

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**



24th September 2021

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

The school year feels fully under way. Last Friday, we welcomed some of our old Year 6 pupils back. Along with some of our current Year 6 pupils, they had interviewed members of Midhurst & Petworth Rotary Club by e-mail last year and compiled biographies of them. On Friday, they met some of these Mystery People to present them with their biographies and have a cup of tea and slice of cake. It was good to see them; they looked very grown-up in their smart MRC uniforms!

Clubs have all started this week and our Year 6 pupils visited MRC for their Live Experience Day on Tuesday. The PTFA have also been in deep discussion about how to give children a great time with Fairies and Scaries without increasing risk and a plan is emerging to ensure it is a success. Make sure to keep Friday 15th October free and note the earlier time of 3.30 to 5.30. If you are available to help on the day, I am sure they would be very grateful for your time before and/or during the event.

Last Sunday, 5 intrepid runners took part in the Butser Hill Challenge. There is a report on the event on Pg 2 of this newsletter. Well done to you all and a massive thank you to Mrs Coates for giving up time on a Sunday to support and encourage the children.

We are collecting ink cartridges (not toner or laser cartridges) as an environmental initiative with a fundraising element for the school. If you have any old, unwanted cartridges, please do drop them into the box in Reception.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Derek was on holiday this week so Mrs Hulbert told us a story about sharing, which also linked with this term's value - Faith. We all agreed that it can be hard to share things which we really love, want or need. We heard about the boy who gave Jesus all of his dinner, even though he was really hungry himself, because Jesus needed it more. Jesus' friends couldn't understand how this meagre meal of just five rolls and two fish would be enough to feed over 5,000 people, when it was barely enough for the boy. This was a good test of their faith. They did as Jesus asked and shared the food out, and the story tells us that there was enough food for all and some left over.



FORTHCOMING DATES

30.09	Year 6—on-line Maritime Museum
01.10	Year 1 and 2—Grandparents Tea Party pm
05.10	Year 1 and 2—Reading and Phonics (Zoom) 4.00pm
06.10	Year 6—RV School Councilor Training
06.10	Open Evening—Prospective parents Reception Sept 2022—6pm
07.10	Year 6—Height & Weight - School Nurse

08.10	Flu Vaccinations
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Key Dates

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

NEWS/PTFA

Fairies & Scaries

We know everyone is looking forward to Fairies & Scaries on Friday 15th October. This year we are going to have to do things differently to keep everyone safe. We hope the event will be as much fun as always but this time it will be for pupils only. It will happen straight after school 3.30-5.30pm. We will send out more details next week about tickets and what will happen at the event. In the meantime, get your thinking caps on to see if you can come up with a prize-winning costume or an idea for a prize-winning

pumpkin carving. Watch this space for more details....

The PTFA



Butser Hill Challenge

Sunday was a real challenge for 5 incredibly dedicated children and their families. Ethan (Y3) was first to set off on this challenge with Mia and Amelie (Y4) closely following. The children began by running up the main face of Butser Hill before looping round to the right and coming across the bottom of Butser to the finish. Year 6's Lucy and Ollie had to wait a little longer and I'm surprised they wanted to compete still. The Year 6's were racing against children from Year 7 and they had a longer 2km route to follow. Not only did they climb higher but they had to do this loop twice! A massive congratulations to all the children but an extra special mention to Lucy who placed 2nd Yr 6 girl! By Heidi Coates

NURSERY AND EYFS



Nursery children have been busy this week making Caterpillars, Ladybirds and Bumble Bees to hang up in their classrooms. "I got 3 spots on mine", "I painted stripes, up down, up down". We have been enjoying the sunshine & have planted flowers in the garden.

This week Dragonflies Class went for a visit to the school library. Mrs Catchpole read a really funny story about animals going to a clothes shop and choosing their outfits for a party. Then the children were all allowed to choose their own picture book to look at.



"There are lots of books in here!" - Liliana

"I have a Gruffalo library card for Midhurst library" - Heidi

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

The Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors met last week and have decided to raise funds for Refugee Action, a charity which is helping refugees from Afghanistan, by holding a socially distanced cake sale after school on Friday, 8th October.

Rather than selling individual buns and slices, the children hope to sell wrapped and labelled whole small cakes and groups of buns, fairy cakes, etc. If you would like to support them, please deliver your wrapped and labelled produce to the office on the day and/or join one of the queues after school in the canopy area.

