

Weekly Newsletter



9th October 2020

In Picasso this week children continued with their work based on Where the Wild Things Are. The children have built their own boats in Max's bedroom and imagined they were sailing to the land where the wild things are.



Lots of cooperation was observed. In computing the children have used 2Paint to create their images of their own 'Wild Thing'.

In science, the children have found out about the seasons, naming them and identifying the key features of each one. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their Autumn Walk around the school grounds, looking for signs of Autumn and collecting leaves to bring back to the classroom.

This week in Dali class, children have continued their work based on Beegu. In English they have created dictionaries, translating Beegu's language to English, using their knowledge of the alphabet to place the words in alphabetical order. Pupils have thought about the sights and sounds Beegu came across when she was in the city; listened to sound clips which inspired them to write a soundscape, describing the sounds she saw before writing her story.

In maths, children have been working on different strategies for addition. The Year One children worked outside using natural resources, chalked ten-frames and wrote their own addition sentences. They have also looked at number-lines and number-bonds to support us with our addition.

In Geography, pupils found out about the difference between weather and climate. They identified different climates and how they changed in relation to the Equator, finally making their start on their 'Guide to Planet Earth'. They used Google Earth to find Earith and used the zoom feature to show town, county, country and continent – they made little flip-books to show this, as well as pocket Solar Systems to show which planet we are on.



Pupils have just started reading their new class novel, which will be the focus of their English work- 'Some places more than others'. Related to this, pupils have started creating their own special 'suitcases' and will be making discoveries about their family roots over the next few weeks. Maths work has centred on multiplication, including solving word problems.

In science, children were planning and carrying out an investigation to make a suitable parachute for Phillippe Petit's next walk. Well done for Zafirah's group for making the winning design!



In geography children have made comparisons between features of New York and Earith: Broadway versus the Village Hall Pantomime; the Bedford River versus the Hudson River; Earith Bridge versus Brooklyn Bridge, for example, and considering the impact on human activity in such places. Children have published their Twin Towers double page spreads in History and they look beautiful.

Hopefully you managed to spot the St Ives Foodbank Cage in the middle of the driveway and thank you to anybody who donated a tin or two towards this worthy cause in recognition of Harvest Festival this year.



Afterschool clubs will be free until December 11th in the first instance. They should be live on the online booking system today.

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/2136/?location=Earith>

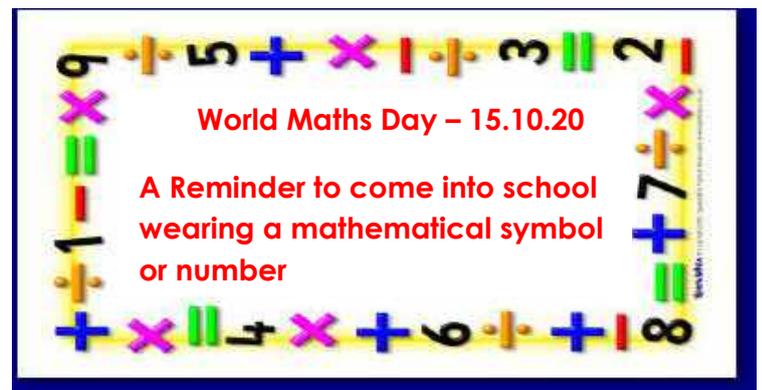
Parents' Evening will go ahead on the 20th & 21st October – on the school site. Entrance via the side door to classes following the usual on-way traffic system. Details to follow next week.

The school is working on its contingency plans in the event of a full or partial school closure. In this eventuality, it will require parents/ children to access Google Classrooms so they can view instructional videos, receive and submit work for feedback. If you need support in accessing this, please contact the school and speak with either Mrs Wardell or Mrs Lawrence who will try to assist you. In this eventuality, work will still be available to download on the website and teachers will still be available via email, but having access to Google Classrooms will improve the experience and understanding for our pupils.

School Council

A productive school council meeting with Banksy class this week who have already come up with two practical solutions for a problem: basketball storage, which has been realised already, and the potential of pulling around one of the scooter storage racks for Banksy so it is close to their class so they can access scooters on a break/lunch time. When we have successfully done this, I will agree a set of rules with Banksy and I am happy for this provision to take place.

Halloween Bubble Party/Games on Friday 23rd to raise money for the school. Children can wear a costume. Information to follow from FOES next week.



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.

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Day (tomorrow) and teachers and teaching assistant's, including myself, not realising it was National Teacher's Day this week, I have asked staff to take time out of the curriculum to do something today with pupils that 'brings them joy'. I look forward to hearing what they did and hope that each and everyone of you find something to do this weekend that also brings you joy and improves your mental health and wellbeing.

Best wishes, Mr Abbs.



Attendance



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

Picasso Class – 98.71%

Whole School ~Attendance 95.35%

Diary Dates

15 th October 16.00	World Maths Day Phonics Information Session
20 th October	Parents Evening – times TBA
21 st October	Parents Evening – times TBA
22 nd October 13.00	School Photographs
23 rd October	Heads Awards
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term
12 th November 18.00	Open session for New Parents 2021
13 th November	Children in Need
16 th – 20 th November	Anti-Bullying week
18 th November	Flu Immunisation
10 th December	Hilltop meeting
17 th December	Christmas Dinner
18 th December	Christmas jumpers, 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-cygnet>

Also the weekly Celebration Assembly

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

