



NEWSLETTER - 4th October 2024

VALUE: Generosity

Focus: Giving Cheerfully

'God loves a cheerful giver.' 2 Corinthians 9.7



Another selection of pictures from the photographer's visit

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



This week in Spellbrook has included our preparation for next week's Harvest Service at the Church. The children have been working hard on their contributions for the service, including creating harvest inspired artworks that they will be showing. Ruby Class (Nursery and Reception) have been using vegetables for printing and have worked together making giant fruits and vegetables.

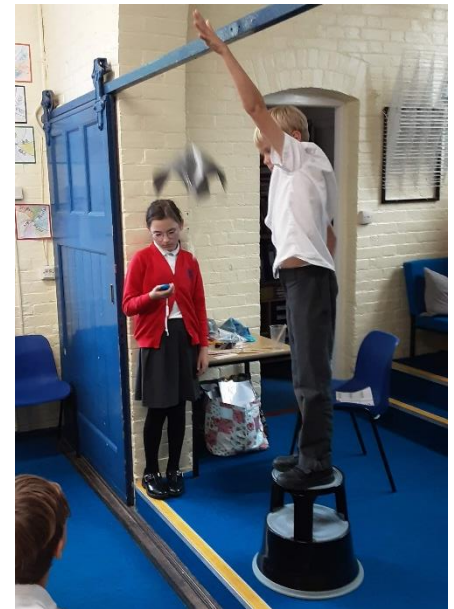


Emerald Class (Y3 and Y4) have created first observation paintings of a basket of apples.



Diamond Class are currently learning about Forces in their science lessons.

As part of their work on Air Resistance, they carried out an investigation to find out if the size of a parachute affects the time it takes to fall to the ground. They built 3 different sized parachutes from exactly the same materials and then timed how long each one took to fall from the same height. They repeated the investigation three times in order to compare results and found the results were similar for each size parachute, in all of the tests. At the end of the investigation, they were able to conclude that as the size of the parachute increases, the time it takes to fall to the ground also increases. They will be evaluating their results and investigating why this was the case in their next lesson.



Meanwhile, in Sapphire Class the children have some new equipment for physical activity in their outdoor area. They are loving these ride-ons and having to use their spatial awareness and control as they whizz around.



We have now finalised the different Pupil Teams. Meetings and actions will now begin. The peer mediators will have some training over the next few weeks so they can take on their roles at play and lunchtimes and we will add some children from Emerald to the team.

Prefects	Alden, Alice, Lexie, Lorcan
Eco Team	Billie, Nicolas, Lilly, Lucas, Scarlett
School Council	Hudson, Millie, Seb, Arlo, Sam, George
Photographers	Sienna and Zainab
Journalists	Ewan and Grace
Worship Team	Alice, Lorcan, Sienna and Nikita
Junior Travel Ambassadors	Billie and Alex
Peer Mediators	Alden, Ewan, Jacob, Lexie, Stanley H and Harry

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald
Seb



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Eliza for always working happily and being focused.
- ✚ Axl for making positive choices when learning.

Sapphire

- ✚ Thea for working really hard on her presentation and handwriting.
- ✚ Gracie for being a great role model during carpet time.

Emerald

- ✚ Lucas for amazing work in maths.
- ✚ Lyra for helping others in class.

Diamond

- ✚ Nicolas for good focus in English.
- ✚ Alex for working so hard in maths.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 96.71%

Whole School Target Set – 96%

Please contact school every day of any absence. This can be done by calling **01279 723 204, Option 1** and then leaving a message on the absence line.

If you are going to be late, please also advise the school office to ensure a meal is ordered in time.

