

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**



Friday 28th January 2022

A WORD FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD

We continue to have a steady number of cases in school, 25 at the time of writing, plus our two staff members. We wish everyone a speedy recovery and look forward to having them all back with us soon.

The measures we have put in place will be reviewed and revised as necessary for next week. If numbers stay as they are or lower, then clubs will continue as normal (with us grouping children by year group as far as we can) and Wraparound will operate in bubbles as we've done this week. Please email Johnny, myself or let the office know of any further confirmed cases – our emails will be checked over the weekend.

This week, the children have been tackling the issue of excessive noise in the hall at lunchtime. The school council worked with Donna Laycock to draw up a set of **Golden Lunchtime Rules**. All children discussed them at their class council meetings and fed back to me with additional ideas, which I shared in Monday's assembly. With several year groups currently eating in their classrooms, we won't be able to see the impact of these suggestions until we return to eating lunch together in the hall. The rules are up on display, together with some speech bubbles to remind the children of their key messages.

On Tuesday afternoon, Years 4 and 5 had a visit from Hamza, who works with us regularly to support our children's knowledge of Islam. He spent an hour with each year group and answered a huge number of questions from the children ... you'll read more details on this later in the newsletter.

Finally, thank you to everyone for their support this week which was much appreciated and I know you'll all join me in wishing Johnny a swift recovery.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week Derek explored the idea of individual and collective hope. He lit the candle and we reflected on things we all hope for in our world, such as a peaceful resolution to the situation between Russia and the Ukraine, and we spent some time thinking about what we hope for, for ourselves.



THE WEEK AHEAD:

02.02	Reception Screening— School Nurse
04.02	RV Cross Country @ MRC (team Yrs 3-6)
07.02	Parent Consultation Evening (via Zoom)
10.02	Parent Consultation Evening (via Zoom)
11.02	Red House Cake Sale - donations to British Heart Foundation Debate Club— Yrs 5 and 6
18.02	PTFA Break The Rules Day

KEY DATES:

21.02- 25.02	Half Term
28.02	Inset Day
08.04	Last Day of Term
25.04	First Day of term
03.05	Inset Day
06.06	Inset Day

NEWS



Last Friday, a team of Year 6 children headed to MRC to take part in a Rother Valley athletics competition. Every member of the team had to participate in every event, this included a 600m run, 75m sprint, standing long jump and the vortex howler throw. Every second and centimetre of every team member mattered as all our results were pooled together towards the final placings.

We are still waiting to hear the final results but it's safe to say that every member of the team gave their very best, producing some very impressive running, jumping and throwing. More important than that though, is how well they supported and encouraged each other whilst also showing great sportsmanship to teams from other schools.

REMINDERS

Please continue to keep the office informed of any new cases or symptoms. If you have a child returning to school after a positive case, we need confirmation that they have had 2 negative LFT's or have reached day 10. An email or phone message sharing this information with us is fine.

We also have a few children off with a sickness bug. Please be aware that children should not return to school until 48 hours have passed since the last bout of either sickness or diarrhoea.

This week you should have received a link to book an appointment for the Zoom Parent Consultations for Monday 7th or Friday 10th February. If you have any problems booking please let the office know.

NURSERY AND EYFS

'The Wheels On The Bus' is this week's rhyme in Caterpillars. Ladybirds have been making their face collages, "I got two eyes".

Bumble Bees have painted their self portraits and talked about what makes us the same and different, "my brother's not got hair like me", "I've got golden hair and it's quite long".



Dragonflies Class has been learning all about Chinese New Year. They have learnt that it is celebrated for 15 days from the first new moon in the new year, until the first full moon of the new year. The celebrations end with a lantern festival. Red and gold colours are used a lot, red for luck and gold for wealth. The Chinese also have lucky coins that they throw into fountains for good health and fortune. Dragonflies were able to taste some Chinese food in class.

"I've never tasted Chinese food before – it's so good!" - Daniel

"They throw lucky coins into fountains at Chinese New Year." - Ayla

HOUSE FUNDRAISING

YELLOW HOUSE CHARITY DAY

Today was 'Crazy Hat Day' and I hope you all enjoyed it.

I loved seeing all of your amazing head-gear.

Thank you for your kind donations, we raised £117.00



Red House will be holding a Valentines themed bake sale on Friday 11th February after school to raise funds for their charity The British Heart Foundation.

Blue House are hosting a disco after school on Friday 18th March, for their charity Winston's Wish. Tickets will cost £2.00 and include a snack and drink.

