

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

15th October 2021

We are very fortunate to have a committed group of school governors and, this week, we welcome Nicola Holbern as a new school governor. Nicola has two children at the school and will become one of our **parent governors**.

You will probably know that our governors are volunteers who give up their time to support the school. We are very lucky to have a number of parent, grandparent and community **volunteers** who kindly give up their time to support the children and enhance the school in other ways. **Thank you** to all who listen to the children read, run events like Fairies and Scaries as part of the PTFA, tend and transform the flowerbeds or run an after school club. A wonderful example of that last category is Mrs Taylor who runs a fantastic Cooking Club each week. The children have not only enjoyed cooking but are mastering technical skills and thinking about presentation, whilst learning about nutrition. We can never have enough volunteers, so if you have some free time why not give it a go.

Attached to this e-mail, you should find a flyer for a new opportunity for parents and children from **Laura's Explorers**. The sessions will take place in the school grounds and Laura plans to start after half-term and all details can be found on the flyer. You can find out more at the website; to book, you will need to follow the 'Book' tab at the top of the page.



Finally, a reminder that children should start to choose the poem they want to learn if they plan to enter the school's **Poetry Recitation Challenge** on Wednesday, 10th November. KS2 children can choose any poem from the [Poetry By Heart website](#) whilst KS1 children can choose any poem from the attached sheet.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We are hoping for lots more donations for our Harvest Service next week – please give what you can and pop it into the shopping trolley which is at the front of school at drop off and pick up.



FORTHCOMING DATES

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
21.10	No after-school clubs except Wraparound
22.10	Environment Day

Key Dates

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



Year 5 Assemblies

On Tuesday afternoons, Foxes have been running assemblies in the other classrooms based on the No Outsiders initiative.

NEWS

The themes so far have included refugees from Afghanistan (see RRSA news), the inspirational example of Rosa Ayling-Ellis's participation in Strictly and the generosity of a Spanish Catholic Church in letting Muslim neighbours use their cloisters to celebrate Ramadan during COVID.

This week's assembly was about the dire male dominance of statuary in the UK and



Betty Campbell, a headteacher, who has inspired the first named black statue to be put up in Wales.

Y6 Rother Valley Interfaith morning

Yesterday, we welcomed 200 Year 6 pupils from 12 other primary schools in the Rother Valley for our fourth **Interfaith Morning**.



They were able to listen to and question representatives of five world faiths: Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism. Our own Year 6 children did a great job as friendly guides and waiters/waitresses during the morning.



NURSERY AND EYFS

So Autumn seems to have arrived, although the sunny days have been enjoyed by Nursery children outside this week. We have collected leaves and sticks to add to our Autumn tuff spot. It's full of interesting objects now – pine cones, conkers and a pumpkin. "I'm going to the pumpkin patch on Sunday"



Early Days Nursery says farewell to Gemma Alexander, who leaves us after 3 years service. Gemma also previously worked in the school for a year supporting children on a one to one basis. We wish her well for the future.

This week in one of Dragonflies P.E. sessions we were lucky enough to have a dry day, so we decided to make the most of the nice weather and went up on the field to the adventure trail where we practised our balancing and climbing. Back in the class in our Phonics sessions, we have been learning our first group of letter sounds and now we even know some words using these sounds.



"This cone's really bumpy"
"1,2,3,4,5 conkers all in a row"

"I like to try and balance on it!" – Elliot talking about the rolling balance bar.

RRSA/Eco-Warriors

Last week, our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors held a cake sale after school.

They brought in fairy cakes and buns to sell and the response from families was great. The cake sale made over £70.

The children plan to write to Refugee Action with their cheque to explain how they raised the money.



They hope that their fundraising will make a small difference to the lives of some refugees from Afghanistan.

KS1

Hedgehogs have been working on their technology unit this week and have learned about laptops and desktops. We know what a screen is, where the keyboard is on each type of computer, and how we can use the mouse or track pad to move the cursor.