NOTICES

- ✚ **Harvest Service** is on **Monday 7th October** from **2.15 to 3.00 pm** at **Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth**. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. **Children will need to be picked up from the church at 3.00 pm**. We would love to collect items for the church and Harlow Food Bank. Please see the letter sent out for more information on items to donate.
- ✚ **Year 6 Lancaster Model** – the school nursing team will be in school on **Monday 7th October** to carry out a survey with the Year 6 children. Please see the

Attendance Ladder



link for more information. [Home – The Lancaster Model](#) If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school nursing team to opt out at 0300 123 7572 or hct.shwbswh@nhs.net

✚ **Year 2 Scooterbility** – on **Tuesday 8th October**, Year 2 will be taking part in a scooterbility session run by Herts County Council's Active & Safer Travel Team in school. Children will need to bring in a standard 2 or 3 wheeled scooter with a rear wheel brake. Herts County Council strongly supports the wearing of a helmet during the session.

✚ **Individual School Photos** – the school photographer will be in on **Monday 14th October** to take individual and sibling photos. Please ensure that children are in school on time and in full uniform.

MENU w/c 7th October 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Curry (Red) ❖ Homemade Sausage Roll (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) (Red) ❖ Rich Tomato Bolognese (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Turkey Roast (Red) ❖ Roast Quorn Fillet (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Lasagne (Red) ❖ Chipolata Sausages with Gravy (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
07/10/24	Y6 TLM
07/10/24	Harvest Service
08/10/24	Year 2 Scootability
14/10/24	Individual Photos
24/10/24	Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone
25/10/24	PTA Film Night
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term
31/10/24	Year 6 Deadline to Apply for Secondary School Place
05/11/24	Parents Evening Meetings
21/11/24	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
22/11/24	Year 6 Height & Weight Screening
28/11/24	Ruby Class Bonfire
29/11/24	Occasional Day
02/12/24	Christmas Decoration Day
10/12/24	Nativity
11/12/24	Nativity
11/12/24	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
12/12/24	Panto
13/12/24	PTA Non-Uniform Day
18/12/24	Christmas Lunch
19/12/24	Christmas Service
20/12/24	Last Day of Term
23/12/24 – 03/01/24	Christmas Break
06/01/25	Inset 3
07/01/25	Inset 4
08/01/25	First Day Back
15/01/24	Nursery Deadline to apply for a Reception Place



SCHOOL DINNERS

17/02/25 – 21/02/25	Half Term
24/02/25	First Day Back
04/04/25	Last Day of Term
07/04/25 – 21/04/25	Easter Break
22/04/25	First Day Back
05/05/25	Early May Bank Holiday
26/05/25 – 30/05/25	Half Term

At the Edge of the Empire



26th October 2024 – 23rd February 2025

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Accredited Museum no. 807



Tuesday and Thursday Evening Lessons

Term Time Lessons

Tuesday evening lessons; 16:30 – 18:30 (30minute lessons)

Thursday evening lessons; 16:30 – 19:00 (30minute lessons)

- From 4 – 16 years
- All levels welcome
- Ducklings to Stage 6
 - Stage 6+



To register interest and book a place please email:

Vicky Tidmas

vicky@theswimmingacademy.org

VENUE

Burnt Mill Academy, First Avenue, Harlow, Essex, CM20 2NR
(SatNav on CM20 2NP)



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GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2024

BREAKFAST CLUB

8am - 8.40am everyday
cooked breakfast
served at 8am



£4.50 per session payable via arbor

NB late arrivals will not be catered for cooked breakfast

Please book 24 hours ahead to ensure availability

Promoting a healthy and active lifestyle

AFTER SCHOOL Sports Clubs

Spellbrook C of E Primary School

3:20-4:20pm

Football



Tuesdays

Dodgeball



Thursdays

Footballers must bring trainers or astro turf trainers, shin pads, long socks, PE kit or sports wear, and goalie gloves if wanting to play in goal.

Please ensure children are collected on time at 4:20pm, or a late collection fee may be charged as per terms of our service.

£42 for 7 weeks

Starting week commencing 9th September

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THE SECRET ART CLUB

With Artist Caroline Clark

Activities:

- Painting
- Printing
- Drawing
- Pottery
- Collage
- And more!