REFUGEE ACTION

KS1

We have been super busy in Hedgehogs this week. We are continuing with all our new phonics words and revising the ones we already know. We've enjoyed some class reading altogether and some great spelling!

We did lots of sorting in maths this week, finding out how we could sort lots of different things; we came up with interesting groups such as extinct and not extinct animals.

We have really enjoyed our art this week, we looked at various artists and discussed what primary and secondary colours are used in their paintings. We then became artists ourselves with our pallets of different primary colours which we mixed to make secondary colours and painted different patterns. It was great to talk to our friends about how we could make a variety of colours.

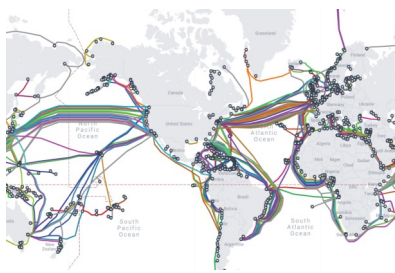
This week in Squirrels, we have been making shapes with Mrs Nixon. We used lolly sticks to make 2D shapes and spaghetti to make 3D shapes. We held the spaghetti together with marshmallows. We had to write down the shapes that we had made. It was tricky because the marshmallows were slippery. Mrs Payne would like to give a special mention to the Lexia Gang who are getting better and better at logging on quickly and independently.



James – "I used the gold because it's a really cool colour. I used blue because it's my favourite colour." (James—Hedgehogs Class)

"Mrs Nixon gave us scruffy, grubby marshmallows so that no one ate them!! " (Benjamin— Squirrels Class)





KS2

Another super busy week in Rabbits! We have been spending lots of time looking at sentences and compound sentences and we think that we have finally cracked it! In art we have been learning about colour theory, knowing our primary and secondary colours as well as tertiary, analogous and complementary colours. We can't wait to finish creating our 'final' pieces using some colours that we have mixed ourselves influenced by artists such as Van Gogh and Matisse.

This term 4D have started their swimming lessons. Having been grouped last week, this week saw the start of proper lessons where they will be developing their skills. It was such a delight to see everyone enjoying themselves in the water.

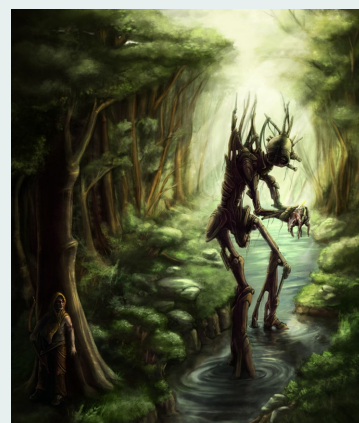
This week 4H have been learning all about the Internet. When Mrs Hulbert asked us what the Internet was, we said it was a place to play games and shop and find things out. Now we know that the Internet is a network of networks. We had lots of different networks in the classroom and learnt how switches work to send information from one address to another and that we need routers to connect with networks. We also looked at the Submarine Cable map, which shows all the cables around the world which are under the sea.

This week, Foxes have been busy learning more about WWII through our book 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. We acted in role as the two main characters. It was lots of fun trying to act like Tom who is a grumpy 60-year-old man! On Tuesday, Foxes presented assembly to the rest of the school. In groups of 5, we visited different classes and explained some hard-hitting photos of refugees. Although some of us felt shy to present, we grew in confidence once we got started.

On Wednesday, Otters were delighted to go and visit Midhurst Rother College. We were shown around the school by some very helpful students who answered lots of our questions. We were split into groups to take part in some awesome secondary school lessons: science, English, maths and team building. A few of us even managed to complete the maths challenge and complete the cube! Team building was a great opportunity to think creatively and work with children we haven't worked with before. We had a great day and are feeling more prepared for secondary life.

TIGHT WRITE

You still have time to enter Tight Write #51. The deadline on the poster was yesterday but should have read Thursday 30th September, so why not gather your thoughts, write something over the weekend (in no more than 50 words) and hand your entry to Mr Culley by next Thursday.



"The lessons are awesome! And I'm really hoping that I'll be able to swim at the end of it." (Lunar-Mai, Badgers D)

"I like swimming because it is fun and awesome and I would like to do it again." (Bailey, Badgers D)

Have a great weekend,

Johnny Culley