

# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL Half Term Edition "The Scoop"

19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

# **Dragonflies Class**

This term, in Dragonflies Class, we had a visit from Ranger Stu, the Animal Man. We were lucky to see lots of unusual animals that we would not normally get a chance to see. He brought with him a bearded dragon, a skunk, a snake, an owl, a tarantula, an armadillo, a snail and a tortoise.

- "I liked the armadillo because he rolled into a ball!" Max
- "I held the spider, it felt nice." Ethan
- "I liked the owl, it was soft and fluffy." Luca
- "The Animal Man had a spider, she went on Mrs Catchpole's hand!" Melody









Throughout the term we have continued learning about animals. Mrs Sharp brought in some tadpoles and then we set up a Mini Beast Investigation Lab in our class. Mrs Catchpole ordered some



caterpillars, they came in the post by special delivery! They were put into their new home which was kept in class. We had to look after them until they changed into chrysalises and once they had turned into butterflies, we gave them something to eat and drink until they were strong enough to fly. We then had to wait for a warm day when the weather was nice and we went up onto the playing field where we waved goodbye and sent them off into the countryside.



It has been a fun term and we have learnt a lot about all the different types of bugs and mini beasts that come to visit our outdoor area.

# **Hedgehogs Class**

This half term Red and Yellow teams have been in the forest building and creating. They have enjoyed their experiences and have been keen to share what they have been up to. The topic this half term has been the History of Flight. We have created artwork and researched various explorers, with an emphasis on Amelia Earhart. The children made paper planes and tested them to see how far they flew. We capped off our topic with a visit to Chichester Science Centre where they had an awesome time exploring, followed by a Rocket workshop. Our Fantastic Finish took us back to the beginning when we looked at Leonardo Da Vinci's design for a Flying Machine. Our parents helped bring the children's inventions to the modelling stage using junk box modelling.







# **Squirrels Class**

This term, our topic has been 'The Future' and we have spent a lot of time finding out what robots are used for in the home. We worked collaboratively to create a class robot and make a simple circuit to make its eyes glow. Our excursion was to the Chichester Science Centre where the children explored the fantastic hands-on science exhibits. The class then undertook a robot workshop which gave us even more information and hands-on experience of how robots work.

During Community Week we explored the pond in the forest with a representative from the South Downs National Park and found four newts! We also had Sister Margarita and Hamza come in to talk to the class about their community and culture.



## **Rabbits Class**



Rabbits' topic this term has been 'Ancient Egypt.' We really enjoyed learning about the different culture then and especially about the gory details of mummification. We have explored the River Nile and learnt lots of facts about it too. We looked forward to having our parents in for our Fantastic Finish on Tuesday when we showed them the process of mummification. We did this by mummifying a tomato – it was actually quite gross. We also made some scarab beetles out of clay, they were very precious animals and sacred to the Ancient Egyptians. Finally we went tunnelling in a tomb, this also

involved the parents (if they wanted to). The idea was that we remembered what was inside the tunnel and found the treasure there. It was exciting to show our parents some of things we have learnt and to share with them the facts that we have learnt about the topic.

Since our swimming lessons have finished, we have really enjoyed being part of Sports Day and Walk, Jog, Run.





## **Community Week**

During Community Week we went to the church and helped to keep it clean and tidy for all the visitors that they have. We also heard part of a parable that Derek had told in Church which involved actually throwing sunflower seeds into the congregation at church that day. It meant that during our time



cleaning we were forever finding seeds! Some of us kept the seeds and have taken them home to plant in the hope they will grow. We helped dust the pews and hoover the mats that go on the pews. When we left the church it smelt so clean and it was sparkling, we hope that everyone that attends the Church notices our hard work.

Also during Community Week we were looking at biodiversity and the world around us. We spent lots of time in the school labyrinth listening for bugs and looking for a variety of

species. We saw lots of amazing mini beasts there, even if we were quite noisy. We then collected data and presented it in pictographs and also wrote a short story 'A day in the life of our favourite mini beast.' We will have a little class book of our findings to keep with us.



There were a lot of caterpillars, ladybirds and spiders in the labyrinth. We even saw some millipedes!

## Vine House



Mrs Stevens and Rabbits Class also worked really hard on some songs and dances that we shared with the residents at Vine House. We were very lucky because the weather was nice so our elderly audience could sit outside and watch us. We performed our songs and dances which was great fun and we then talked with the residents afterwards. One of the ladies there is 102!



## **Ukulele Concert**

On Friday 5th July, we had our ukulele concert as it was our last session. We performed to some of our parents. We played and sang all these songs, Eleanor Rigby - Beatles Price Tag - Jessie J Ho Hey! - Luminous Disney's Lava Count on Me - Bruno Mars Another Brick in the Wall – Pink Floyd

Chris, our teacher, helped us compose a twelve bar blues song about the Egyptians, we all enjoyed our lessons and a big THANK YOU to Chris for teaching us.

