

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 17th June 2022

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

It's been a busy week with Community Week activities for all classes. We are so grateful to the Cowdray Estate who enabled children to visit the farm, park & garden, environment, works, forest & deer and golf departments. Alison, churchwarden, welcomed Y4 children to clean the church and Bury Primary School welcomed Y5 to celebrate Sussex Day with them. Midhurst Arts Society funded an all-day pottery workshop for Y3.

An exciting horse juggling display was also organized for us on Thursday at pick-up when talented jugglers showed us what you could do with a dozen polo ponies and two horse vans. Thank you to all of you that were caught up in the home-made 3-way traffic lights during the performance!

Finally, the PTFA organised an excellent Walk Jog Run event today. This ordinarily takes a great deal of work, but today, with the weather warnings, their workload was increased significantly. They went to great lengths to ensure that the event was a success and that everyone stayed safe. Thank you, PTFA, and Sarah Jenkins in particular. Apologies that the children were out late, but we wanted to end with a whole-school photograph of the children wearing the winning Jubilee t-shirts. Congratulations to the winning designers: Max (YR), Hattie (YR), Tillie (Y3), Mia (Y4H), Tula (Y4H) and Leon (Y6). Hopefully, your child came home wearing one of these lovely Jubilee designs.

Next week is RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Week and teachers will be working through the RSE curriculum. Our RSE Policy is attached, for information.

Thank you to everybody who made Community Week possible, including all the parents, carers and grandparents who accompanied the trips out. Have a great weekend, everybody!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

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

THE WEEK AHEAD:

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| 20.06.22 | John Muir Award Badgers D |
| 22.06.22 | John Muir Award Badgers H |
| 23.06.22 | First visit for new Reception children for September 2022 |
| 23.06.22 | Year 6 school councillors to Chichester District Council |
| 24.06.22 | Year 4 Sleepover |

KEY DATES:

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| 27.06.22 | Year 6 leavers service at Chichester Cathedral |
| 28.06.22 | Year 1 trip to Weald and Downland |
| 01.07.22 | No Outsiders book club at 3:15 |
| 08.07.22 | Tops for tombola |
| 21.07.22 | Last day of Term |



JUBILEE BADGES

Following on from the Jubilee, t-shirt design competition, some of the designs that were not used have been made into badges. Well done to the designers: Isla (YR), Lenny (Y1), Nolan (Y1), Ruby (Y1), Archie (Y4D) and Lucy (Y6). The industrious Mia (Y4H) and Harry (Y1) have created 250 badges to be sold in aid of the Ukrainian Sunflower Appeal.

The badges went on sale at the Walk, Jog, Run event today, but will be available for the very reasonable price of 50p from the office. Well done and thank you to the designers and the

LEGO TREEHOUSE CHALLENGE

Year 6 judges have met and conferred and here are their judgements.

We had lots of amazing entries - well done, everybody!

1st place - Lily

Lily was very creative and added lots of accessories and colour to her treehouse.

2nd Place - Oscar

We liked how it was very mobile and a lot of the accessories could be moved. We also felt that the leaves looked like a real tree

3rd Place - Eleanor

It was creative and colourful and had lots of interesting accessories. Eleanor also made a scene as if in real life.

Their final challenge this year is the Lego Rocket Challenge.

"He told us where the cows' food came from." – Lottie

PTFA

It's **ONE** month to go until the Summer Fair on **Saturday 16th July from 11am to 2pm**. The head of each household should hopefully have a white envelope in their bags with raffle tickets, Summer Fair information and a handy poster for your fridge/pinboard.

We have a cracking list of stalls being run by Year 6, amazing external stall holders, 2nd hand uniform, loads of live entertainment, wild inflatables and of course delicious food and a bar.

Tops for Tombola is on **Friday, 8th July** and your donations make the fair even better! Most importantly it's free entry and open to all. Bring your relatives along!

Ssshhh, don't tell anyone but it's Mr Culley's last Summer Fair so let's make it a good one for him!

NURSERY AND EYFS

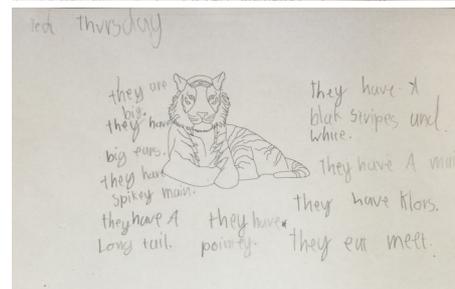
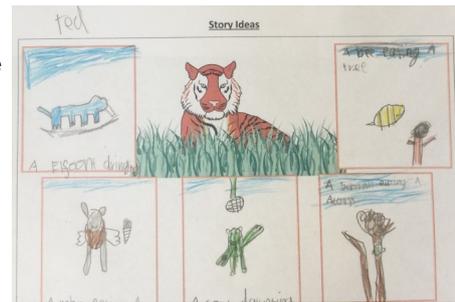
Nursery - This week, Nursery children have been looking at shapes and patterns. Caterpillars and Ladybirds have been matching socks and colouring their own pairs of socks. Bumble Bees have sponge printed their shape pictures, read the 'Pants' book and designed their own pants to hang on the washing line! In the garden, we have been picking the radishes and lettuce leaves and enjoying the water play!



