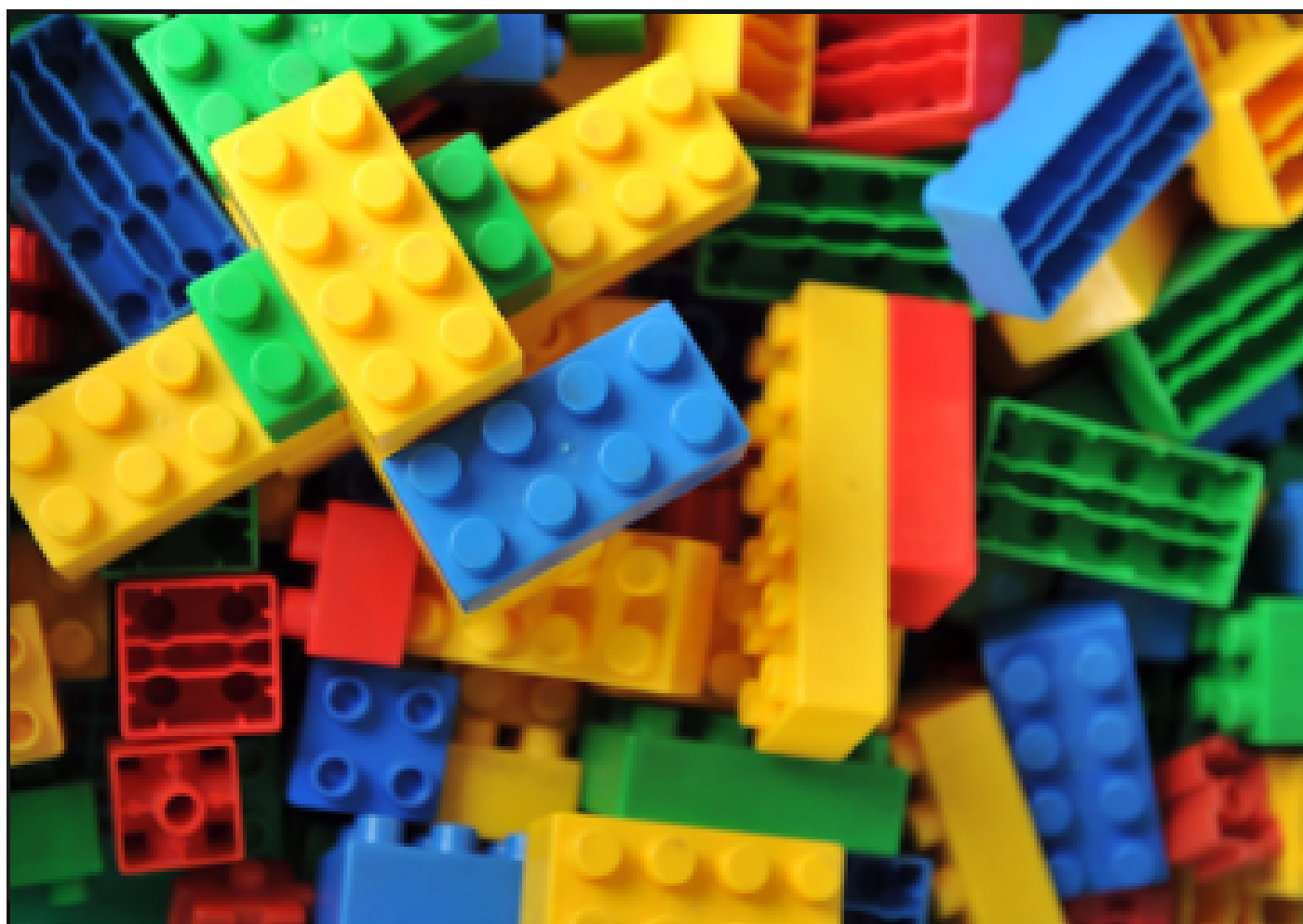
The children in Key Stage 1 have bloomed with their 'real life' experiences gained from two successful curriculum visits. Our Haven Project has been blossoming with more and more LOtC (Learning Out the Classroom) and Wellbeing lessons taking place under the new growth of the trees. We also have the buds of a new LOtC Playground Marking Project which will support the children's development through active play.

There is a new energy and buzz to the whole school. It feels like we are gaining momentum as we approach a new but familiar era.

Mrs Cardy
Staff Governor/KS1 Phase Leader

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 10th March - Year 1 to Essex Wildlife Trust Walton on the Naze
Monday 14th March - Year 2 to Essex Wildlife Trust Walton on the Naze
Tuesday 15th March - Parents' Evening
Thursday 17th March - Parents' Evening
Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day



Block Builders Construction Club

Clacton Library
Last Saturday of the Month,
10.30-11.30am
Booking Required

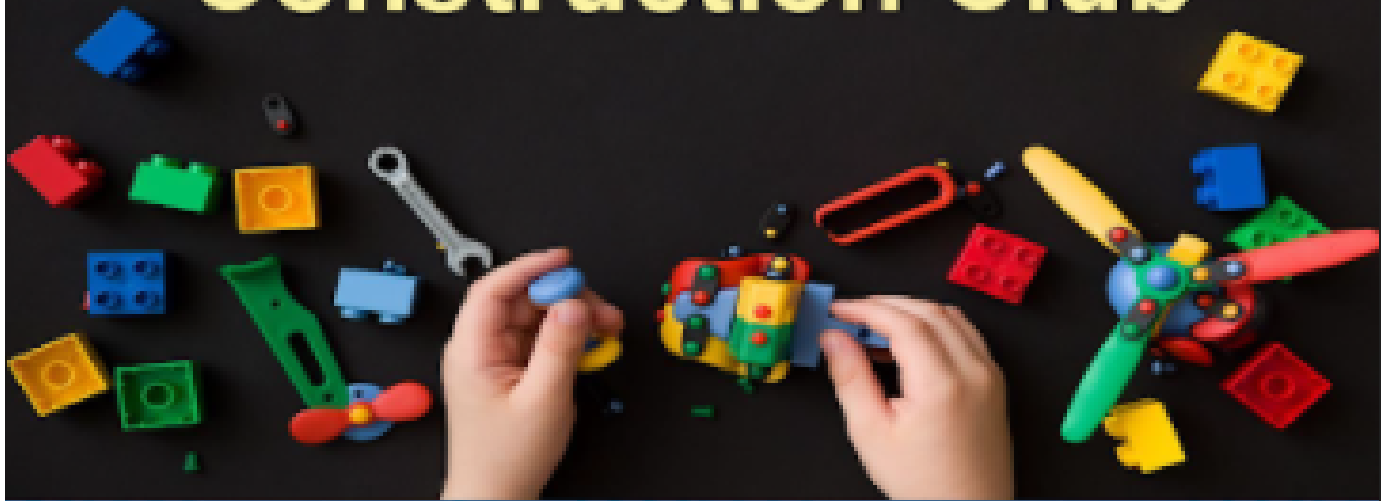
**Come and build with us! Use your imagination and
get creative with different building blocks**

Suitable for children aged 5 and over

[visit libraries.essex.gov.uk/events](http://visit.libraries.essex.gov.uk/events)


Essex County Council

Master Block Builders Construction Club



Clacton Library

Last Saturday of every Month,
2.30-3.30pm
Booking Required

**Consider yourself a master builder?
Looking to show off your skills?
Come and build with us!**

Suitable for children aged 8+

visit libraries.essex.gov.uk/events