



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

Dragonflies Class



This term, Dragonflies have had a very busy time. We enjoyed learning about Divali, we made diva lamps and rangoli patterns. Vikish's Mummy came in to tell us all about how they celebrate Divali in their house. We were lucky enough to try some of the food they eat too, as she made everyone in class a samosa – they were very yummy!



We all up in our pyjamas on Children in Day to help raise money for all of the nice things that we have. Pudsey Bear activities, such as cupcakes.



dressed Need the children who haven't got We spent the day doing lots of making masks and decorating



We had a visit from Fireman Graham. He taught us a rhyme about staying away from lighters and matches and told us how we could stay safe. Mrs Mayhew also tried on his uniform and we were allowed to try on his helmet – it was very heavy!



We have enjoyed lots of things on the run-up to Christmas; we made our snowmen to sell at the Christmas Fair.

We had our stay and play day and our parents, relatives and carers came to join in with Christmas activities, it was a lot of fun.



Then we had our Christmas party day and we had a Christmas dinner, followed by the party where we played pass the parcel.



We have also been practising for our Nativity Tableau appearance at the church which we are all excited to be a part of.



Hedgehogs Class

This half-term, Hedgehogs have welcomed Liz Mitchell to Mrs Payne's class.

We have been on a trip to Whizzbits Toy Shop where our focus was on real life money and prices.



Our topic 'Celebrations of Light' has taught the children about festivals celebrated around the world. The children have learned about Divali, Hannukah and Advent.

The majority of our half-term has been focused on 'Christmas with the Aliens,' our version of the nativity. The production was a real success and Hedgehogs sang beautifully alongside Squirrels.



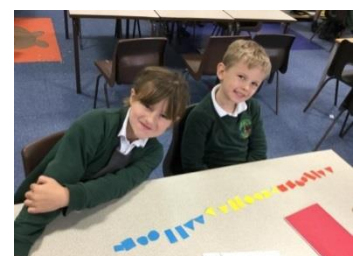
Squirrels Class

This half-term has been very busy as:-

We have found out that Guy Fawkes worked at Cowdray Castle and explored his part in the Gunpowder Plot.

We have learnt about the word 'Respect' and honoured our serving service personnel and our Veterans.

In our lesson time we have completed lots of challenges to make learning fun. These activities have also allowed us to learn to work with others.





The FireWise team came in and taught us about fire safety. We have continued to learn about the word 'Respect' through our anti-bullying week and our Odd Sock Day.

We have completed many Christmas activities and learnt about Festivals of Light through Diwali, Hanukkah and Advent. We enjoyed making our Christingles, supporting our learning about how Christians see Jesus as 'The Light of the World'. The Nativity Play, 'Christmas with the Aliens' has been the highlight; it was fantastic! A packed half-term.

Thank you for your continuing support. Enjoy the holiday and the team will look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Rabbits and Badgers Classes



We went to Butser Ancient Farm to help study parts of our topic, The Stone Age. We were met by a lovely lady, Wendy, who was our expert for the day.

We made camp in a Stone Age roundhouse - there was a fire in the middle of the house to help keep us warm. We did a selection of activities to help us understand the way of life in the Stone Age.

We had to do some wattling - weaving hazel wood for the fences. We had to work in pairs to do this to make sure we did it properly.

We also did some wool spinning with sheep's wool (it was smelly and felt disgusting). It was quite difficult to do as the spinner had to always be spun the same way otherwise it would undo the spinning.

We also did some chalk carving - we had to

carve with sharp flint and could only make the colour using a dock leaf. Our final activity was archaeology where we had to dig to find some bones and flint. We also had to match the pieces we found with an actual artefact. We had to use toothbrushes to help clean each item.



We had a visit from Paul Ulson to conclude our topic on The Stone Age. Firstly, we did some role play to help us understand the timeline between the Stone Age and Iron/Bronze Ages. The Stone Age lasted the longest period of time and was over 3.5 million years ago.

Badgers and Rabbits had made shields in preparation for Paul's visit. We split into two groups ready to stage a fight. There was lots of chanting going on to show respect to the leading gods/goddesses. There wasn't a clear winner so two champions had to fight it out and the losing one had to have his head cut off (as a sign of respect - it was shown to his team). The battle was

also shown to our parents later on.

We also tried some Ogham writing (also known as the Tree Alphabet) - it was a code that was never cracked by those trying to read messages being sent between priests. We all wrote messages to our parents/carers for them to decode when they came in for our Fantastic Finish.

Finally, we drew some artefacts with chalk and had to look carefully at the light and shadows. These were shared with our parents/carers in the afternoon. At the end of the day we also had a quiz between parents and pupils and luckily the children won! By Ivy and Sophie



Foxes Class



On Friday 23rd November, Year 5 went on a school trip to Tangmere Air Museum to gain further information for our topic "WWII". We saw a whole range of different planes and learned a lot about them.

Nick, in our class, said, "I liked the aircraft hangar and learning about all the planes." We saw lots of incredible aircraft and exhibits and even got a chance to go in a cockpit and a simulator.

We took part in two competitions which were fun and included drawing a plane or something in the museum and

finding answers to questions based around the museum and aircraft hangers.

Tangmere Museum is situated in a small area of an old airfield which was originally land owned by a local farmer until the American Air Force bought it to use as a base. After the war the RAF bought it from them for £1.

We also learned that on August 16th 1940, 75 German planes were shot down just on that day.



Offers Class

Interfaith Day

On 8th November 2018, lots of other Year 6 pupils came to our school to take part in an amazing Interfaith Day. It was interesting to hear about different religions from the four representatives who came in to talk to us. The religions were: Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism. By Charlie and Lily



Bikeability

On 5th November 2018, Year 6 took part in a week of cycling proficiency, called Bikeability. There were two instructors, named Natalie and Chris. They helped us prepare for adventures on the road when cycling.

