

# 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**



## A WORD FROM THE HEAD

8th October 2021

At the start of the week, we had our first visit from a West Sussex official monitoring the need for a traffic crossing. The feedback is encouraging and suggests our case is a strong one. She will return in the near future, so please continue to walk to school or park and stride when you can.

This week, it feels a little as though the children are taking over! On Tuesday, the Year 5 pupils led their weekly class acts of collective worship, with the subject of interfaith, using the inspirational story of a Catholic Church whose parishioners opened up their cloisters during the COVID restrictions to enable Muslim neighbours to come together to eat during Ramadan. The next day, our Year 6 school councillors attended remote training with school councillors from other local schools. Their first project is to revive the school's Playtime Leader scheme where older pupils organise playtime games for the younger children. Today, our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors have held a socially distanced cake sale for Refugee Action to support refugees from Afghanistan. Meanwhile, our house captains have booked an assembly before half-term to explain to the rest of the school how their new Daily Mile initiative might work.

Finally, due to a little confusion, we have two tickets available for the Y1-2 theatre trip to see **Stick Man** on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 4.00pm. Please let the office know if you would like one of these.

We have, today, put aside a block of tickets for the other two productions. Again, please let the office know if you would like a ticket for your child. Please note these are evening performances.

Y3-4 Children

**Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World –**

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January @ 7.00pm

Y5-6 Children

**Private Peaceful** – Thursday, 3rd March @ 7.30pm

(Please note change of date as tickets for the Friday performance are not subsidised)

**Reminder**—if anyone is interested in becoming a parent governor the deadline is Tuesday 12 October.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Monday the shopping trolley will be parked outside the front of school at drop off and pick up ready for any Harvest Festival donations. We will take the school offerings down to St. Mary's with us on 21<sup>st</sup> for our Harvest Service with Derek. Thank you in advance.



## FORTHCOMING DATES

13.10	9.30-12.00 Open Morning— Reception 2022
14.10	9.15-12.15 Interfaith Day
15.10	3.30-5.30 Fairies & Scaries
18.10	2.45-6.30 Zoom Parents' Evening
19.10	Individual Photos 2.30 Tapestry Introduction Year R Parents
21.10	11.00 Harvest Festival 2.45-5.30 Zoom Parents' Evening
22.10	Environment Day

## Key Dates

25.10- 29.10	Half-term
17.12	Last day of term
03.05	INSET day

# POETRY BY HEART

## NEWS

### Poetry Recitation Competition

This is just a reminder that Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November is our annual competition for any child to learn and recite a poem. KS2 children are encouraged to learn a poem from the [Poetry By Heart website](#). This gives them a wide range to choose from and also means that they are then halfway towards entering the national Poetry By Heart competition where they would need to re-

cite two poems to enter. Last year, we could only enter one child, and Nellie (Y5) was a National Finalist, performing in London; this year, they are asking schools to submit three children so there will be even more reason for our KS2 children to enter. The list of poems for KS1 to choose from will be produced over the weekend, so look out for an e-mail about that.

## Community Litter Pick

The next community litter pick takes place on **Saturday 16th October** from the Old Library between 9am and 1pm and any young people working towards badges at Guides or Scouts can use this as their community work/ volunteering. Young people must be accompanied by an adult and can volunteer for as long or short of a time within the 4 hours as they wish.



## NURSERY AND EYFS

Look what we found by our Nursery sandpit this week – it's a Pale Tussock caterpillar, sadly it won't look so stunning as a moth. The children enjoyed studying it through the magnifying glasses, "it's really hairy" "wow, amazing".

We've also been sharing photos & talking about our families & where we live.



This week, Dragonflies class met our vicar, Derek. We all had to introduce ourselves to Derek as he didn't really know most of us. Derek will be coming into our class every week for us to have an assembly and learn all the great things about God and the church.



"Derek is big and he can touch the roof!" – Jamie

"We will go to the hall and sing songs with him." - Delilah

## School Council

Last week, our School Council met for the first time.

They discussed a range of issues. These included the after-school clubs that each class, at their class council meetings, had decided they would like to see introduced to the school. The clubs were then shortlisted by the school councillors for a final vote back in class.

We will let you know what the children would most like to be offered and we hope to be able to support some of these choices within school. If, however, you feel able to give up your time to help provide the adult support to make this happen, that would be great.

