



Newsletter 01/02/2024

[Headteacher's Message](#)

Headteacher's Message

Dear Anthony Roper Community,

We hope you've had a great week as we head towards half term. This week, our successes have included:

- Our playground markings are finally finished! Thank you so much for everyone's flexibility regarding the different morning and afternoon arrangements as we worked around the company completing the work. The children seem to be loving them so far! We are just finishing the work to our new Values lodges and we are looking forward to inviting you in soon!
- This week, a third of our school took part in the O2 Young Voices concert! This is always such a huge event and I am extremely grateful for everyone in our community who makes it happen! We hope you had a great time and thank you for representing our school so well.
- Pupils have also had the opportunity to visit a local mosque this week as part of the RE curriculum! Again, this takes a lot of organising and I am thankful for everyone's hard work for arranging this brilliant experience. A huge thank you to Mrs Alam (and her family!) for being so welcoming!

- We held this term's Governors' Meeting (where the theme was Finance) and we have started to share the first draft of the new Behaviour Policy, as a result of our forum and questionnaire. Once this has been approved, we look forward to sharing the updates with you!

Parent/Carer Forum – Friday 1st March 2024, 9.15am

We were really pleased with the engagement with our last forum (both online and in-person), so we have arranged our next one: Friday 1st March 2024 at 9.15am, where our topic will be the school's curriculum. In this session, you'll be able to give your thoughts about how our children currently learn and we'll also be sharing information about one of our exciting new developments: the Enrichment Programme! This is a good session to come to if you'd like to know more about things like the National Curriculum which is a common query when it comes to our class arrangements.

If you would like to attend in person, please sign-up here, so we can set up the Hall appropriately: <https://forms.office.com/e/y4XLGb7DaX>

If you would like to contribute your thoughts online, please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/st1GkkGtXw>

Looking ahead to next week, we look forward to having you for Exhibition Afternoon (Tuesday 6th February, 2.30pm) and Roper's Got Talent (Thursday 8th February, 3.30pm).

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

Safeguarding

This week's resource is Relate: <https://www.relate.org.uk/>

Relate provides relationship support and advice via videos, quizzes, real life stories and live chat. They provide counselling and therapy for all ages.

As a school we believe that safeguarding is not only about protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect but also their families too. It is our intention therefore to support families by signposting them to universal services which may assist families when they are facing difficulties themselves. For reference, our Safeguarding Team is: Mr Adam Nicholls, Mrs Sandra Goodwin, Miss Jo Leadley and Mrs Jemma Sholl.

Attendance

Bear Class - 98.3%

Mae Class - 91.1%

Knight Class - 91.1%

Armstrong Class - 93.8%

Rose Class - 94.4%

Tull Class - 90.7%

Rashford Class - 84.0%

Othello Class - 89.8%

Einstein Class - 95.0%

Zephaniah Class - 95.7%

Da Vinci Class - 93.3%

*Attendance matters - **The whole school attendance this week is 92.3%**. We aim for all children to achieve 96% attendance within the school year. For unexpected absences, due to illness for example, please contact the School Office so that we can record your child's absence correctly. All other absences must be requested using the Absence Request Form. A copy of our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.*

Key Dates

Term Dates

Term 3: Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February

Term 4: Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

Term 5: Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

Term 6: Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

Inset Days

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Exhibition Afternoons

Tuesday 6th February 2024, from 2.30pm

Wednesday 27th March 2024, from 2.30pm

Thursday 23rd May 2024, from 2.30pm

Tuesday 16th July 2024, from 2.30pm

Parents' Evenings

Monday 26th February 2024, 4pm-7pm

Thursday 29th February 2024, 4pm-7pm

Notices

SWIMMING

We are pleased to have secured swimming lessons for all classes in KS2! They will run in the following terms:

Term3 – Einstein

Term 4 – Othello

Term 5 – Rashford

Term 6 – Tull

Each class will receive more specific information, such as dates and kit lists, as their turn approaches.

