

Easebourne C.E. Primary Newsletter

In a safe, loving environment built on the strong Christian values of **faith**, **hope** and **love**, we want our children to **ACHIEVE**, to **BUILD** and to **CONNECT**



8th April 2022

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

Congratulations to our two Badgers Classes for pulling off a wonderful production this week. The children were brilliant, as were the staff behind 'What a Knight!', in particular Theresa Daley and Katie Stevens, the two powerhouses behind the show. Badgers should feel very pleased with themselves. I really enjoyed it and felt that they had excelled themselves and, believe me, I have seen a great number of school productions in my time!

It was lovely, as always, to go down to St Mary's yesterday for our **Easter service** and feel that connection with our local church. Our thanks to Derek for welcoming us and leading the service and to Mary (organist) and Rob and Lynn (band) for accompanying our songs. The class crosses were brought up to the altar at the end of the service and these will be displayed in St Mary's over the Easter holiday so families can go and see the creativity that has gone into them.

This afternoon, we were entertained by Kenn and Iain from **Openbox Theatre**. This was generously funded by the PTFA and was enjoyed by all – a wonderful way to finish the Easter term. Openbox are great at appealing to all ages, including the staff, whilst also getting key messages across to the children. They also major on audience participation, including the staff. In today's performance, Katie Stevens, Andy Taylor, Alex Mockler and I were all targeted!!



DATES

25.04.22	First Day Back Y2 Meet the Teacher (Zoom)
26.04.22	Y3 Meet the Teacher (Zoom)
27.04.22	Y5 Meet the Teacher (Zoom)
29.04.22	Y6 Meet the Teacher (Zoom)
02.05.22	Bank Holiday
03.05.22	Inset Day Y4's Meet the Teachers (Zoom)
04.05.22	Clubs Start YR Meet the Teacher (Zoom) Forest School starts for Hedgehogs
05.05.22	Forest School starts for Squirrels
06.05.22	Y1 Meet the Teacher (Zoom)
07.05.22	MRC Community Day
06.06.22	Inset Day

Openbox are running a **competition** and the prize is a free workshop or show for the school (see below). Each child that writes a review of a recent production gains the school a free entry into the draw, so please do encourage your child to write a review, though I would strongly advise that they give away no more than their first name and please make sure that they mention Easebourne somewhere in the text, in case their review is the lucky one!

Win a FREE Openbox Workshop or Show

We are giving away a **FREE BOOKING** with Openbox to one lucky school. Everyone who subscribes to our mailing list or leaves us a Google review before Friday 27th May 2022 will automatically be entered to win. Each action will secure you with you one entry into the draw, so simply do both to double your chance of winning!



COVID guidance has just changed and the school's risk assessment will be adjusted accordingly and sent out for the next term.

Meanwhile, the Labyrinth Guardians have been filling gaps in the **labyrinth hedging** with rowan saplings whilst younger children have been helping to weed the hedging and remove some of the plastic spiral guards which are housing red ant nests! The labyrinth is slowly coming to life again and should look great next term.

Congratulations to Fergus (Y2). His supercar was chosen by a panel of Y6 experts as the best supercar in the recent **construction challenge**. These experts have set the next challenge, for the Easter holiday, which is to build a tree house. So, if you have a bored moment over the holiday on a rainy day, you might encourage your children to build a tree house for their competition!

Finally, a bit of a moan. Please could parent/carers read through the attached sheets laying out the school's **uniform and jewellery guidance**? We are finding that children are coming to school wearing a wider and wider range of items, including trainers, nail varnish, earrings that are definitely not studs and tattoos. Although we have taken the decision that it is easier for children to come to school on their PE days, wearing their PE kit, we are finding that they are not adhering to the guidance. Please, please also make sure that each item of your child's clothing is clearly and permanently marked.

Have a great Easter, everybody. I look forward to seeing everybody next term!

NEWS STORY



Mia's colouring competition attracted a huge number of entries and Caroline Hulbert, Mia and I had a difficult time deciding whose were the very best. In all, Mia raised £175! Congratulations to all those who were picked as winners or runners-up and to Mia for making such a difference. We talk often with the

children at Easebourne about being kind, about nobody being too small to make a difference and having a No Outsiders approach. In this last newsletter of the term, I want to congratulate Mia (Year 4H) who has been inspirational in her recent initiative to buy dyslexic-friendly books for the library.

COWDRAY TREE

PLANTING

Foxes have planted trees with help from Cowdray's Forestry Department to fill the large gaps left by ash dieback and Storm Eunice, **planting** a wide range of species of tree. In the children's words, "This week we have planted trees (nearly 200) for the forest and we have changed the school's future for 500 years." We are so fortunate to have the Cowdray Estate's support. Thank you, Nina and your team (Clive, Ellie and Geoff)!