The first thing we did was the 'M' check which is where you make sure you have everything on your bike that you need. After that, we cycled round the playground and played a game called 'count how many fingers I am holding up' while cycling. When we finished the finger game we went on to the road, we practised our left signalling and then our right signalling. We also had to practise U-turns and junctions; they were quite tricky but fun. Everyone in Year 6 had fun and on one day it was pouring down but we did not care.

By Courtney and Izzy

Remembrance Service

On Monday 12th November, Easebourne Primary School went to St. Mary's Church for our 100 years Remembrance Day service. Any children that were Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Beavers or Rainbows were allowed to wear their uniforms for school. When we





got to the church some children read poetry from the First World War.

After the poetry, Theo, from Year 6, placed our school's wreath on the war memorial.

Derek then read out the names of the soldiers from Easebourne that died in WWI and II while children from Years 4, 5 and 6 lined up around the war memorial, it was quite shocking to see how many men didn't come home.

Afterwards we went into the church to look at the poppy decorations which we helped to make at school, Scouts and Guides. By Rufus and Lily Year 5

Poetry Recitation

On Friday 2nd November 2018, Nellie (Year 2) and I became the overall winners of the Poetry Competition 2018. I recited 'Talking Turkeys' by Benjamin Zepanah and Nellie recited 'The Worlds Most Peculiar Mother' by Lindsay Macrae. Both of us had great fun and would like to enter next year. The following week, Steve Tasane, performance poet, led three workshops with the children. After school, we had a performance session, with children who had won prizes in the recitation competition reciting to an audience of children and parents. Steve also performed. Geoff Allnutt, local performance poet and one of our judges, kindly hosted the evening. By Roberta (Yr 5)



PE Fixtures

Hockey Tournament

On 9th November, 14 children from Year 5 went to MRC for a hockey tournament.



There were teams of children from different schools and two teams from Easebourne. We had a warm-up and were reminded of the rules for hockey. Both Easebourne teams worked really hard and had good games throughout the tournament. We made sure that we worked well together. We even started to talk 'tactics' to try and make sure that we passed the ball, made use of the space and worked as a team.

Team A came seventh and team B came tenth out of the sixteen groups. We had lots of fun and did well to compete against some more experienced Year 6 teams from other schools!

Tag Rugby Festival

On Friday 23rd November, Otters Class had the opportunity to take part in a tag rugby festival at Midhurst Rother College. There was a selection of other schools at the festival; it was fun to compete against them.

We took part in a selection of different activities to help our skill set with the sport as well as to encourage a greater understanding of the game. The activities included passing, passing whilst on the run, catching and stuck in the mud.

We finished the afternoon with a tournament against the other schools. Both of our Easebourne teams played to a high standard and left with big smiles on our faces. We were proud to represent our school at the festival.



Easebourne Primary Singing in the Community

Midhurst Rotary Youth Music Festival

On Wednesday 7th November, children from Foxes and Otters took part in an evening of musical performances at MRC. We sang 'Something Just Like This' by Coldplay and a song called 'Right To Be Loved' written by teenagers from Song Academy. We enjoyed listening to performers from other primary schools as well as the MRC choir and orchestra.



Singing at Cowdray Café

On Saturday 1st December 2018, children from Years 5 and 6 went to the Christmas Tasting Day at Cowdray Café to sing some Christmas carols and songs. It was raining but we huddled together and sang under our umbrellas. Our song booklets were very soggy by the end but the hot chocolate and candy canes were a nice treat! It was fun! By Adam, Year 6

Friendship Tea

On Wednesday 5th December, a small group of children from Year 5 went to the Easebourne Refectory to sing to a group of pensioners. Mary, the organist from church, played the keyboard to accompany our Christmas songs and carols. After our singing, they kindly gave us some drinks, crisps, sweets and cakes, which were very yummy. We enjoyed it and we think they did too. By Lucy and Grace, Year 5



Cowdray Pensioners' Lunch

On Wednesday 5th December, Otters Class headed over to Cowdray Golf Club and sang to the Cowdray pensioners at their Christmas lunch. They joined in with some of the carol singing. It was lots of fun and at the end we were given chips and a drink! By Teddy, Year 6

Tree of Hope

On Thursday 6th December, some of the Year 5-6 pupils went to St Mary's Church, to sing at the Macmillan Tree of Hope service. We were also accompanied by some MRC students playing some Christmas carols. We sang two songs; one was called 'Change and Grow' and the other was called 'One Moment, One People'. At the end of the service we headed outside to see them turn on the lights on the Tree of Hope which is by the Church. By Leah, Year 6

Midhurst Christmas Street Party

On 7th December 2018, children from Year 5 and 6 went to sing at the Midhurst Street Party. We sang Christmas songs on stage with three other local schools. It was lots of fun and we all felt very Christmassy. By Charlie, Year 6



Christmas Lunch, Parties and Easebourne's Got Talent

On Friday, 14th December, the whole school enjoyed a Christmas meal complete with crackers. In the afternoon EYFS and KS1 enjoyed Christmas parties whilst KS2 held our school talent show, 'Easebourne's Got Talent'. There were lots of different acts like comedy, singing, drumming (that was me) and ukulele. A group of girls (Ellie, Izzy, Margot, Sian, Lily and Lucy) sang '2002' and came third. Lucas sang 'Desperado' in Spanish and came second and I came first drumming to 'Uptown Funk'. The judges were Mr T, Mrs Bedford, Mrs Daley and Mrs Coates. Lucas was shocked when he scored 38/40 and I was even more shocked when I scored 40/40. By Jacob, Year 5