PAYMENT FOR CLUBS

Payment for clubs is now available on Arbor. Can you please ensure payment is made as soon as possible.

CINDERELLA

M&M Production visited the school on Monday 8th January for a performance of 'Cinderella'. If you haven't done so already, we would really appreciate a contribution of £4.50 towards this event. Without this it would be difficult for us to continue with providing the children such an enriching experience. You will find the payment in the trips section on Arbor.

BLUE RUNNER

If your child has school meals and you haven't yet done so please sign up to Blue Runner to pre-order and pay for your child's meal. **This needs to be done even if your child is in reception/years 1 & 2 or if you have free school meals**

MOSQUE VISIT - THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

KS1 (Years 1 & 2) and UKS2 (Years 5 & 6) children visited a mosque in Crayford (Masjid Abu Bakr) today as part of their learning in Religious Education. If you haven't done so already, we would really appreciate a

contribution of £4.50 towards transport to and from the mosque. This will be available to pay for in the trips section of Arbor.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Following the success of our amazing School Council's fund raising for the new playground markings. They have decided to run the following events:-

SILLY SOCK DAY - FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

We will be holding a silly sock day on Friday 9th February for a £1 donation. All money collected will go towards repairing the greenhouse that was damaged in the recent bad weather.

RED NOSE DAY- FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

On Friday 15th March children are invited to wear their own clothes in red & white. There will be a competition run by the School Council, details of which will follow shortly.

SWANLEY FOOD BANK

Swanley Food Bank would like to thank you all for your continued support in 2023. Anthony Roper School donated 26.8 Kilos during 2023, collectively making a difference.

PTA NEWS

Although Spring still seems tantalisingly far away right now, don't forget that tickets will soon be available for the children's Spring Disco 2024. Details below, please save the date.



THURSDAY 22ND FEB

£4 PER CHILD

**RECEPTION & KS1 DISCO
END OF SCHOOL - 4:30PM**

**KS2 DISCO
4:45-5:45PM**

**TICKETS INCLUDE ENTRY, FRUIT SHOOT
AND SNACK ITEM OF THEIR CHOICE.**

**WE WILL ALSO BE RUNNING A TUCK
SHOP AND A TEMPORARY TATTOO
STAND, SO FEEL FREE TO SEND YOUR
CHILD IN WITH SOME POCKET MONEY
TO SPEND (MAX £2 PER CHILD)**

Awards

Numbots Champions

Bear Class - Iris, Thomas, Romir

Mae Class - Elliott, Poppy, Chloe

Knight Class - Theodore, Hudson, Jacob

Armstrong Class - Anna, Faith-Evelyn, Fenton

Rose Class - Ayla, Edison, Rory

Tull Class - Sophia, Harry, Olivia

Rashford Class - Rudy, Iylah-Louise, Ralphy

Othello Class - Robert, Riaan, Emily

Einstein Class - Sienna, Albie, Tabitha

Zephaniah Class - Kaius, Max, Emily D

Da Vinci Class - Ilona, Rana, Stanley

Times Tables Rock Stars Champions

Bear Class -

Mae Class -

Knight Class -

Armstrong Class - Oliver L, Faith-Evelyn, Thomas

Rose Class - William D, Edison, Jake

Tull Class - Owen, Jessica B, Harry

Rashford Class - Arissa, Harrison, Sienna

Othello Class - Poppy, Lucienne, Marguerite

Einstein Class - Levi, Tabitha, Arthur

Zephaniah Class - Emily D, Kaius, Lincoln

Da Vinci Class - Mia, Thomas, Bronte

Achievement Awards

Bear Class - Hanora

Mae Class - Poppy

Knight Class - Hudson

Armstrong Class - Grace

Rose Class - Olivia

Tull Class - Jessica J

Rashford Class - Poppy

Othello Class - Elliot

Einstein Class - Robbie

Zephaniah Class - Elsa

Da Vinci Class - Mia

House Points

Knole - 320

Chartwell - 241

Penshurst - 211

Ightham - 303





