

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**We are going to the beach!**

#### A message from the Head Teacher

Last week we shared the news about our plans to go Canvey Island with our children from Reception – Year 6.

This week's newsletters will provide you with more detail about our exciting trip, as well as information about our various fundraising initiatives we will have in place to raise money for the trip.

We hope you are as excited about the trip as we are. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in making this magical trip happen for our children.

Please read our weekly newsletters carefully, not only for our weekly news, but for important information about our Canvey Island trip.

Best wishes,

Mr D Chetty

Head Teacher

#### SATS

This week is the start of SATS for our Year 2 pupils. They will continue in the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Our Year 6 pupils will begin their SATs throughout the week of 9<sup>th</sup> May.

We would like to reassure our parents that all of the adults in school will ensure that the pupils are well supported throughout these periods, in order for them to perform to the best of their ability. We ask that as parents that you continue to support your child by ensuring that they have plenty of rest / a good night's sleep and are attending school every day.

So please take the time, along with our staff members, to wish our children all the best for the upcoming weeks – good luck Year 2 and Year 6!

#### Canvey Island Beach dates

**Reception and Year 1:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Year 2:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

**Year 3:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

**Year 4:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

**Year 5:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

**Year 6:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July



#### SAFEGUARDING

##### Online Safety Warning – Poppy's Playtime advice for parents

It has been brought to our attention that there is a new online horror game which some children are talking about in school. It is called Poppy's playtime and it is based on a toy that chases you around a toy factory. There is not an official rating for the game however it is causing some of our younger and older children to have nightmares.

Please can you speak to your child at home and reiterate the message that this game is not suitable for them to play.

For more information about this game and how to support your child with online safety please follow this link.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/12/03/poppy-playtime-online-safety-review/>

If you have any concerns or need further advice, please contact a member of the Safeguarding Team.

Thank you



# Year Group News

Each week we will be celebrating the learning taking place in different year groups.

This week we are celebrating the learning in Nursery and Year 6.

## Nursery

This term we have been learning all about Under the Sea, this week's story is The Rainbow Fish, the children have been using the collage technique to create these beautiful fish that are on display for everyone to see.



## Year 5

This week in Science, Year 5 pupils began their new topic: Animals Including Humans. Before starting the unit, the pupils were challenged to work collaboratively as a team to sort activity cards into categories to demonstrate their prior learning about living things.



# Canvey Island Fundraising



**We have raised £500 so far – thank you everyone!**

## Go Fund Me

The goal is for all of our children from Reception to Year 6 to go by coach to Canvey Island and experience the pleasures of the beach – ice cream and chips included!

We have set up a Go Fund Me page to help towards our goal - please share this with friends and families. We appreciate any size donation that people are able to offer, as it all goes towards our goal.

<https://gofund.me/b23e956f>

Scan the QR code to go to our Go Fund Me page



## This week

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Chicken pilau rice** - £3

**Rainbow rice** - £2

**Chips** – 50p

## Next week

**Ice lollies** (dependent on weather) – 50p

**Popcorn** – 50p and £1

**Candyfloss** – 50p

## Chetty's Golden Ticket!

Class teachers will be awarding 1 pupil each day, Chetty's Golden ticket.

Pupils are able to exchange this Golden Ticket for a free item from any of our fundraising stalls or a chance to take part for free in one of our fundraising events.

Look out for the Golden Ticket!





# International Day of Dance

Last week Friday 29<sup>th</sup> was International Day of Dance! Children and staff participated in dance activities.

## What is International Dance Day?

International Dance Day (sometimes referred to as 'World Dance Day') is a worldwide event that celebrates all genres of dance.

It was created by the Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) - the world's largest organisation for the performing arts.

## Why is World Dance Day celebrated?

It tries to encourage participation and education in dance by hosting events and festivals across the world. Likewise, it celebrates those who appreciate the value of dance and acts. The occasion also aims to bring together people of different cultures, and respects and understands diversity. The organisers of International Dance Day would like to make others aware of the value of dance in all its forms and share this joy with the whole world.

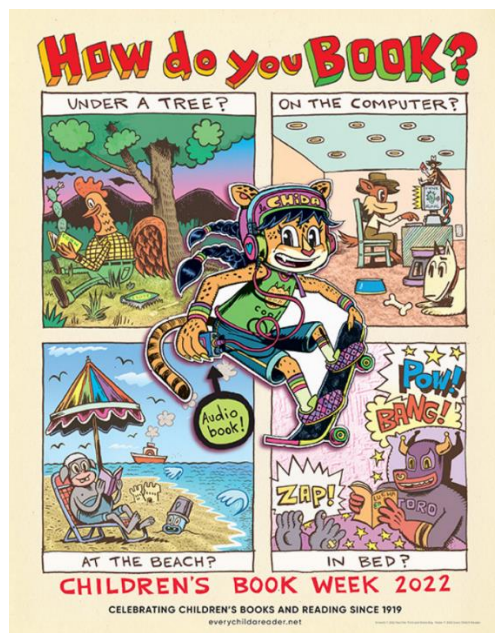


# Children's Book Week

This week is Children's Book Week! To mark the week, class teachers will be taking their class to new and unusual areas around the school to listen to a story or to have a place to read.

How many places can you find to read in outside of school? Email your photographs to the school office to be included in our future newsletter's: [school@downsellprimary.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:school@downsellprimary.waltham.sch.uk)

We cannot wait to see your photographs!



Here is our very own Mr Rasem, reading 'on top of the world'!

