

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 24th June 2022

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

It's been a busy week. Y4H spent the day on Iping Common with staff from the Sussex Wildlife Trust, as part of their John Muir Award. We sent a team, captained by Ruby L, to the Stedham football tournament. Next year's Dragonflies visited, spending time with their new teacher, Amy Barnes. Three of our older school councillors visited the West Sussex County Council Chambers in Chichester and tonight is the Y4 Sleepover..!



On Monday, having seen 'As You Like It' at the Globe the previous day as part of the national Poetry By Heart final celebrations, Alais (Y4H) discovered that she had won the KS2 Classic Competition and was presented with her award on the Globe stage. Many congratulations to Alais for beating the other nine finalists, eight of whom were Y6!



I would like to thank all the **volunteers** who have been busily accompanying trips, supporting forest school sessions, hearing children read and, in my case, turning up to Gardening Club with far greater knowledge of gardening than I have! Here is a photo of some of the food that has been grown, and consumed, thanks to Claire, Gerald and Gill!

Apologies to Betty, Dulcie, Mia and Harry for the loss of the full text in short articles about them in last week's newsletter. These are reproduced in full this week.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we explored a few of the 9 Beatitudes, but Derek didn't call them that. He said that Jesus said the poor and the hungry and the meek were blessed and we unpicked what that meant and how we could make the poor and hungry feel loved in our world today.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

- 27.06.22 Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral
- 28.06.22 Year 1 trip to Weald and Downland
- 30.06.22 Rother Valley Debate at MRC

KEY DATES:

- 01.07.22 No Outsiders Book Club at 3:15
- 04.07.22 Foxes and Otters Matinee Performance
- 05.07.22 Foxes and Otters Evening Performance
- 06.07.22 MRC Transition Day
- 08.07.22 PTFA Tops for Tombola (Non Uniform)
- 12.07.22 Clubs Finish
- 21.07.22 Last day of Term



NEWS STORY

WALK, JOG AND RUN

Wow wow wow, it was a scorcher! Despite the heat Walk, Jog, Run was an amazing event this year. It felt very much like a cross country course directed through the shade, along with cold buckets of water, water for the children, bubbles and a sprinkler.

It really was a fun event and the PTFA would like to thank the

whole school community for pulling together to make this work and in particular for raising an amazing profit of £1958.

We simply cannot thank you enough. We look forward to using these valuable funds to help enhance our forest school and outside learning for the children.

““ My pants are private to me.” – Ava

LEGO CHALLENGE

Our three winners chosen by Y6 in their tree house challenge received a Lego Minifigure as a prize in today's assemblies. A reminder that the final Y6 Lego challenge of the year is to build a rocket. The deadline is 11th July. There will be three Lego Minifigure prizes for the entries that the Y6 judges feel are the best.



NURSERY AND EYFS

Nursery - Caterpillars have been singing 'The sun has got his hat on' this week and are making sunshines to hang up. Ladybirds have continued their pattern and matching week, playing sock bingo, "mines got unicorns", "that's a stripy pattern". Laura 'The Explorer' visited Bumble Bees for a woodland bug adventure. The children explored the real life bugs, made their own bug fossils and danced like bugs in the bubbles!



Dragonflies - This week in Dragonflies it has been SRE. We have been learning all about the NSPCC campaign "pants". In class we have decorated pants, painted pants, written about pants and counted pants! On Tuesday we learned the 'Pants song' and dance!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP RE-VISITED

The collective worship section from last weeks Newsletter experienced some formatting issues. Please see below for the full text.

This Tuesday, our collective worship was a Zoom assembly led by Dulcie and Betty (Y6). They were still buzzing with the Eurovision Song Contest and had researched how the competition is a force for good. They explained to the other classes how various entries over the last few years had championed difference.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Yesterday, schools from across the Rother Valley sent their school councillors to the West Sussex County Council Chambers in Chichester. Holly (Y6), Max (Y5) and Nellie (Y5) represented Easebourne. After watching an adult and a juvenile peregrine falcon on the tower of Chichester Cathedral and eating a packed lunch in the Bishop's Garden (a lovely public space tucked away behind the cathedral, if you don't know it), we went to the largest of the four council chambers. We heard from Charles Gauntlett (Senior Advisor, Democratic Services) how the council meetings worked and then discussed climate change and possible solutions with Louise Downey (Senior Sustainability Advisor). Everybody enjoyed the visit, especially speaking into the microphones in front of each councillor's chair!

