

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Tuesday 3 rd November	Enrichment Day: British Values

European Day of Languages



Our students and staff are proud to have participated in the recent European Day of Languages. This event is celebrated across Europe on 26th September each year.

Established by the Council of Europe and launched in 2001, the general objectives of the European Day of Languages are:

- Raising awareness of the importance of language learning and diversifying the range of languages learnt, in order to increase intercultural understanding.
- Promoting the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe, which must be preserved and fostered.
- Encouraging lifelong language learning in and out of school, whether for study purposes, professional needs, purposes of mobility or for pleasure and exchanges.

Although this year, due to the current restrictions, we have had to adjust the variety of activities run in school, we have still very much enjoyed enriching our general knowledge in the following ways:

- Exploring the meaning of the European Day of Languages.
- Discussing how languages can have a sense of humour! For example, an Italian in a Spanish restaurant may get a DONKEY brought to the table instead of butter if he asked for BURRO!
- Participating in an Escape Room activity – crack the four-digit code to escape the room.

We also ran a fun and informative European general knowledge quiz between form groups. I would like to congratulate all of our students for taking part – the competition was very tight and every Form performed extremely well. A huge well done to our three winning forms, who achieved the highest points:

Year 7: 7HA – 48/50 points

Year 8: 8HM and 8CP – 47/50 points



Cycling Safety

It is fantastic to see so many of our students biking, scooting and walking to school. I am, however, conscious of the safety of some of our students as they make their way to and from school.

We have had several reports of 'near misses' involving students on bikes and scooters not riding with due diligence. Please can you speak to your child about keeping safe and remind them of our expectation that all who ride to school should be visible as the light begins to fade and must always wear a helmet.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr Mussett

Essex Free School Uniform

The Essex Free School Uniform has been set up to help alleviate pressure on parents by assisting with the cost of uniform. It can be accessed through Colchester Foodbank, or you may contact directly via uniform@networks.org.



Pop up shops are planned for October throughout the Colchester area (but subject to last minute change due to the current Covid-19 situation). For more information on these, follow <https://www.facebook.com/pg/essuniex/events/>

Covid-19 Parental Support Tool

Covid-19 symptom parental support tool September 2020

If your child is unwell, do they have:

1. A new continuous cough?
2. A fever (high temperature over 38°C)?
3. A complete loss or change of taste or smell?

NO

Does your child have an underlying health condition? For example a serious heart or lung condition eg severe asthma, requiring on going hospital appointments.

NO

YES

Speak to their specialist team for advice regarding testing or if you are concerned and you have not already seen or spoken to them. Keep them off school whilst you do this.

YES

Current advice Sept 2020:

- Keep your child off school at home
 - Inform your child's school
 - Speak to 119 or go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus
 - If advised, then arrange a Covid test to be done
- Your child and household should self isolate until you have the result of the test.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/>

Would you have kept your child off school before Covid-19?

YES

Keep your child off school and inform the school

NO

Children who are otherwise completely well with only:
Runny nose or sneezing
Mild Cold symptoms without fever
Can go to school as normal

You may not be able to tell the difference between Covid-19 and other viral illness

Babies and children can still get illness that can make them unwell very quickly. It's important to get medical help if you need it.

Call 111 if you're worried about a baby or child.

If your child seems very unwell, is getting worse or you think there's something seriously wrong, call 999.

Do not delay getting help if you're worried. Trust your instincts.

**A runny or stuffy nose is rarely a symptom of Covid-19 (WHO 2020)
Sneezing is not a symptom of Covid-19 (WHO 2020)**

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