School councillors also discussed the plan of Toby (Aspire Coach) training new Playtime Leaders during Thursday lunchtimes. It was agreed that a new shed near the playground with playtime equipment was also a good idea.

## KS1

Grandparents' Afternoon Tea: What a fantastic afternoon! A huge thank you to all the Grandparents (and stand-ins) who came to our afternoon tea. The children had a ball drawing portraits, asking the questions that they had written, and talking with their Grandparents about their family trees. The children made scones the previous day, especially for the occasion. Delicious! Thank you also to the Grandparents who offered their help with our reading and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

"I liked giving my Granny Girshie a hug at the Grandparents Tea Party." Harry

During maths this week we have been looking at making groups within 10 and ordering them from greatest to least and least to greatest. We have used the symbols  $<$  (less than) and  $>$  (greater than) to compare these groups. Towards the end of the week, we also worked on ordinal numbers. Last Friday, Squirrels welcomed their Grandparents to school. The Grandparents were treated to tea and cake before coming to the classroom, looking at the children's work and having their portrait drawn. The children had spent the week thinking about questions to ask them and writing them down with perfect punctuation. We also talked about good questions which need more than a yes or no answer. Eliza, Harriet and her brother Rory (in Hedgehogs) did a wonderful job of helping Mrs Bennington show the grandparents to the correct classes. The grandparents had a wonderful time and asked if they could do it again soon!

"I liked showing them my work" Eva.  
"It was nice to have them visit our school" Oscar.



*House Points*



*Star Award Winners*

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## KS2

We have had a fantastic Science Week in Rabbits looking at light and how shadows are created. We have enjoyed making puppets and using light sources (torches) to experiment with how shadows change depending on how far or close they are to the light source. We have also spent time recording our results in bar graphs!

Sunshine, excitement and apples galore! That was 4H this Wednesday afternoon as they harvested the fruit in the School Orchard. Our plan is to make Christmas Apple Chutney, which the children will prepare and cost up themselves, to sell at the Christmas Fair. We will also be selling Easebourne Crab Apple Jelly, which Mrs Taylor's Cooking Club are making – again using our own fruit.

This week, 4D have been continuing their learning of States of Matter by looking at evaporation, condensation and The Water Cycle. There were lots of super scientific experiments where we tried to figure out where our wet handprints went, how water can get on the outside of a sealed glass jar with ice in it and created our own mini water cycle. We also learnt that all the water on our planet is recycled - so the water we drink is the same water the dinosaurs drank.

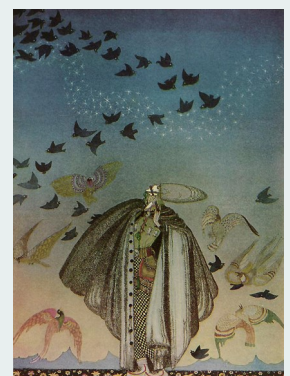
This week, we have had a busy week in Foxes. We have been learning all about counting in tenths in maths and got to use lots of manipulatives to show our thinking. Science has been really fun because we have been looking at the phases of the moon and checking at night to see what has changed. We also planned and wrote a shared poem in English... we hope to perform to one of the younger classes next week!

Our week started off a bit gory: Y6 made our own blood! We used water to represent plasma, gelatine to represent platelets and red food colouring to represent red blood cells. We have been working hard to learn more about the circulatory system, blood vessels and the heart. In PE, we have been working on our hockey skills and have already greatly improved our passing and dribbling! We have been self-assessing and decided we now need to work on moving into space when playing matches.

"I liked it when we did the ice cube thing because the hot water made droplets under the ice cubes, it went all misty and the ice stuck to the clouds. It really helped my learning of evaporation, condensation and water vapour". By Bella, Rebekah & Layla (Badgers D)

## Tight Write

Tight Write#52 is an illustration by Kay Nielsen, a Danish illustrator who moved to the US in 1939 and worked for Disney, contributing to the **Night on Bald Mountain** and **Ave Maria** sections of the animated feature, *Fantasia*. He is best known, though, for his illustrations to fairy tales and folk tales. This illustration comes from the book **East of the Sun and West of the Moon**.



Have a great weekend,

*Johnny Curran*