

Weekly Newsletter

11th December 2020

Picasso Class

In Picasso this week, the children have been finding out about The First Christmas. They listened to the nativity story and then worked in groups to make stick puppets of the characters which they used to retell the story. Later in the week, the children revisited the story, sequencing pictures and telling the story in their own words. The children used the pictures as a prompt when rewriting the story.



In RE the children found out about Christingles and how they are part of Christingle service which is held in the run up to Christmas. The children then made their own Christingles, discussing the meaning of each part as they added each part to the orange.

In maths, the children have begun to investigate and explore 3D shapes. The children named the shapes and described the features. They found everyday objects around the classroom and described their shapes. Links were made to the 2D shape work from last week through printing with 3D shapes and looking at the shape of the face.

Banksy Class

In Banksy this week, children have finished their refugee diaries and have started creating fact files all about Mongolia on the computer and writing inspired ghost stories linked to their book *The Unforgotten Coat*. They have also written a review of this, following its completion. In maths, pupils have been studying percentages, fractions and decimals; properties of 2D shapes. In science, pupils have shared their knowledge about electricity nearing the end of the unit in the form of a double-page spread piece.

In Dali class this week, children have continued their work based on Jim and The Beanstalk. The children sequenced a set of pictures to retell the main events of the story. The next day these pictures were used as a prompt to begin rewriting the story. The children were very focused on writing quality, including lots of the text features they have looked at in previous lessons. Teachers were very impressed with how the children rose to the challenge; were proud of their own writing but also encouraging of others. Some children's work was shared on the screen through the visualizer and it was evident what a supportive class the children are part of – praising the efforts and improvement in writing of their classmates. Later on in the week, children have started thinking about a sequel to Jim and the Beanstalk where the children have thought of their own character and what they would do to help the giant, even thinking about the conversations they would have upon their first meet.

They have used the class text in DT, too. Mrs Williams brought in a giant's head for the children to measure and design glasses for.. Great fun was had using their knowledge of materials, linked to Science.

Pupils also used some of their DT skills in the RE lesson where they continued their work on how Christmas is celebrated around the world and had a go at making their own 'parol', a star-shaped lantern traditionally made in the Philippines.

In Science pupils continued their work on materials and considered why objects are made from particular materials. The children spent some of the afternoon labelling items around the classroom with post-its, showing the material or materials used to make them.



Remember that Eleanor won the Parks Poetry Competition? Well now, you can see her winning work published on the information boards at the following parks:

St Ives Hill Rise Park

Huntingdon Riverside Park

Hinchingbrooke Country Park

St Neots Priory Park

Well done, Eleanor – we are extremely proud of you.

Thank you for contributions for today's National Jumper Day for Save the Children. We have raised £137.00 so far.

Christmas attire next Friday for carols around the tree and class parties



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



FOES Name the Kitty competition

Please put your chosen name for the kitty and £1.00 in a sealed envelope (with your name and class on the front) in the box provided in the school foyer, where kitty is keeping an eye on it.

Thank you for all your lovely donations for this year's Christmas Raffle: parents, grandparents, members of the community and local businesses. There were some lovely prizes on offer - these have been drawn and are in the school foyer waiting for you to collect. Thank you All on behalf of FOES and the school.



Attendance

The winner of the attendance cup for w/e 4.12.20 was:

Dali – 98.57%

Whole School ~Attendance 96.22%



Diary Dates

17 th December	Christmas Dinner
18 th December	Christmas jumpers (moved to 11 th Dec) Carols around the tree, Heads Awards, Christmas parties, last day of term.
5 th January	Spring Term opens
7 th January 16.00	Open session for New Parents 2021

Please see Sid The Cygnet on his website page

<https://www.earith.cambs.sch.uk/index.php/sid-the-cygnnet>

Also the weekly Celebration Assembly

<https://www.earith.cambs.sch.uk/index.php/coronavirus/assemblies>