Art and science were combined this week, we stuck and glued facial features to a photo of ourselves, they looked really funny!

Shape is the focus of our maths together with the rekkenreks. We have learned that we can make some shapes using other shapes such as 3 triangles which made a trapezoid.

Chartwells have also given us a 'knife and fork training' PowerPoint. As a class we have discussed why we use knives and forks, what we can eat with our hands and that we need to wash our hands for 20 seconds before we eat anything. We have talked about eating manners and how we should eat with our mouth closed and not talk until we have finished our food.

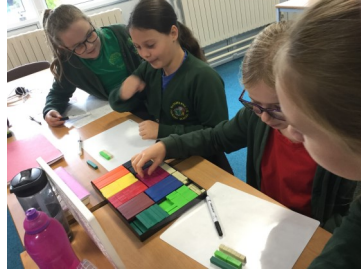
This week, Squirrels have been sharing their writing with Foxes. Firstly, Foxes came down to our classroom and shared some poems they had written. Squirrels commented on why they liked the poems and had a think about some of the vocabulary that they might 'magpie'. We then wrote a story about a picture of a mechanical submarine and took it down to Foxes class. We read them our stories and they helped us to green pen our writing. They helped us with spellings and descriptive language. Lily had a masterclass as her partner was Mr T himself!

"I was really nervous to read out my work but Star was really kind and I felt ok" Hope



House Points





What a busy week of birthdays we have had in Rabbits! We have also been enjoying our new book 'Stig of the dump'. We have been learning to use fronted adverbials and ensure that the language we are using in our writing is appropriate to the topic we are writing about. In our topic work we have been exploring Stonehenge – many of us have been lucky enough to have driven past the stones on our holidays but we are all enjoying learning about how it was built and why!

4D have been visiting 'The Land Of Neverbelieve' with our writing again this week; creatively constructing a piece of poetic verse about a fantastical plant, flower or tree. Using Monday's 'teachinglive.net' session we have been personifying our chosen plant, then writing about three features (for example leaves, petals, trunk) and using both alliteration and similes to describe them. Everyone has worked really hard and we are all very proud of our poetry, and accompanying illustrations. Perfectly poetic pupils, working as hard as bees in a beehive!

On Wednesday Badgers 4H took advantage of the beautiful weather and glorious Autumn leaves to do some natural art inspired by Andy Goldworthy. We bumped into some prospective parents and Badgers shared what they loved about our school. It was a great chance for us to work on the 7C's *"We worked as a team (using collaboration and communication) to make our amazing tree!"* *"It was lots of fun and we were really creative."* *"We took our time and chose each leaf carefully, thinking about colour and shape – this was real craftsmanship"*

"This week we have learnt about the battle that took part at Dunkirk beach, many of the soldiers were rescued by a fleet which came from England to save them. In Science we have learnt how to explain how the earth orbits the sun." Foxes - Will M

In maths this week, Year 6 have been exploring addition and multiplication. We loved using Cuisenaire rods to demonstrate our understanding of parts and wholes. Thursday morning was a particularly exciting day for us - we hosted local schools for our Interfaith Day. As well as listening to five amazing speakers, we also took on the roles of hosts to make our visitors feel welcome. It got a bit busy making squash for everyone, but we rose to the occasion and Mrs Parker is incredibly proud of us! "I liked interfaith day because we had the opportunity to learn new things about different religions" by Ruby,

MRC Art Enrichment

Tula and Alfie 4H "It felt a bit scary at first going to MRC because it's soooo big, but once we got into the activity it was fun. We loved making the Modroc donuts and we think they are really cool."

Tight Write

Congratulations to Rosie D and Sebby (Y4D), Billy (Y5) and Elizabeth (Y6) for their winning entries for Tight Write #52. The new Tight Write is attached with this Newsletter. Please note there are three weeks for this Tight Write, with half-term, and the deadline is Thursday, 4th November.



Have a great weekend,

Johnny Curran