

# Weekly Newsletter

16th October 2020

Picasso Class have had another busy week as they introduced a new book in class called 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain'. They jetted off to Kenya on Monday, with all the children boarding a plane in the classroom and experiencing a flight with views out of the windows, on-board entertainment and friendly 'cabin crew'. Once 'in Kenya', the children found out about the landscape; from volcanic mountains to white beaches and of course, the African plains with amazing animals. In literacy, children have created their own maps and pictures, labelling the animals or writing sentences about what might be found there.



In art, they continued using powder paints and mixing primary colours to create secondary colours with the aim to develop this to paint some African sunset skies next week.

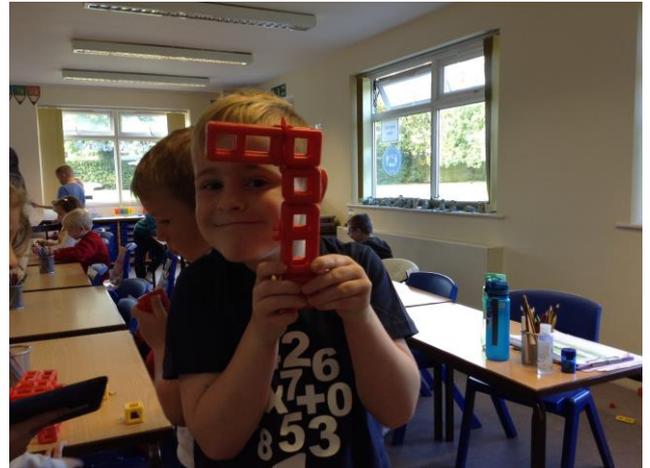
PE was a great success this week thanks to some dry and sunny weather. Mrs Hobley was particularly impressed by the children's listening skills and ability to control the balls: dribbling, bouncing and rolling to a partner.

The children thoroughly enjoyed Maths Day on Thursday. It was great to see so many coming to school wearing a number. We spent a lot of time discussing the different numbers, relating them to our own experiences and then comparing them to see which was the smallest and greatest. The rest of the morning was spent investigating and exploring number. The children made their own number posters, estimated and subitised using gems, as well as creating mazes with mystery numbers on the playground. In the afternoon the children found out about symmetry and made symmetrical patterns and pictures in a variety of ways.



Dali class, in English, have designed their own alien, written descriptions of them and have planned out a story similar to Beegu but about their own alien. They have had some interesting names and designs and we look forward to seeing their stories next week.

In Maths, children have studied addition but overall the children really enjoyed Maths day: they have been finding all possibilities for Beegu's holiday around some planets, designed and played their own snakes and ladders, learnt about 2D shapes, before creating an image using a variety of 2D shapes. Children have all accessed our new school resource, 'Numbots' or TTRockstars as well as numerous Maths play opportunities throughout the class. In Science, pupils are recapping the seasons as part of their Guide to Planet Earth and in Geography, pupils have continued their work on weather, looking at the effects of rain. For example, the clothes we wear; impact human activity and the environment. We also considered the question 'where does rain come from?' This led to us finding out about the water cycle, drawing diagrams and using the new vocabulary: evaporation, condensation and precipitation.



In Banksy this week, pupils have made memory maps about places special to them (using the skill of fronted adverbials).

Maths has focussed on calculations for division, mentally. Maths day was a blast, focusing on investigations, puzzles and problem solving. We had fun with pentominoes; how to get me to fit through a single spice of A4 paper (that was tricky) and 'having fun with triangles' (ask them!). In science, children investigated whether different liquids affected paperclips being dropped through them and we learnt about Shabbat in RE and continued our work on Earith versus New York in geography.



# BREAKFAST CLUB

We are busy planning for a potential Breakfast Club at school. Before we can open this provision, there are a number of things that need to be in place: relevant training, staffing, what the provision will look like, not to mention the health and safety requirements necessary in adhering to COVID guidelines.

One thing we are starting to do, is to compile resource boxes ready for this eventuality, for each bubble that visits our Breakfast Club. If you have any unwanted storage boxes (preferably with lids) that you no longer need, these would be hugely beneficial. In addition, if you have any unwanted construction toys e.g lego, duplo, knex for example, this too would be hugely valuable – just let us know. Thank you in advance for anything you are able to offer.

We are very excited about this and hope to give you further information in the not so near future!

**Halloween Bubble Party/Games on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to raise money for the school. Children can wear a costume.**

## Parent Evening

If you were unsuccessful in booking an appointment, please contact the office and we will endeavour to fit you in.

## School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 22 October to take individual pupil photographs.

Siblings in school will be photographed together but unfortunately we will not be able to invite pre-school children into school for the family groups as we have done in the past.

Picasso Class have PE on that day so please send in their school uniform to change into after lunch.



Google Classrooms: in the event of a full, or partial closure, lessons will take place on Google Classrooms. If you have any technical issues getting logged in, it is best to address this with the school now as it will be extremely hard during any possible closure.

## Flu Immunisation Programme

You will need to consent or decline via <https://tinyurl.com/ycujxbtr> as soon as possible.

The flu immunisation session will take place in school on the 18th November.

## Attendance



The winner of the attendance cup for w/e 9.10.20 was:

Picasso Class – 100%

Whole School ~Attendance 96.56%

## Diary Dates

20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents Evening
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 13.00	School Photographs
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Heads Awards
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
12 <sup>th</sup> November 18.00	Open session for New Parents 2021
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying week
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisation
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Hilltop meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumpers, carols around the tree, Heads Awards, Christmas parties, last day of term.
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term opens
7 <sup>th</sup> 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-cygnets>

Also the weekly Celebration Assembly

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