KS1

Hedgehogs - Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been exploring lines and texture. This week, we put our knowledge into practice by creating a print using collagraphy. Collagraphy is a versatile printing process. Different textures hold varying amounts of ink and print different tones. Anything with a low relief texture can be stuck down and used: wallpaper, leaves, fabrics, tapes and threads etc. The children were challenged to make a simple collagraph, using a variety of materials. They designed abstract or pictorial designs, depending on their preference, and were encouraged to talk about the lines, shapes and textures they made with their prints. The children shared and compared their print work, talking about what they had learnt using the technique.



Squirrels class collaboration - On Friday, Squirrels walked to Cowdray Estate and split into two groups. One group were given gloves, hi-viz jackets and painting goggles and started painting giant paintings. Some children painted the night sky, lions, flowers or rainbows. The second activity was to make bird boxes. We screwed together different sized pieces of wood with screwdrivers and some lucky pupils even got to use an electric screwdriver. When they were finished we got to paint them too. There were lots of people there to help us so when we got back to school we made thank you cards for them.



"It was hard to stick the string down." Harry
"It doesn't look like my collage." Nolan





KS2

Rabbits - On Tuesday afternoon, Year 3 went to the Guildhall in Priory Park to take part in a special project as part of 'Culture Spark 2022' - United Voices: Singing in Unique Spaces. We had rehearsed four songs in our music lessons before joining together with other schools to sing as a massed choir on the day. It was a great event to be involved in and amazing to sing in a building that is over 750 years old!

Badgers D - 4D had their last trip to Iping Common on Monday, as part of their John Muir award. We were blessed with better weather than last time and enjoyed a scorcher of a day - we explored camouflage (colour-matching with natural materials), conservation (cutting down silver birch saplings to conserve the heathland), more bug hunting/identification and more den building! So far we have met the Explore, Discover and Conserve aspects of our award - the next step is to Share, and we are very excited about creating a class Nature Journal to do this. We are each choosing an aspect of our recent learning to explore further, using pictures and words to present our new knowledge in the style of Mini Muirs!! We can't wait to share it with you.

Badger H - On Wednesday 4H were on Iping Common all day doing the final part of their John Muir Award: they caught insects in giant bug nets, built dens for woodland creatures, worked with Ryan, from Sussex Wildlife on woodland conversation and learnt about the man John Muir and how he set up the National Parks in America. It was a great day and we all learnt so much about our local area.

Foxes - This week in Year 5 we have rehearsed the Year 5 and 6 play called Shakespeare Rocks! On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday some year 5's had a tutor for Maths and learnt either about 10, 100 and 1000, or millilitres. Over the course of the week, we've done SRE (Sexual relationship and education) in SRE we watched 3 different videos. One was a boys' talk, the 2nd was a girls' talk and the final was about how a baby is born. Written by Alba and Amelia

Otters - Year 6 have had another full-on week of drama as we have been continuing with our play rehearsals. It has been a pleasure to join with Foxes, and start seeing the whole performance come to life. We now have our staging positions sorted and have started to add props and costumes. Not long to go before the performance! On Thursday, we sent a team of 10 children to a local football tournament at Stedham. Ruby did a wonderful job as captain and our thanks go to Claire Allen who stepped up as manager. The team played incredibly well, with only 1 loss across all matches! We are very proud of you.

"I really enjoyed SRE, because you learn about how your body grows and changes over the years and in Yr5/6 we watched a woman giving birth to her baby and welcomed her to the world" - Alba

"I enjoyed the Yr5/6 play because it gave me an opportunity to improve my acting and drama" - Amelia
