

# Weekly Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Thank you all for your patience in and around the school grounds – not only with the one-way traffic system – but also with the seemingly apparent digging, drilling and general churning! We have coordinated works to happen when the children are all locked in, or at weekends in order to avoid any kind of school closure. Works continue this Sunday and we will hopefully be one step closer in knowing whether our water is once again, safe to drink. We continue to buy bottled water every couple of days for the children and I am incredibly thankful to the staff who are giving up their free time to do the necessary shops for us in order to sustain this.

Picasso have continued exploring the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' where they took to the woodland area to act out the story in small groups. There were some very convincing 'Wild Things' hiding behind trees and joining in with Max's wild rumpus!



In Art, children have been adding their final details to their Picasso portraits. Year 1 experimented with cutting up and rearranging their portraits to create a final Picasso-style portrait. Reception children got to grips with using watercolour paints then adding details using oil pastels. The children are looking forward to adding these to the class gallery very soon.



Geography work involved the class zooming in on Google Earth to find out more about where the UK is on the globe. They shared experiences of visiting the different countries within the UK and some of these places have been explored. Pupils asked some interesting questions of their own to find out more. For example 'Is China in the United Kingdom?' and 'Do whales live in Wales?' Extra research on the cards in the next few weeks!

In science, children have begun to work on weather. They looked at different symbols weather forecasters use and identified the type of weather it was depicting. Children made their own wind socks and had great fun standing on the top of the hill waiting for a gust of wind to catch them.

Reception children have continued with their phonics and learnt four new sounds – i n m d. They have used the letter sounds that we know to name the 'Wild Things' that Max meets. We have put the sounds together to read and also tried to write the names, too.

On Monday morning, Dali Class arrived to find something strange had appeared in the woodlands. The children went out to investigate and decided that it was a space ship that had crashed. They were curious about this and wrote lots of questions. Where did it come from? What is it doing here? Should I touch it? It was great to see so many different questions, written with a range of question words and finished with a question mark.

On Tuesday, the children pieced together an image of the friendly alien, named Beegu, which they then used to help in writing a description. They created posters to advise the public what they should do if they find Beegu, and then wrote some letters to Beegu offering our help and assistance.



In maths, pupils have been looking at number-lines: missing numbers and problem solving. RE has focussed around the God of protection, Krishna, and in PSHE, created posters about our school rules.

In PE this week, Dali class have been working on jumping techniques. The children tried jumping in different ways, for example, two feet to two feet, two feet to one foot. In Art they have looked at Salvador Dali's 'Elephants' and created their own versions of this.

In Banksy class this week children have been conquering their ability to x10, x100, x1000. In music, pupils have written their own versions of Empire State of Mind about Earith instead of New York (with some hilarious outcomes!). In English, pupils wrote in the role of the police officer who was first on the scene after Philippe Petit had started his monumental walk across the Towers. Pupils are now writing a persuasive speech as Petit to try and convince the judge not to give him a jail sentence. These will be read out today and the 'judge' will give out sentences and 'let off' those that manage to write persuasively! In history this week, children have been extremely mature and intrigued by the sensitive subject of 9/11 – we have enjoyed learning about the history of the Twin Towers; their construction, their destruction, followed by the Ground Zero memorials.

### Eco-Endeavours

A crack-force team has been established at school consisting of Mrs Rudwick, Mrs Hobley and Mrs Austen, thus far. Small efforts towards 'Saving the Planet'. Initiatives so far include: washing up milk containers from Picasso class so they can be recycled and saving non-confidential paper used only on one side for drawing in classes. We also plan to buy washing up liquid for the staff room from the refill shop in Bluntisham and Mrs Rudwick's looking into the cost of buying tea bags without plastic in them! The team's main objective. Anyone who wants to join this little group would be very welcome and it would be great to get the children involved as they always have good ideas. Any ideas, children? Pass them on! Mrs Austen is busy working on a suggestion box for classes, too. I will consult with School Council as well. Speaking of which, by the time you've read this, we should have had our first meeting with the Banksy Bubble so I look forward to sharing the upshot of this with you all soon.



Reducing paper would be one key way of helping the planet...so if you haven't already, join Google Classrooms. Some children are saying they still haven't had a code/login – if this is the case, give us a call. There are handy hints on the school website, too.

### Healthy Snacks at break-time:

Children should be bringing in a healthy snack e.g. fruit and/or vegetables. Some snack bars are acceptable if they are not full of sugar. Please consider the impact unhealthy snacks can have on your child, not just in the long run, but also the short term e.g. the impact it can have on their behaviour, concentration and therefore their learning.



### Information for Year 6 Parents

Please see the link below for the Virtual Open Evening for our Secondary Catchment School – Abbey College  
<https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/open-evenings>

The link will be accessible for this year and not just on the 1st of October.



### Reminder

YEAR 6 TRANSITIONS TO  
SECONDARY SCHOOL –  
APPLICATION PROCESS  
CLOSING 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER  
2020



The final amount raised for our Macmillan mile was a fantastic £274. Thank you so much for all your donations



To encourage calm and settled lunchtimes in the Hall, we are now running a whole-school Dojo points system throughout the week - well done to Skylar and Olivia who - this week - got to pick something from Mr Abbs' Treasure Chest.



To commemorate Harvest Festival this year, we will bring the St Ives Foodbank collection basket from indoors, outdoors – any donations of tinned potatoes and instant mash, Jam, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, fruit juice, tinned ham/corned beef are graciously received this Friday - please lookout for the Food Bank basket on the grounds.

## Attendance



The winner of the attendance cup for w/e 25.9.20 was:

Picasso Class – 100%

Whole School ~Attendance 95.63%

## Diary Dates

7 <sup>th</sup> October 19.00	FOES AGM in school hall
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Mental Health Awareness day
15 <sup>th</sup> October 16.00	Maths Day Phonics Information Session
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening – times TBA
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents Evening – times TBA
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-cygnet>

Also the weekly Celebration Assembly

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