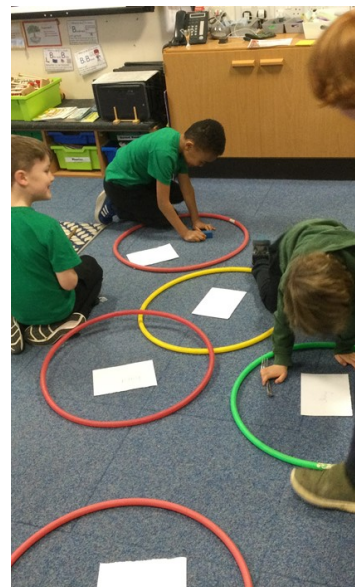
Look out for more details on all these events.

KS1

Year 1 - Hedgehogs have been busy in Maths learning about 'more than and less than' and working out which symbol we need to use to represent this. We did some more drama this week and told the story of Ruth in our RE lessons, we learnt about the story and selected parts that showed how Ruth performed good deeds. We enjoyed drawing pictures and describing our illustrations of the good deeds.

In science we are looking at the properties of materials and worked our way around the room looking at the different ways in which we can describe a certain material. We played the sock game taking it in turns to put our hands in a sock to feel different materials and describe them to our partners. We also used hoops and placed different materials in the hoops which were labelled with matching properties. We noticed that some of the materials overlapped and could be put into more than one hoop.

Year 2 - Squirrels have been enjoying Lego Club after school. At the start of the club, it was decided that the children would be allowed free choice during the session, to build whatever they wanted. A few Squirrels wanted a challenge and enjoyed creating a play park or a boat. Others enjoyed working in pairs or threes making models or worked by themselves. They all wanted to show their friends their creations at the end of the session.



"We tried to describe what the object was inside the sock. We had to put objects into hoops to match the materials" Ava

*"I made a basketball net and Alf liked mine so he made one too" Ollie ""
"It has a ball that can go through the net, I was hoping that it would be taller but I ran out of pieces" Alf*





KS2

Year 3 - This week, Rabbits have been computing wizards. Not only have we learnt how to change text colour, font and size but we have created our own newsletters using a template. The template had placeholders so we knew what we were doing before we had to make the text relevant. We have really enjoyed using the chrome books to create our own edited files. In Maths, we have been creating shapes from squares and rectangles where we have been looking at the angles and specifically right angles.

We have really missed those children that have been off and hope they are feeling better and will return to school soon!

Year 4 - This week we had a visit from Hamza to help explain to us how Muslims show their submission and obedience to God, which is the key question for our R.E. this half term. We were able to share what we had previously learnt with him and ask questions around this. He explained how Muslims believe that the world is like God's guest-house and that we are his VIP guests; we should therefore treat the world around us (plants, animals, people, and ourselves) with respect. They show their immense thanks and gratitude to God by praying to him 5 times a day, and by following His rules. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to hear this all first-hand and to have the chance to raise questions about the Islamic faith.

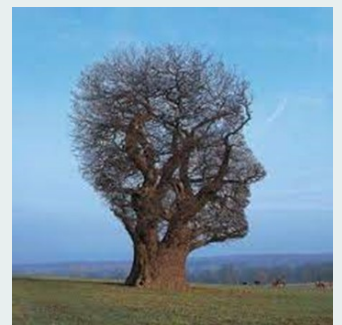
Year 5 - In Foxes, this week we have been extremely busy improving our shading skills, learning about Islam and calculating the area of rectangles in Maths. In Art, we learnt how to use cross hatching, stippling, smudging, scribbling and contour lines to create realistic shading effects. On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to be joined by Hamza. We had a great time learning about the Qur'an asking lots of questions.

Year 6 - Otters had the pleasure of welcoming Derek into our RE lesson. This term, we have been unpicking the story of Creation and how this can fit in with modern science. With Derek's help, we worked in groups to explore some pictures and photographs related to Creation. We had lots of questions, such as "How did God create light without a light source?" and "Are the planets mentioned in Genesis?" Derek taught us how some Christians interpret the Bible, and explained that not everyone's beliefs are the same.

TIGHT WRITE

Mr Culley will announce the winner of last week's Tight Write when he is back in school.

In the meantime, here is this week's picture. I hope it inspires you to write something wonderful, remember you have just 50 words, so use them wisely!



"Hamza came to school to tell us about Muslims and he said the Adhan and then prayed. He showed us his daughter's head scarf and his prayer hat." Bethany, 4D