

SARRATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Laying the foundations for our children to be confident, respectful
and to achieve their full potential.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first weeks of summer term have been buzzing with fantastic experiences and achievements for the children in our school.

Last week, our Year 4 children went on a visit to MountFitchet Castle, a Medieval Motte and Bailey castle located in Essex. They spent the day exploring the fortress and experiencing life as Norman villagers. Some of them even managed to end up in the stocks!

This week, Ancient Greece came to Sarratt, as year three explored the food, culture, arts and clothing of the civilization. The day was part of the Year 3 Cornerstones Learning Project, Gods and Mortals. Through the project the children learn how and when the ancient Greek civilization flourished, and take part in activities to understand the culture, armies and heroes of the era.

Experiences, such as those mentioned above, enrich learning for our children and enable them to deepen their understanding and knowledge. It's such a pleasure to hear their comments and see their faces when they talk about what they have seen and done.

Luckily we have lots more to look forward to this term!

Mrs Nicola O'Hare
Head of School



Events

Week beginning May 13

Y6 SATs Week

May 15

Reverend Michelle's Worship

May 16

Y2 Multi-Sports at RMS

May 22

Dare to be Rare Day

May 23

Elmer Day

May 24

INSET day

Week beginning May 27

Summer half term break

Important information

Calling all Y6 Parents!

Next week sees our oldest children sitting the KS2 SATs. Please give your child the best start by ensuring they eat well and get enough sleep this weekend. It could be a stressful time for them, so please help them to relax by encouraging them to do some physical activity and get some fresh air. They have worked extremely hard and have come so far – we are all very proud of them.

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Dare to be Rare

On **Wednesday 22nd May, Sarratt School** will be learning about resilience in our assembly through the personal story of a person directly affected by an illness with no cure that is known as EDS (Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome).

What is Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome? EDS is a genetic condition; it affects the body's connective tissue. Connective tissue lies between other tissues and organs, keeping these separate whilst connecting them, holding everything in place and providing support, like the mortar between bricks.

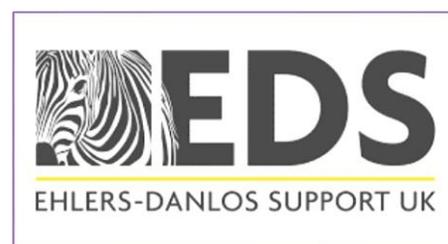
Janettie Wucherpfennig (a former parent of the school who has been diagnosed with this) will come and talk to the children about how she manages life with EDS. She will share her story and encourage the children to never give up regardless of how hard life gets. Janettie will talk about her planned hike to Everest Base Camp in October 2019 where she will not only fulfil her lifelong dream of walking in the Himalayas and see Everest with her own two eyes, but also raise awareness for EDS Support UK.

The principle that Janettie will share with the children will be focusing on '**Dare to be Rare**'. With this in mind, Janettie will share the wonderful story of Ezra, the zebra, coming to terms with being different. The children will hear about the thoughts and feelings that Ezra has and how these impact on his life. The focus will be to create a common language, where children can talk about, understand and use similar words to express how they are feeling.

To support Janettie in raising money, we will also have a **non-uniform day** on **Wednesday 22nd May** where children can wear zebra stripes or black and /or white clothing. (Please do not buy any special clothing for this so if black and white is not possible then please do not worry). The £1 donation that you make will all go to EDS Support UK to help support families living with EDS and to help find a cure.



If you would like further information about EDS or a copy of 'Ezra's Extraordinary Stripes' then please go to www.ehlers-danlos.org. If you would like to track Janettie's journey in preparing for Everest Base Camp, you can do so by visiting her Facebook page: [Zebra at Altitude](#) or email her on zebraataltitude@outlook.com



Elmer Day

The following day, Thursday 23rd May, we are celebrating Elmer Day in partnership with our friends at Chorleywood Bookshop. This year, David McKee's iconic patchwork elephant turns 30 and we will be marking the occasion with a day of reading, writing and spreading the important message of the elephant who dared to be rare!

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