Dragonflies - For our Community Week, Dragonflies went to Cowdray Farm. The farmer took us round and showed us where the cows are milked and the milk is stored. We saw a tractor and a combine harvester. We also met a baby calf! We walked to see the cows on the field and we found out what type of food cows eat.

KS1

Hedgehogs - This week we started to look at fiction and non-fiction writing. We read **'There's a Tiger in the Garden'** by **Lizzie Stewart** which is about a young girl, Nora, who thinks that her grandma's house is dull. Grandma encourages Nora outside, and even when Nora sees butterflies with wings as big as her arm, plants that try and eat her toy giraffe, and a polar bear that likes fishing, she knows there's no way there could be a tiger in the garden. The children listened carefully, making predictions and inferences as the text was read. In their talk partners, the children thought about all the story's characters. We decided that this text is about a child using her imagination, and the events did not happen. As a class, we debated whether the text was fiction or non-fiction and looked for clues to support our reasons. We decided that Nora and Grandma may be real, but the rest was made up, so it was a fiction book. The children talked with their partners and came up with facts about tigers that are not made up. We shared this with the class. And recorded our findings. We are looking forward to finding out more about tigers and making a non-fiction book about them in the next couple of days.



Squirrels - On Tuesday, Squirrels went to Cowdray Model Farm to talk to Nick about the environment. Nick talked about bees and plants and about Britain's 'declining biodiversity'. That means that there are fewer varieties of growing, living things in our country as a direct result of people's rubbish and waste. Harriet had to dress up in a special bee suit and we learned about the different layers of the bee hive. We held part of the hive that was covered in honey. It was sticky and heavy. We learned that bees make honey by transferring the nectar from their mouth into another bee's mouth. We also made seed bombs which will grow into plants to feed the bees and butterflies.



"We used our imaginations to create a made up story from the story of 'There's a Tiger in the Garden'. We then wrote facts about tigers." Ted





KS2

Rabbits - What an awesome start to the week we have had with two visits to Cowdray. We thoroughly enjoyed the tractor and trailer ride up to the woods where we spent some time with Nina and Jason. Nina taught us lots to look out for in the woodland area and we even found pine cones that the squirrels had started to nibble on. We also learnt from Jason about the need to cull deer and how deer are awfully sweet but can ruin the farmers' crops and destroy the trees. We also found out that only male deer (the buck) has antlers. On Tuesday, we visited Nick who takes care of the environment and we made our own bee bombs to plant around the estate and in our own gardens. Yesterday, Rabbits Class was treated to a full day of pottery. The children learnt lots of different sculpting techniques. They started with a ball of terracotta and by the end of the day had produced some amazing turtles.

Badgers D - 4D have had an exciting week. We have been experimenting with mirrors and folding to explore the symmetry of 2D shapes; we have been writing a river trip diary (children have chosen various rivers around the world to cruise or raft along); we have been learning about the ways in which rivers change, using erosion, transportation and deposition, plus the uses of rivers and we are just starting a fact file of the Somerset floods of 2014. If that wasn't enough to keep us busy, we have also visited Cowdray Home Farm where we learnt about the uses of their land (equivalent to 1100 football pitches!) and the process of dairy farming and crop harvesting. Highlights included the sweet smell of silage, Carlos the calf and learning about the combine harvester. On Friday morning we will also be cleaning St Mary's Church, and paying back to the community!

Badgers H - Badgers 4H had an amazing morning on Thursday. As part of our Cowdray Community Week, we walked up to the golf course and had a fantastic session learning to putt, chip and 'whack' the ball. It really is such a beautiful setting and Tim and Joe made it great fun. Special thanks to Claire for helping us get there and back safely. Everyone's skills improved – Poppy H was awarded swing of the day, and we hope to do more golf as a school next year.

Foxes - This week in Foxes, we have been learning fractions in Maths and researching facts about the Spartans in English. On Thursday, we went to Bury Primary School to celebrate 'Sussex Day'. We took part in five different activities. These included learning facts about the South Downs National Park, stoolball, storytelling, singing 'John Barleycorn' and we also learnt a new song called 'John Canaka Canaka'. The story was called 'The Boy and a Magical Flute' and the characters were Joseinia, Barabaras and King Guy. The story was told to us using instruments for sound effects.

Offers - It has been a fabulous week in Year 6. We have spent a lot of time "treading the boards" as play rehearsals are in full swing! We are mastering our lines and perfecting our performance skills. Mrs Stevens has helped us put actions to the songs, so now we are really rocking. We were also very lucky to have two fantastic sessions for Community Week. On Monday, we headed down to see the Park and Gardens team where we learnt about planting and fence building. On Thursday, we were treated to a great golfing session where we learnt how to putt, chip and 'whack!' Thank you everyone who worked with us.

"It was really good, fun and messy, we made turtles." - Rose