Date:

Weekly, starting on Friday 13th September 2024, 3.20 - 4.30 pm
NB SORRY, NO ART CLUB ON 20th/27th SEPTEMBER

TO BOOK

www.carolineclarkartist.com or
Caroline Clark (Caz) 07847269734

Address

Spellbrook C of E
Primary School,
Spellbrook

For school
years 1-6



Spellbrook Primary School

StageSteps Dance and Acting Class

✦ Taught by an industry professional, this innovative class will seamlessly blend the worlds of dance and acting to provide a unique and engaging experience. Our students explore diverse dance styles, from Street to Musical, while also delving into the art of acting through script reading, character development, and stage dynamics. The fusion class not only nurtures creativity but also builds confidence in expression, whether through movement or theatrical performance. Stretch and refine dance techniques, understand the skills of stage acting and combine the two to participate in exciting term projects showcased to friends and family.

Each child will be taught based on their own ability and growth, it doesn't matter how experienced/inexperienced they are, they will achieve in their own personal way, and they will have the most fun doing it! ✦

When?

Every Monday after school

3:20pm-4:20pm

Term time only

Starting 9th September 2024

How do I sign up?

Please visit the website: www.stagesteps.co.uk and click the 'Sign Up' button to complete your sign up form.

Here is the link <https://www.stagesteps.co.uk/sign-up>

Year 2-6 welcome

Payment details:

StageSteps Dance and Acting Class is only £78 per term.

You will receive an invoice for the term shortly after you submit your sign up form.

I can't wait to meet your superstars! ✦

[SIGN UP | StageSteps](#)

Well Bean Gardening



Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Get close to nature with
our Gardening Club
Wednesdays from 3.20pm-4.30pm
Starts again September 25



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £30.00 for five sessions Sept 25 to Oct 23
- All equipment supplied but pupils must bring appropriate clothing as we will be outside in all weathers
- This half-term we'll be:
 - Working to improve the school gardens
 - Taking part in the RHS Campaign for School Gardening Award Scheme - LEVEL 5

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office before Wednesday Sept 25 and make a payment of £30 in cash/a cheque made payable to: WENDY GORDON or with a BACS payment to: Wendy Gordon/27441520/07-04-36 (Use your name as reference)

I would like my child to attend Spellbrook's After-School Gardening Club on Wednesdays:

Child's name: Year group:

Your name: Phone number:

Email:

Any allergies or medical issues that we need to be aware of*:

*Your child's safety is a priority, but we can only put measures into place if you let us know.

Well Bean Gardening has a Facebook & Instagram page (please check out and like) and every week an update of what we get up to at the club will be posted.

If you DO NOT want photos of your child to be used on social media please tick the box: (Please note that children are never named)

Email: wellbeangardening@gmail.com
Mobile: 07817 528652

facebook.com/wellbeangardening
Instagram: @wellbeangardening

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2024



FAMILY FUN RUN



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HALLOWEEN

SWIM CRASH COURSE
AT GRANGE PADDOCKS LEISURE CENTRE
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

TIME	STAGE
9am	Stage 1 and Stage 2
9.30am	Stage 2 (in the main pool) and Stage 5
10am	Stage 3 and Stage 4
10.30am	Stage 4 and Stage 3
11am	Stage 5 and Butterfly clinic
11.30am	Breaststroke clinic and Stage 6

5 DAYS FOR £45



GRANGE PADDOCKS LEISURE CENTRE
Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2HH Tel: 0127 965 2332



TALKING FAMILIES



Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm

5th November to 10th December 2024

NOW ONLINE

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children under 12, sharing tips on how to:

- Manage challenging behaviour with consistency
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Build your child's self esteem
- Set and maintain boundaries
- Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children
- Develop a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

'Every parent should do this course! It has taught me so much about how to deal with family life.'

Booking essential
Please quote the course ID:679
To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

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www.supportinglinks.co.uk

These courses are provided free to participants by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund



Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.