

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**



11th March 2022

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

Today was a sad one for Easebourne Primary School as the whole school gathered on a damp playground to form a twisting arch for Lizzie Mayhew to negotiate on her last day. The arch ended with Dragonflies and Lizzie has probably ended up with severe backache as a result!

In classes, everyone had watched a slideshow, reminding us of Lizzie's warm personality and sunny smile.



Others worked out, from an early picture in the slideshow, that Lizzie arrived in Dragonflies at the same time as they did so she has played a significant part in the first year at 'big school' for the vast majority of our children. She will be sorely missed, but she will be a huge positive for children in care who are currently separated from their birth families.

Sadly, the PTFA were forced to cancel Walk Job Run today. The decision was left till the afternoon in case the weather cheered up but it simply turned more unpleasant. The PTFA are looking to identify another possible day for this event which the children greatly enjoy and will be in touch with the new date as soon as it is known.

Congratulations to our cross country runners this week—more on that in next week's newsletter which will be a sporting special!

In the meantime, I wish you all a restful and hopefully sunnier weekend.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We have a Year 4 Collective Worship Team who will continue this role into Year 5 next September. There were lots of volunteers for this role, so for the next four weeks, Sienna, Mia, Eden and Tula from Badgers 4H will be in charge of setting up, lighting the candle and reading a prayer and we will rotate after that. This week, Derek brought in the paten and chalice from St. Mary's and he explained the significance of them in Christian Mass. Next week each class will be stripping their class cross and reflecting on what matters to them as a group of children.



FORTHCOMING

DATES:

- 15.03.22 Y4 RV all Sing
- 18.03.22 Book Club (Y5-Y6)
- 24.03.22 Break The Rules

KEY DATES:

- 08.04 Last day of term
- 25.04 First day back
- 03.05 Inset Day
- 22.05 Circus Visit to School
- 23.05 Circus Work-Shop
- 06.06 Inset Day



NEWS STORY

Following last week's Fairtrade chocolate sale by RRSAs (Billy and Elizabeth), the school was able to donate £165 to Ukraine Sunflower Aid whose volunteers will be leaving Midhurst from the Square at 11 o'clock on Monday morning. I'm sure they would welcome being waved off, if people are around at that time and we wish them well with their mission.

On Sunday evening, St Mary Magdalene & St Denys is hosting for a short while in the Square to take a short moment to remember the people of Ukraine who have lost everything and to think of all the volunteers charging across Europe to provide aid. All are welcome to join, though I'm afraid I haven't been able to find any timing for this.



PTFA NEWS -

CIRCUS PAZAZ

We've had an excellent response to our Circus Pazaz fundraising event so far with over **241 tickets sold to date!** We will be opening ticket sales up to local schools from Monday in an effort to sell out all three shows. To do this we need to sell the remaining 359 tickets which is why we'll be offering other schools the opportunity to join in the fun. **If you haven't booked your tickets yet and want to be sure of obtaining one, please do so before Sunday evening.** Don't forget our early bird price of £7 expires then too and we'd hate for our families to miss out. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eps-circus>

NURSERY AND EYFS

We have been very busy little bugs this week, Caterpillars have been painting lots of lovely pictures of butterflies, caterpillars and spiders. Ladybirds have continued to make pictures, painting and sticking, for their 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' display, whilst Bumble Bees have been learning all about the 'Life cycle of a Butterfly', which they have done on paper plates with their own-coloured pictures.



Dragonflies have continued their learning about Lent and went on a spring welly walk to try and find signs of new life. There were lots of buds, bursting into life and the spring flowers were out in full bloom. The children saw crocuses, daffodils, blossom and lots of tiny new green leaves beginning to shoot.

"It's blossom, I've got it at my house." – Rosie.

Blue Panthers

'Happy Bake Day'

WINSTON'S WISH WW

On **Friday 18th March**, the Blue House fundraiser will take place. It will be a fantastic event. It will be a baking competition and a bake sale. To enter you will have to submit at least £1.00 and bring in at least two cakes, one will be judged on taste and looks and the others will be sold. The theme is 'Happy/Happiness/Joy'. We want to raise money for counselling for 'Winston's Wish' which supports young children with recent family loss. The results will be submitted on Monday.

