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First of all, our apologies for the lack of a newsletter last week. The Microsoft outage beat us. This week though – we're all back, so please enjoy catching up on some of the things that have happened and will be happening in our school.

Potion Day in Year 1

It was a few weeks ago now, but Year 1 had a magical time during their Potion Day! The children arrived dressed as witches, wizards and even cats, ready for a day of enchantment and discovery. They collected natural materials and combined them with creepy spiders and wriggly worms to create their own imaginative potions. The children then used their potions as inspiration for writing detailed instructions, explaining how to make them. To finish the day, they had great fun acting out the magical effects their potions would have if someone drank them. It was a fantastic day filled with creativity, storytelling and lots of laughter and magic!





Spanish Day

Today was definitely about all things Spanish as our children learnt about the Spanish language and culture. From simple things like writing todays date in Spanish - Viernes, veinte de Noviembre de 2026, to Flamenco Dancing and Spanish Art by artists such as Antoni Gaudí. Some of the children will also have learnt some Spanish phrases - Quiero (I would like) and Por favor (please). Thank you to Mrs. Gaine and Miss Rodriguez for putting it all together and to Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Blackery for the Paprika chicken.







Awards

Star – Annelise (RROX), Jumbo – Mason (RROX), Chariot – Freya (RROX).

Circus – Stanley ((RROX), Roses – Ella (RROX).

Mercury – Theon (RROX), Claudius – Arthur (RROX), Romans – Loki (RROX).

Paxman – Peggy (RROX), Iceni – Leo (RROX), Dutch – Reggie (RROX).

Castle – Matilda (RROX), Cavalier – Scarlett (RROX) & Grace (CC), Garrison – Gabriela (RROX).

Oysters – Sofia (RROX), Magnets – Isabelle (RROX), Raedwald – Olivia (RROX).

Trinovantes – Samuel (RROX), , Lathes – Rhys (RROX), Cymbeline – Felipe (RROX).

A Gingerbread Man on the Run!

Year 2 have had an exciting mystery to solve! A Gingerbread Man has escaped from the Town Site oven, and he's been causing all sorts of mischief in our classrooms! The children have been busy searching high and low for him and investigating the mess he left behind. We are now looking forward to seeing the children put their imaginations and writing skills to work as they create some wonderful pieces of writing to retell the classic story of The Gingerbread Man. But will we ever catch him?!







Assembly Theme for Next week:
Making Links

Rights Respecting School

Article 2 (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Flagstaff Road

A reminder please to all parents to be vigilant and park/turn safely on Flagstaff Road.

We have had reports of parents driving onto the pavement to turn their cars and in some cases, driving along the pavement. We do fully appreciate that the roads around the schools are not awash with space – but please drive safely and sensibly and don't put the lives of others at risk.

Many thanks

A new Colchester radio station ACTIV8 Radio has launched, a station with our community at its heart, and shows for everyone, featuring music, arts, culture, poetry and more. You can listen via www.activ8radio.com. The station features current and former staff from St John's Green, and it's for YOU, our Colchester community, so please have a listen....

Term Dates

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January – Christmas Holiday

Monday 4th January – First Day of Spring Term

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February – Half Term

Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April – Easter Holiday

Monday 12th April – First day of Summer Term

Diary Dates

Thursday 5th November – Year 3 Forest School Starts

Friday 6th November – Year 5 Forest School Starts

Friday 4th December – Year 5 Anglo Saxon day

Thursday 10th December – AP1 Reports to Parents

Christmas Dates

Non-Uniform Day – Donations for Christmas Fair – Thursday 3rd December

Christmas Fair – Friday 11th December at both sites – 3.30pm @ AF; 3.45pm @ T

EYFS Nativity @ AF - Monday 14th December @ 2.00p.m. and Tuesday 15th December @ 9.30a.m.

Year 1 Christmas Songs - Wednesday 16th December @ 9.30a.m. and 2.30p.m.

Year 2 Production - Don't be Afraid - Tuesday 15th December @ 1.45p.m., Wednesday 16th December @ 10.00a.m., Thursday 17th December @ 1.45p.m.

Christmas Dress up Day - Dress as Christmassey as you like - Wednesday 16th December (Please note this is a change in date from Thursday 17th December) to link to Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Dinner Day @ AF and T - Wednesday 16th December.

Year 5 parents please note that the link on School Comms for the PGL Year 6 Residential is now live. Deposit of £70 is due by 1st December. Any concerns or worries – please contact the school.