NURSERY AND EYFS

We can't believe we've got to the end of the Spring Term and hope that the weather starts to warm up soon! Caterpillars have been making handprint flowers and chick Easter cards. Ladybirds have sponge printed onto their Easter crowns, "that rabbit, hop hop hop." Bumble Bees have made fluffy chicks and Spring crowns. "Hens lay eggs and then the chick comes out of the shell".

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!



This week, with the approach of Easter, Dragonflies Class have been learning all about the Easter story. They had fun decorating their cross for the church and thoroughly enjoyed making their Easter garden with flowers, soil, stones and a cave containing Jesus. They even had a little 'pond' in the pretty garden. They have also sung lots of Easter related songs in Music with Mrs Stevens and did Easter activities during their P.E. sessions.

"The cross is so we remember that Jesus died and he came back alive." - Lizzie

KS1

This week was Hedgehogs fantastic finish and although we were sad not to be sharing this event with our families we still had a fantastic time! We brought in our favourite teddy and introduced them to the class, There was an array of different sizes and shapes but they all had one thing in common, they were very loved! The first game we played was finding jigsaw pieces around the classroom and completing a puzzle with our team. In teams, we moved on to building towers with cups, which was followed by pyramid building with the children needing to work as a group to build the highest pyramid. The class mastered building pyramids whilst working together and Green Team won the game by building a tower 8 cups high! As the games went on we got better at working as a team so table football was great fun! The children had their own straw and needed to blow a ping pong ball into their opponent's goal and some great teamwork saw Yellow Team take the win. Our last event was cake eating! Who could eat a piece without making any mess, which we struggled with a bit! The children had a great time and I loved seeing all the teddies.

We saw typical British summer weather for Squirrel's Beach Day...wet, windy and chilly! But Year 2 celebrated the end of our 'Coastline' topic with true British grit, in shorts, t-shirts and sunglasses! Clara even wore her swimming costume and Oscar wore his goggles! We had a wonderful day playing a match of a fielding and striking game we have been learning in rounders, solving some seaside themed math equations and making wooden structures to turn into beach huts. Once these are finished, we hope to display them somewhere in the school. The children's reaction to the day was pretty unanimous... "BEST DAY EVER!" Squirrels have really enjoyed this topic and have learned a lot about the physical geography of coastlines and about Captain James Cook.



"The Teddy Bear Picnic was fun because I got to bring in my teddy and I ate cake and played games with my friends." Ajay



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KS2

This week in Rabbits we have had fun getting into character of an animal from our book 'The Pebble in my Pocket'. It was hard to imagine and empathise with other characters, but we were all able to recognise how actions might effect how someone else feels. This was helped by our use of freeze frames. We have also been working on word problems in Maths week and this has taught us that making mistakes is ok because there is always the chance to have another go! On Friday last week we had our Easter Egg Hunt and that was such fun, we couldn't wait to get out and find the eggs. Thank you to the PTFA for organising that for us all. Have a lovely Easter break everyone!

Well, it has been a most interesting week in Badgers two unlikely heroes beat a calculating villain, an unusual scone recipe was created, there was an important scavenger hunt, some animal antics and a couple of Blackheads got squeezed..... it all sounds like a lot of Cobblers to be honest! But in all honesty, staff throughout the school could not be prouder of our Badgers this week, they have worked so hard with their performance and entertained so many children and adults. Well done.

Foxes and Otters have spent this week recuperating from our amazing adventure to Little Canada! Our journey started with anticipation as we eagerly awaited the ferry. For many of us, it was our first time travelling on a boat so it was super exciting to be able to wave goodbye to Portsmouth Harbour from the top deck!

When we arrived on the Isle of Wight we had some time to settle into our well-equipped cabins and then we were straight into activities. Mr Culley led his group to glory on the Jacob's Ladder, whilst the other groups enjoyed orienteering and the Challenge Course. All of us were working on our team building and communication skills.

We were lucky enough to have two water sessions on the beach where we learnt how to canoe and kayak. Once we were wetsuited-up, we didn't notice the cold sea and had great fun splashing in the water with Mr Taylor. Luckily, the sun shone and we soon dried out.

Over the next few days, we were challenged in many different ways, but in particular we were put to the test conquering great heights! Everyone really gave it their all and achieved more than they thought they were capable of – even Mr Culley jumped off the trapeze! Some of our other highlights included the Big Swing, Vertical Challenge and the Sensory Trail. Who knew crawling through a muddy puddle could be so much fun?!

We were exhausted at the end of our 4 days away, having had so much fun and excitement. Once again we would like to say a big thank you to all of the adults who took us, and to our families for dropping and collecting us at the ferry port.