# **Badgers Class**

## **Haslemere Museum**

Year 4 took part in an Ancient Egyptian Workshop at Haslemere Museum. We did lots of amazing things like: mummifying a doll or teddy, studying a mummy and playing some board games linked to Egypt. It was a very interesting trip. We learnt loads of new facts and saw lots of genuine Egyptian artefacts. We hope we can go again soon. By Charlie W and Liam

## Camp Out

Year 4 were lucky enough to have a 'camp out' on our school field. We slept in tents with our friends. Mrs Daley and Mrs Cobbold made us delicious meals. Some of us made up our own shows to perform to the rest of the class. We watched a movie and played games like '40:40 home' and 'hide and seek tag'. It was a great night even though we did not get a lot of sleep. By Tabitha and Daisy

## **Community Week**

During Community Week, we visited Birthday House to entertain the elderly residents there. We sang some of our favourite songs and danced. After we had finished our performance, we were given some soft drinks and biscuits which were really tasty. We then sat and chatted to the residents who were very keen to hear about the sort of things we enjoyed doing at school.



Also as part of Community Week, Hamza came to visit Badgers Class. He helped us with our unit of learning. He demonstrated how to prepare for prayer by washing his face, neck, arms, wrists and hands. He then showed us how he used his prayer mat. We learnt a lot more about the Muslim faith as we got all of our questions answered.







## Swimming

In Badgers Class we have enjoyed five weeks of swimming lessons at the Haslemere Leisure Centre. We were split into three different groups depending on our abilities. We learnt lots of different strokes and had lots of fun. We have all improved our confidence in the water and have enjoyed each swimming session. By Ava and Kacie

#### John Muir Award

A few weeks ago, Badgers Class went to Graffham Common and took part in lots of activities like cutting down sapling pine trees to make more room for the heather to grow. We then played a game called 'Bat the Moth' and we learnt how the 'Bat' captures its prey.

At Iron Hill we went on a hike and found a nice spot to learn about the different animals that could be found on a heathland. We did a mini-beast hunt, and then attempted to track animals by looking for footprints on the path. We learnt about the many amazing creatures that can be found in the heathland and then did a small role play acting as the animals.

We finished off with a presentation to parents on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, We shared our work with them and told them about our experiences over the last two terms. By Harley and Charles H







## **Comic Club**

The Comic Club has been working hard all term to perfect their cartooning skills. It was difficult to choose from all the amazing comic strips but Harriet in Year 4 produced a series of cartoon strips which showed real craftsmanship and really reflected the calibre of talent in this club.



## Foxes Class French Play



This term, Foxes did a French play based on the three little pigs. We used a couple of lines from the script we were given but we also got to create some as well. We could choose the groups we worked in and were set certain scenes (from 1 to 7) for each of the teams. We added in one or two new characters. We also had narrators that translated our French to English. The play was really enjoyable



and everyone who wanted a line, was given one.

#### **Rounders Tournament**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, some of Foxes Class went to a Rounders Tournament at Harting School. We played 6 games against different teams. We were the only Year 5 team as all the rest were Year 6. We did well for our age and whilst we didn't come first, we weren't last. We really enjoyed the time that we had there. It was really good fun. By Chloe and Martha

## **Chichester Harbour**



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June Foxes Class went to Chichester Harbour. First we did a workshop in the classroom in a small building on the harbour. Two ladies, Sue and Ginny, hosted the workshop. They taught us about plastic and how it gets into the ocean as well as teaching us how the plastic gets into the animals. We had a

look at the different things on the shore of the harbour; we found seaweed, crabs and many more interesting things!

Also, we went to West Wittering beach to collect litter and lots of nurdles (which are small pieces of plastic if you didn't know). They had a nurdle catcher – like a big sieve - you used it by putting sand in it and turning but we didn't find many fragments that way. Most people found a lot of nurdles when they were doing litter picking. Nurdles can look like small little harmless plastic balls and come in different



colours and sizes but they are very dangerous. We also found lots of rubbish including cotton bud sticks and cigarettes which were horrible. It was fun and interesting but also shocking to see so much rubbish and to learn about the nurdles. We will all be looking for them whenever we go to the beach. By Grace and Ellie



# **WaterAid**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, a man called Barry from WaterAid came to our school to speak about water and how it is used. His charity helps provide water to people in developing countries who do not have any. He gave us a quiz about water; we scored

at a high level. He was funny explaining everything because, when he was saying how we use water, he literally poured it on himself. Hygiene is very bad in some countries and we think it is great they have a charity to support them. We enjoyed his visit very much and we now know that the charity is very good and supportive. By Ellie and Grace



#### **Coultershaw Heritage Site**

Year 5 went to Coultershaw Heritage Site to learn more about our topic on water and see a working Archimedes Screw and a fish ladder. We saw and did many exciting things including; a walk along the river to see the old railway station, used a mini Archimedes Screw, learned about different trees, their leaves and uses, made a fortune teller and made a field sketch. We would really recommend visiting and hope you go there soon! By Nick and William



#### **Prayer Tree**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, Year 5, using chicken wire, made sticks, twigs and branches for the school prayer tree. The prayer tree is a tree trunk which has been built up with boughs made from chicken wire. Year

5 found this fun but difficult. Our aim is to have a full tree decorated with prayers written by students at the school.