By Ollie & Ivy



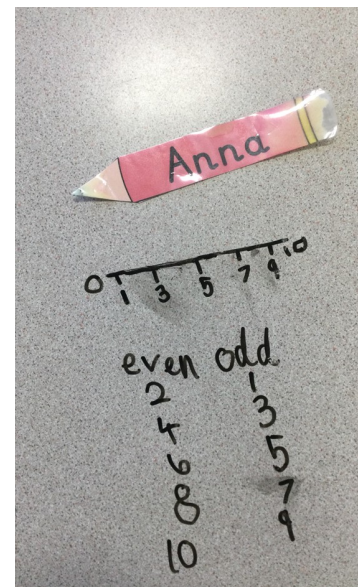
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Hedgehogs - have been inspired by World Book day to look at the books by the author Mo Williams. We have started reading 'Knuffle Bunny' and have looked at the grammar that Mo uses in this book. We noticed that Mo joins sentences with 'and' as well as 'but' we worked on extending our own writing by joining sentences together with both these conjunctions (ask us what the action and colour is for conjunctions). Mo also uses a lot of speech bubbles to show that the character is talking. We used part of the story, where the main character Trixie has lost her toy and is trying to explain to her dad that it had been left behind, to create our own speech bubble with what the children thought she may be saying as in the book she is not yet able to speak words. We also created a story map so we can retell the story with actions to help us remember what happens.

Odd and even numbers have been our focus in maths this week. Did you know that an odd and an odd number combine to make an even number and that an even number and an even number also combine to make an even number! We spent a lesson working out whether this is true for all even numbers... it was! We also did the same investigation for odd numbers, ask us what we found out!

Spring is on its way and we took a leisurely walk around the school field to find signs of new life which ties in with our RE this half term. We found lots of buds and new leaves on the bushes, we noticed that the weather is warmer and that the days are longer. Most of us decided that Spring was the best season.

Squirrels - have been very busy this week, despite Mrs Payne not being in school! They have been working on mastering adding and subtracting 10 and written some wonderful poems about waves. In their poetry, they have been learning some tricky new technical vocabulary, simile and onomatopoeia! They have also managed to squeeze in planting bean seeds in science and have begun to learn about Holy Week in RE.



"There are green leaves and brown bits. There is no frost and ice." Anna

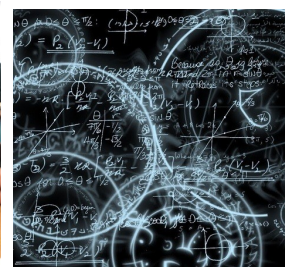
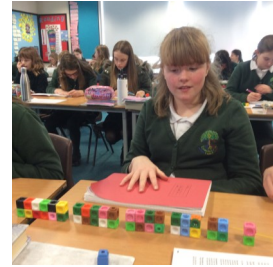
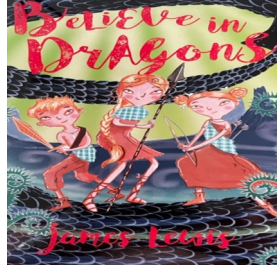


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Rabbits - This week, we have started the countdown to Easter and have been, looking at Salvation, how Palm crosses, crucifixes and crosses are used to represent different parts of the Easter Story and help us to remember key parts of the story. We have also been busy looking at a crime scene investigation... where we established that plants are a living thing and that we should be respectful of them. We have also been exploring how roots help to anchor the plant and how they help a plant survive by looking at the pathway of water from the ground to the flower!

Badgers 4D - We have been the fortunate recipients of a class set of a new book, 'Believe in Dragons' by a local author James Lewis. It has been wonderful to see each child in the class able to follow the story in their own 'untouched' copy of the book, and to read aloud in turn. It's a wonderful opportunity to engage the whole class in exploring new vocabulary and examples of well written text that is helping to support our writing..... Our writing this week has involved character and setting descriptions to help us plan and draft our own Norse Myths!

Badgers 4H - This week Noah (4H) and Finley (4D) went to a Maths Morning at MRC, to work with other Year 4 children from the Rother Valley on reasoning skills. They solved a Maths Mystery which Noah said was fun and not too tricky and both enjoyed working with other mathematicians from our locality. Back in the classroom, 4H have been continuing their work on our Invasion topic, looking at the differences in everyday life for Anglo Saxons and Vikings. 4H have been working hard on showing their families how much they know about healthy snacks and have either come in with samples of food they've made at home, or have sent in photographs of their work. A very tasty week indeed!

Foxes - This week in maths we have been learning about negative numbers. In English we continued to work on our biographies. Science has involved learning about plants and their life cycles. We have enjoyed our topics.

Otters - We have had a fabulous week this week! In science we have been exploring electricity. We experimented with adding more bulbs and cells to our circuits to see what impact it had on the light. We have remembered lots of our learning from Year 4 and are keen to test some of our own hypotheses later in the week. In maths, we have been learning about linear sequences. On Monday, we had a super lesson with Mr Culley where we used spaghetti and cubes to build our own sequences. Who knew that spaghetti (as well as being delicious) is also great for demonstrating our learning?!

CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE



Thank you to Annabelle (4D) for her wonderful **amphibious vehicle**. What you can't see from the photograph is that Annabelle's creation swivels effortlessly, allowing its driver a 360 degree view.

The next challenge is to produce a **Supercar**. This could, for grandparents, be Gerry Anderson's remarkable creation from 1961-2, but it could simply be a car that is super.



I was really looking forward to Walk, Jog Run and we are looking forward to it being re-scheduled - Rosie 4H