## Otters and Foxes perform 'Fleeced!'

On Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Otters and Foxes performed their play 'Fleeced!' to parents. There was also an evening performance on Wednesday. It was our best one so far. Our favourite song was 'Pull on your oar' and our favourite character was the old, blind Phineus (a.k.a. Adam). After hours of rehearsing we finally got to show off our wonderful hard work. Thank you to all the teachers and TAs who have helped us have these opportunities to practise our drama. By Isla and Sophie



## **Otters Class**

## Visit to Midhurst Food Bank

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, we went down to the Midhurst Food Bank to help pack boxes for people who sometimes don't have enough money to pay for food. When we arrived, we met: Chrissie, Vernon and Matt who all volunteer at the food bank.



Once they had explained to us what to do, we each had a partner and were given a list

needed for each box. We

started on our first list which was box No 51. Once we had packed the box we had to seal

it and write the number and date on the top.

We did this for an hour and half way through we had a drink and biscuit, however whilst we had this short break we kept packing.



of all the food we had to get and how much of the food we



We kept swapping over with our partner so we could both have a go at packing or fetching the food. Once we had finished packing, the organisers explained how our efforts on the day will really help. The packages we had made will be given out to people less fortunate in Midhurst, Rogate and the local area.

In total, Year 6 completed 100 boxes which can feed two classes of children! It made us all feel very satisfied with the work we had done and we felt happy that we could help families in need. By Imogen

## Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral

On Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, Year 6 went down to Chichester Cathedral for their primary school Leavers' Service.

The service was introduced by the Bishop of Chichester, the Rt. Revd. Dr Martin Warner, who also led the service which included several readings.

Our prayer reader was Leah and she read a prayer For the Wider World.

The songs we sang were: Ten Thousand Reasons, The Lord's My Shepherd, The Lord of the Sea and Sky, Prayer of St Richard, Sing It In The Valleys. Our favourite song was, My Lighthouse.



After the service, which lasted for just about an hour, we took a photo of us all in the cathedral. By Charlie

#### **Sports Day**

On Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, the whole school went outside onto the field where Sports Day was taking place. First of all, long jump took place and the winner for Otters Class was Toby, with an astonishing leap of 3.84 metres! A crowd started to build up when the parents arrived and the participating children went in the hall while the audience grew with large amounts of parents. The excited children walked up the steps onto the field and sat down under the gazebo. The 2<sup>nd</sup> event was the long distance race and Year 6 were running first. After that was the sprint race, followed by Tunnel Ball. It was fun running around with the smaller Dragonflies. Next was the sprint relay which Yellow House won for the Year 6 race. The skipping race was after that, where Thomas just stormed past everyone. The Fun in the Sun race followed, which is always everyone's favourite event. Lower KS1 then ran their egg and spoon race. The last event was the javelin, which was our favourite. Everyone had lots of fun, especially Red House as they were VICTORIOUS and won a glistening silver trophy. By Teddy and McKenzie

#### Stedham Camp

Otters Class has just returned from spending three days at Stedham Campsite. We all had lots of fun doing things that we wouldn't normally get to do, for example, on Monday evening we went on a night hike to Older Hill with a lady from the National Trust called Fiona. First of all she let us use some bat detectors to hear when they were near. She then took us on a loop walk where we heard, and later spotted, a nightjar (a ground-dwelling bird). We were also lucky enough to see a



alow-worm!

Whilst we were there, there were a lot of activities for us to do, but one of our favourites was on the last



day, when we did water activities. The games included catch the water balloon and one where you had to get as much water as you can in your bucket at the end of the field. We played many games but what we enjoyed just as much was simply chucking water at each other!



Another enjoyable thing at Stedham was the food. We were lucky enough to have many parent volunteers to cook us our meals. We especially liked the barbecue we had on the last day. We would like to thank all the people who helped.

All in all, we all thoroughly loved our time at Stedham and would like to thank everyone who made it possible. By Imogen and Ruby





Finally, we wish our Year 6 and Staff Leavers all the best for the future.

Have a lovely Summer break and we will see you all back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September refreshed and ready for the new academic year.